

OFFA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Report of the Management, Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 18th February 2020

MEMBERS

Councillor Kevin Hughes (Chairman)
 “ Linda Subacchi (Vice-Chairman)

 “ 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

The Clerk reported that Vice-chairman Cllr Laura Dickenson had resigned due to work commitments. **It was AGREED to write to thank Laura for her time with the Community Council and for the Clerk to purchase flowers for her. It was AGREED to declare a vacancy for Erddig ward.**

310 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Alun Jenkins, Barbara Lloyd, Phil Wynn and Christine Griffiths.

311 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made:

312 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Management, Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 18th January 2020 were confirmed and signed as a true and accurate record.

313 MATTERS ARISING

‘Whats on in Offa’ event sat 21st March – the Clerk reported that a grant of £750 had been awarded by the Community Cohesion Scheme towards this event to purchase the freebies to be given away by the police representatives at the event. Preparations were going well and a further meeting of the organising committee would be held on mon 2nd March at 4.30pm.

314 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

The income and expenditure statement for the third quarter of 2019/20 was received and accepted. It was noted that levels of reserves were high and further discussion will take place on allocating funds for forthcoming projects after financial year end 31st March 2020.

315 XMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT

The Chairman of the Community Council Cllr Alex Jones reported to the Committee on proposals for a Xmas Lights Switch on Event for the town to be held in Bellevue Park on Thursday 26th November. The event will be a more traditional Xmas event than the current one staged by WCBC in Queens Square. Permission to hold the event had now been received from Mr Darren Williams the Chief Environmental Officer at WCBC.

Proposals included lights around 25 trees leading down to the bandstand and the bandstand itself. Quotes had been received in the region of £5,000 not including erection of the lights and this was approved by the Committee. The lights would be left up in situ to enable them to be used on the band nights in the park and it was expected they would have a life expectancy of around 5 years.

Other proposals include a band and community choir to sing carols. A snow machine, xmas craft stalls in the community centre along with mulled wine and mince pies. Traders selling sweet chestnuts and hot dogs. Cllr Keith Williams asked whether it would be possible to utilise one of the tennis courts for an ice rink and enquiries will be made into this with the town events manager Amanda Davies.

A further meeting of the Committee for this event will be held on Friday 6th March at 10am.

316 CLERK'S APPRAISAL – Confidential item

In view of the confidential nature of this agenda item it was AGREED for all members of the press and public to be excluded.

317 EXPENSE CLAIMS

Expense claims for February were reported as follows:

The Clerk	£420.02
The Bookings Officer	£52.15

318 SALARY DETAILS

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

Sgt Simon Williams had contacted the Clerk to inform the Community Council that WCBC have recently purchased 4 CCTV cameras which can be deployed in a particular hot spot area. It was AGREED to request that one of the cameras be located near the junction of Sontley Rd/Percy Rd facing the entrance to Ffordd Glyn to try and address the recent rise in burglaries in the area.

The Clerk also reported that the Community Council had been trying for 12 months to get the Offa camera relocated further down Sontley Rd to give better coverage to the entrance to the Coed y Glyn estate. WCBC have been refusing to send an officer out to inspect the column despite many requests. The Clerk confirmed the contractor was ready to go ahead with the relocation once the application to move it is approved by WCBC. They have now introduced new rules and conditions for erecting a cctv camera and these have been met. The application form has been completed and submitted.

The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Paul Roberts to request that as Local WCBC Member for the ward he chase this up with officers at WCBC as a matter of urgency.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55 pm

