

OFFA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Report of the Management, Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 14th January 2020

MEMBERS

Councillor Kevin Hughes (Chairman)

“ Linda Subacchi (Vice-Chairman)

“ Laura Dickenson*

“ Christine Griffiths*

“ Caroline Dawson*

“ R Alun Jenkins

“ Alex Jones

“ David Jones*

“ Barbara Lloyd

“ Elane Roberts

“ Sarah Roberts

“ Graham Rogers

“ Jim Steele

“ Steven Vale*

“ John Williams*

“ Keith Williams*

“ Graham Wynn

“ Phillip Wynn

* Absent

275 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Jones, Laura Dickenson, Caroline Dawson, Steven Vale and Keith Williams.

276 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made:

277 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Management, Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 17th December 2019 were confirmed and signed as a true and accurate record.

278 MATTERS ARISING

No matters raised.

279 WREXHAM TOWN OF SANCTUARY

The meeting was attended by Lucy and Yasmeen from Wrexham Town of Sanctuary. They spoke to members on the ‘Wrexham Town of Sanctuary’ initiative which is a partnership of local organisations striving to make Wrexham a welcoming place of sanctuary for all people fleeing violence and persecution.

There are currently around 150 asylum seekers in Wrexham. Individuals and organisations are being asked to sign a pledge to celebrate the contribution of the many people who have come here for safety, to reduce isolation and division and to spread a culture of hospitality and support throughout the whole of Wrexham.

It was AGREED for Offa Community Council to sign the pledge and to become the first Community Council in Wrexham to do so.

280 OFFA COMMUNITY AGENT

Ms Kelly Hewitt the new Offa Community Agent was welcomed to her first meeting. Kelly had only been in post a few days but had already made a good start attending a networking meeting with other agents and making contacts with groups in the community attended by the over 50 age group. A laptop and mobile had been purchased for her and email account set up. Kelly will circulate this information and her new mobile number to members. It was suggested that she acquire some business cards and also prepare an article to advertise the post with her new contact details to go in the next newsletter.

281 COMMUNICATIONS MEETING

A report was given from the recent communications meeting held to discuss the proposed event on Saturday 21st March at the Parciau Community Centre. At this event various partner organisations and community groups will come together to provide a focal point for residents to gain information. **It was AGREED to provide refreshments for the event.** Posters will be available in English/ Welsh and Polish. The event will be widely advertised on Wrexham.com/ Evening Leader/ Facebook/ Twitter and the Community Council website. The next meeting to discuss the event will be held on Monday 3rd February at 10.30am in the Council office.

Three quotations had been received for a new Offa Community Council website to comply with new accessibility guidelines. **It was AGREED to proceed with the quotation at a cost of £1,800 from Vision ICT for a new Community Council website.**

282 EXPENSE CLAIMS

Expense claims for January were reported as follows:

The Clerk	£67.10
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283 SALARY DETAILS

Salary details totalling £4,344.77 for January were reported to the Committee

The Clerk was asked to write to Ken Skates AM and copy Darren Williams at WCBC regarding the difficult traffic situation around the hospital at peak leaving times with roads gridlocked in all directions. Mr Skates will be asked when the proposed upgrades to the exits from the A483 will take place. A request will also be made for the many potholes in the area to be properly repaired.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55 pm

