COFNODION O GYFARFOD PWYLLGOR POLISI A CHYLLID, CYNGOR TREF BAE COLWYN A GYNHALIWYD O BELLTER (TRWY ZOOM), NOS FERCHER, 24AIN MAWRTH 2021 AM 6.30 P.M.

YN BRESENNOL: Y Cynghorydd C. Hughes (Cadeirydd)
Cynghorwyr H. Fleet, D. Howcroft, A. Khan, P. Richards, Dr K. Swindon

SWYDDOGION: Mrs C. J. Earley, Clerc y Dref a'r Swyddog Ariannol Cyfrifol
Ms L. Austin, Swyddog Gweinyddol Cynorthwyol

312/20 <u>Croeso ag Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb:</u>

Croesawyd yr Aelodau i'r cyfarfod gan y Cadeirydd. Derbyniwyd ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb oddi wrth y Cynghorwyr D. Jones, M.A. Jones, A. Mason ag H. Meredith.

313/20 <u>Datgan Cysylltiadau:</u>

Atgoffwyd yr aelodau o'r angen iddynt ddatgan unrhyw gysylltiadau personol a / neu gysylltiadau sy'n rhagfarnu, a natur y fath gysylltiadau. N i ddatganwyd dim.:

314/20 <u>Cofnodion:</u>

Penderfynwyd cymeradwyo a llofnodi cywirdeb Cofnodion:
(a) *Cyfarfod diwethaf y Pwyllgor a gynhaliwyd ar 10fed Chwefror 2021.*

315/20 <u>Materion yn Codi o Gyfarfodydd Blaenorol:</u>

a) Cofnodion 249/20 a 256/20 – Gwaith ar Neuadd y Dref:

(i) **Cwteri a Phibellau Dwr:** Cyflwynodd y Clerc adroddiad i gael ei ystyried oddi wrth Dewis; y Pensaer Cadwraeth. Ailystyriwyd y tri amcan bris a dderbyniwyd i drwsio cwteri a phibellau dŵr / adnewyddu gan yr Aelodau. Fe nodwyd bod y Cyngor wedi dirprwyo gwneud y penderfyniad i'r Pwyllgor hwn, fel y gall y contractir a benodwyd symud ymlaen yn ddi-oed unwaith y derbyniwyd cyngor gan y pensaer.

Cafwyd trafodaeth ar y cwestiwn a ddylid ceisio caniatâd adeilad rhestredig i amnewid y cwteri a'r pibellau dŵr ai peidio. Byddai hyn yn achosi oedi o hyd at dros 3 mis pellach. Y dewis arall byddai trwsio / cadw'r cwteri haearn bwrw presennol. Yn dilyn pleidlais, fe benderfynwyd cadw'r cwteri haearn bwrw presennol ar safle Neuadd y Dref.

Wedi ystyried yr amcan brisiau a dderbyniwyd, fe gytunwyd yn unfrydol mai'r contractwr ffafriedig yw D.R. Williams (Felinwnda) Cyf.

Penderfynwyd gofyn i'r Clerc cyfarwyddo'r contractwr llwyddiannus, D.R. Williams, i wneud y gwaith o symud / trwsio'r cwteri haearn bwrw neu osod

rhai newydd, ail-osod ac ailaddurno'r pibellau dŵr, gosod dwy ffenestr newydd ar y llawr gwaelod a gosod / trwsio rhimynnau a soffitiau atynt, am gyfanswm amcan bris o £27,425.60, yn cynnwys costau sgaffaldiau (£11,980).

Fe benderfynwyd ymhellach i ddirprwyo i'r Clerc y gwaith o raddoli'r gwaith, i geisio cwblhau'r gwaith hanfodol / brys mor fuan ag sy'n bosibl, gan sicrhau peidio mynd yn uwch na chyfyngiad blynyddol TAW (mewn perthynas â chyflenwadau busnes eithriedig).

(ii) **Nenfwd yr Anecs Gefn:** Cyflwynodd y Clerc dau amcan bris i gael eu hystyried am y gwaith o drwsio wal allanol / to a nenfwd mewnol (llawr cyntaf) yr anecs gefn.

Penderfynwyd gofyn i'r Clerc cyfarwyddo D.R. Williams i wneud y gwaith ychwanegol hwn am amcangyfrif cost o £1,525.

(b) Cofnod 249/20 – Offer Chwarae:

(i) Nodwyd bod grant uwch o £2,000 dros dro wedi cael ei gynnig i'r Cyngor Tref (yn disgwyl am gadarnhad ar bapur), tuag at yr offer chwarae ar Faes Chwarae isaf Eirias a bydd y gwaith wedi cael ei gwblhau o fewn ychydig wythnosau (cyfanswm y gost £47,950).

Penderfynwyd rhoi awdurdod i'r Clerc talu'r anfoneb am offer chwarae o £47,950 + TAW.

(c) Cofnod 253/20 – Asesiad yr Harbwr Feistr - Bae Colwyn a Llandrillo yn Rhos:

Cyflwynodd y Clerc, er gwybodaeth, copi o'r asesiad risg ar gyfer glan y môr ac fe nodwyd gan yr Aelodau nad yw'r angen am unrhyw offer / adnoddau achub bywydau yn gynwysedig. Mynegodd yr Aelodau eu pryderon nad yw'r asesiad risg yn gyfoes am ei fod yn son am y Pier yn ei chyflwr blaenorol, a rŵan, gan fod Canolfan Chwaraeon y Môr Bae Colwyn wedi cau, nid oes unrhyw adnoddau ar y promenâd ar gyfer achub bywydau. Cyfeiriodd yr Aelodau at y nifer o Warchodfeydd bywydau sydd ar draethau Gogledd Cymru, ond nid yng Nghonwy ac fe gytunwyd bod diogelwch yn y dŵr yn bennaf.

Penderfynwyd gofyn i'r Clerc ysgrifennu at yr Harbwr Feistr (cc Jane Richardson, CBSC) i ofyn am asesiad risg newydd a bod arolwg yr RNLI cael ei gwblhau ar gyfer lan y môr Bae Colwyn.

316/20 <u>Cyllid:</u>

a) ***Penderfynwyd rhoi awdurdod am y taliadau a wnaed ar ran y Cyngor am y cyfnod o 1.2.2021 i 28.2.2021 sy'n ymddangos yn Rhestr 'A' sydd gyda hwn.***

b) ***Penderfynwyd rhoi awdurdod i'r Clerc a'r Cadeirydd gwirio a dilysu datganiadau cysoni'r banc fel yr oedd ar 28/2/2021.***

c) ***Penderfynwyd nodi'r ohebiaeth a ganlyn oddi wrth CCLA:***

i) Adroddiad y Farchnad

ii) Prisiau Cronfa Eiddo Awdurdodau Lleol fel yr oedd yn Chwefror 2021.

iii) Graddfeydd Llog Negyddol a'r effaith ar Gronfa Adnau'r Sector Cyhoeddus (CASC).

iv) Rhoddodd y Clerc adroddiad byr ar lafar yn dilyn sesiwn Holi ag Ateb ar-lein ynglŷn ag effaith posibl graddfeydd llog negyddol. Cafwyd rhai awgrymiadau bod Banc Lloegr am gyflwyno graddfeydd llog negyddol er mwyn annog mwy o wariant gan roi hwb i'r economi, ond yn y pen draw bydd hyn yn gostus i fanciau am ddal arian eu cwsmeriaid. Ar hyn o bryd mae'r Cyngor Tref yn defnyddio Cronfa Adnau'r Sector Cyhoeddus am arian dros ben, sydd wedi'i wasgaru ar draws nifer o fanciau (oherwydd mae'r gronfa'n fwy hylifol ar gyfer llif arian). Felly, os osodir costau llog negyddol yn erbyn pob banc, efallai na fydd y Cyngor Tref yn derbyn difidend o'r gronfa am gyfnod o amser. Fe nodwyd y wybodaeth gan yr Aelodau.. .

Penderfynwyd rhoi awdurdod i wneud alldyniad (trosglwyddiad) o GASC cyn diwedd y flwyddyn, i amcanion cyfrifeg, a rhoi awdurdod i ail-fuddsoddi yn Ebrill 2021 (noder mai arian wrth gefn cyffredinol yw hwn, ar gyfer llif arian ac a fuddsoddwyd gyda CASC er mwyn diogelwch ac i gael mynediad di-oed ato fel bo'r angen).

ch) Fe nodwyd bod y Clerc wedi holi am y posibilrwydd o hawlio eithriad o NNDR ar gyfer Neuadd y Dref am y cyfnodau Mawrth - Mai 2020 ac Ionawr - Mawrth 2021. Bydd y Clerc yn adrodd yn ôl i'r Pwyllgor pan dderbynnir ateb.

d) Rhoddodd y Clerc adroddiad ar lafar am dair anfoneb sydd heb eu talu o flwyddyn ariannol 2019/20, ac maent dal heb eu talu. Maent yn berthnasol i anfoneb o £1 am lungopi i gyn Cynghorydd a dwy anfoneb am logi ystafelloedd £20 yr un, y ddau i Grŵp Mynediad Conwy. Fe nodwyd nad oes gan Grŵp Mynediad Conwy unrhyw gyllid / cyfrif banc a bod anfonebau wedi cael eu talu'n bersonol yn y gorffennol gan y Cadeirydd, sydd ar hyn o bryd yn wael.

Penderfynwyd, yn yr amgylchiadau, i argymell bod y tair anfoneb yn cael eu dileu fel arwydd o ewyllys da.

317/20 <u>Llywodraeth Cymru:</u>

Cyflwynodd y Clerc yr ymgynghoriadau / gohebiaeth a ganlyn i gael ei ystyried:

a) Rhaglen Cyllido Cydraddoldeb a Chynhwysiant

b) Cyngor Partneriaeth Cymru - gwybodaeth am weithredu Deddf Llywodraeth Leol ag Etholiadau (Cymru): Amlinellodd y Clerc y dyddiadau allweddol canlynol i gynghorau tref / cymuned: Mai 2021 - presenoldeb mewn cyfarfodydd o bellter; rhaid cyhoeddi cofnodion drafft o fewn 7 diwrnod gwaith (i fod ar gael am chwe blynedd); Ebrill 2022 - dyletswydd i baratoi adroddiad blynyddol (eisoes yn ofynnol i gynghorau mawr o dan Ddeddf WBFG); Mai 2022 - Cyflwynir

Grym Gallu Cyffredinol (a diddymu grym llesiant), dyletswydd i baratoi cynllun hyfforddi, cyfranogiad y cyhoedd mewn cyfarfodydd, dileu polau cymunedol.

c) Llythyr oddi wrth Ken Skaes AC, ynglŷn ag ymgynghoriad cyhoeddus ar wasanaethau rheilffyrdd Tasglu Adennill Manceinion, dosbarthwyd gan y Clerc ar 3ydd Mawrth 2021 ac fe'i hatebwyd trwy ebost ar 5ed Mai 2021, yn dilyn ymgynghoriad gydag Aelodau..

Fe nodwyd yr ohebiaeth gan yr Aelodau.

318/20 <u>Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Conwy (CBSC):</u>

(a) Meysydd Chwarae: Cyflwynodd y Clerc, er gwybodaeth, diweddariad gan Paul Williams, Arolygwr Meysydd Chwarae, am y cynnydd a wnaed gyda gwaith yn 2020/21 ac fe nodwyd gan yr Aelodau, bydd y gwaith yn cael ei gwblhau o fewn yr wythnosau nesaf.

(b) Rhoddodd y Clerc adroddiad byr ar lafar yn dilyn cyfarfod diweddar o Glercod Trefi Conwy a Swyddogion ag Aelodau Cabinet CBSC, Dywedodd Greg Robbins, CBSC, bod y toiledau cyhoeddus yn cael asesiad risg ac roeddynt i fod i ailagor unwaith oedd cyfyngiadau Covid-19 yn dod i ben. Bydd cyfleusterau toiled ychwanegol ar gael i ymdrin â gofyn ymwelwyr. Roedd yn awyddus i gychwyn y drafodaeth gyda Chynghorau Tref am gefnogaeth i gymryd drosodd y cyfrifoldebau am doiledau cyhoeddus, gyda pheilot i gymryd lle gyda rhai cynghorau tref / cymuned.

Roedd yr awdurdod wedi buddsoddi £527,000 tuag at y gwaith o uwchraddio meysydd chwarae (tua £3,000 am bob maes chwarae) a'r gwaith yn cael ei flaenoriaethu yn seiliedig ar asesiadau risg.

Fe nodwyd y wybodaeth gan yr Aelodau.

(c) Cyngherddau'r Haf: Fe nodwyd gan yr Aelodau bod y ddau gyngerdd haf wedi cael eu gohirio tan yr un penwythnos yn Awst 2022 a bod Rachael Gill wedi galw i ymddiheuro nad oedd wedi gallu rhoi'r wybodaeth ymlaen llawn cyn i'r artist wneud cyhoeddiad. Dywedodd Rachael Gill wrth y Clerc, efallai bydd digwyddiad prawf ar gyfer Rali Cambria a Thaith Prydain yn ddiweddarach yn y flwyddyn.

(**ch)** Dywedodd y Clerc wrth yr Aelodau ei bod wedi trafod gyda GWIL parthed y posibilrwydd o gael hysbysfyrdd(au) electroneg ar gyfer Hen Golwyn, Bae Colwyn a Llandrillo yn Rhos ac a fyddai'n bosibl ddefnyddio'r tanwariant yng nghyllideb digwyddiadau 2021. Daw'r Clerc a fwy o wybodaeth i gyfarfod yn y dyfodol, .

(d) Rhoddodd y Cynghorydd C. Hughes diweddariad byr am gyllid lleol: roedd Llywodraeth Cymru wedi buddsoddi £6.9 miliwn ychwanegol tuag at y gwaith o ddiogelu rhag y môr ar y Promenâd yn Hen Golwyn, i gyd-fynd a'r £3 miliwn a

ddyfarnwyd eisoes gan GBSC. Roedd Llywodraeth Cymru hefyd, wedi buddsoddi £1.09 miliwn i drosi cerbydau casglu sbwriel Conwy i redeg ar drydan er mwyn gostwng allyriadau.

319/20 <u>Panel Annibynnol Cymru ar Gydnabyddiaeth Ariannol (PACGA):</u>

Fe nodwyd Adroddiad Blynyddol PACGA 2021/22 a bydd yr adroddiad yn mynd gerbron cyfarfod nesaf y Cyngor i gael ei fabwysiadu gan y Cyngor Tref

320/20 <u>Lwfansau Ward Aelodau Lleol:</u>

(a) Cyflwynodd y Clerc y cynigion canlynol a dderbyniwyd am brosiectau i gael eu hystyried:

(i) Cynghorydd C. Brockley - £50.30 tuag at argraffu taflenni hyrwyddol, ar gyfer Elusennau Hynafol Llandrillo.

Penderfynwyd cymeradwyo cynnig (i) i gael ei dalu.

(b) Cyflwynodd y Clerc, er gwybodaeth, diweddariad ar lwfansau ward 2020/21. Fe nodwyd gan yr Aelodau na chafodd llawer o lwfansau ward eu gwario eleni, oherwydd Covid-19, ac fe gytunwyd i drosglwyddo'r tanwariant i 2021/22. Fe nodwyd yr angen i wario'r tanwariant o £300 llynedd erbyn mis Rhagfyr oherwydd bydd 2022 yn flwyddyn etholiadau.

Penderfynwyd cymeradwyo'r trosiad o lwfansau ward i 2021/22. Fe benderfynwyd ymhellach i ofyn i'r Clerc anfon rhestr a ddiweddarwyd at yr aelodau i adael iddynt wybod am falans y lwfansau ward.

321/20 <u>Grantiau:</u>

a) Grantiau am Ddigwyddiadau:
Cyflwynodd y Clerc cais am grant am ddigwyddiad oddi wrth Theatr PMA i gael ei ystyried.

Penderfynwyd cymeradwyo'r cais am gyllid grant ar yr amod bod y digwyddiad yn gallu mynd ymlaen fel y gwelir yn Rhestr 'B' sydd gyda hwn.

b) Grantiau Bychan 2020/21:

(i) Cyflwynodd y Clerc y cais terfynol am gais am grant bychan Chwarter 4 i gael ei ystyried:

Penderfynwyd argymell bod cais am grant F1 yn cael ei gymeradwyo fel y gwelir yn Rhestr 'C' sydd gyda hwn.

(ii) Gofynnwyd i'r Aelodau ystyried cyfrannu tuag at Elusennau Llandrillo a chronfa Ymddiriedolaeth Syr John Henry Morris Jones allan o unrhyw arian sydd yn weddill yng nghyllideb grantiau bychan 2020/21.

Penderfynwyd argymell cyfrannu £4,500 tuag at Elusen Addysgiadol Llandrillo; £4,000 i Ymddiriedolaeth Syr John Henry Morris Jones a'r balans i Elusennau Tlodion Llandrillo.

Fe benderfynwyd ymhellach i ofyn i'r Clerc / Cynghorwyr a benodwyd i fod yn Ymddiriedolwyr yr Ymddiriedolaethau hyn i adrodd yn ôl i gyfarfodydd y Cyngor neu'r Pwyllgor hwn yn y dyfodol.

c) Grantiau Cyllid Cyfranogol Ieuenctid: Rhoddodd y Clerc adroddiad ar lafar yn dilyn y digwyddiad pleidleisio am Grantiau Cyllid Cyfranogol a gynhaliwyd (trwy Zoom) ar 18fed Mawrth. Cafwyd adborth cadarnhaol gan y rhai oedd yn bresennol ynglŷn ag ymrwymiad y cyhoedd a'r dechnoleg a ddefnyddiwyd.

Penderfynwyd cadarnhau talu'r grantiau fel y dangosir yn Rhestr 'D' sydd gyda hwn.

Gofynnwyd i'r Aelodau ystyried grant uwch ar gyfer cynnig 6 'Sesiynau Chwarae' allan o'r tanwariant sy'n weddill yng nghyllideb Grantiau Ieuenctid 2020/21.

Fe benderfynwyd ymhellach i gymeradwyo swm uwch am grant i gynnig 6 'Sesiynau Chwarae', fel y dangosir yn Rhestr 'D' sydd gyda hwn.

Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 7.45 p.m.

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MINUTES OF A POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD REMOTELY (VIA ZOOM) AT 6.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 24TH MARCH 2021

PRESENT: Chairman: Cllr C Hughes
Cllrs: H Fleet, D Howcroft, A Khan, P Richards, Dr K Swindon

OFFICERS: Mrs C Earley, Town Clerk and RFO
L Austin, Administrative Assistant

246/20 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs D Jones, MA Jones, A Mason and H Meredith.

247/20 Declarations of Interest:

Members were reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of any personal and/or prejudicial interests. None were declared.

248/20 Minutes:

Resolved to approve and sign, as a correct record, the Minutes of:
(a) ***The last meeting of the Committee, held on 10th February 2021.***

249/20 Matters Arising from Previous Meetings:

(a) Min. 249/20 & 256/20– Town Hall works:

(i) Gutters and Downpipes: The Clerk submitted, for consideration, a report received from Dewis, the Conservation Architect. Members reconsidered the three quotations received for the repair/replacement of the gutters and downpipes. It was noted that this decision had been delegated to the Committee by the Council, to enable the contractor to be appointed without further delay on the receipt of advice from the architect.

A discussion took place about whether to seek listed building consent to replace the gutters and down pipes with new aluminium guttering, which could delay the works by a further 3+ months, or to repair/retain the existing cast-iron guttering. After a vote, it was decided to retain the cast-iron guttering at the Town Hall site.

After considering the quotations received, it was unanimously agreed that the preferred contractor for undertaking these works is DR Williams (Felinwnda) Ltd.

Resolved to request the Clerk to instruct the preferred contractor, DR Williams, to undertake the works to remove/repair/replace the cast iron gutters, re-fix and redecorate the downpipes, replace/repair facia and soffits and fit two new ground floor windows, at an estimated total cost of £27,425.60, including scaffolding costs (£11,980).

Further resolved to delegate the phasing of the works to the Clerk, to seek to complete essential/urgent repairs as soon as possible, whilst ensuring the annual VAT limit (in relation to exempt business supplies) is not exceeded.

(ii) Rear Annexe Ceiling: The Clerk submitted, for consideration, two quotations for the repairs to the external wall/roof and to the internal ceiling (first floor) of the rear annexe.

Resolved to request the Clerk instructs DR Williams to undertake these additional works, at an estimated cost of £1,525.

(b) Min. 249/20 – Play Equipment:

(i) It was noted that an increased grant of £2,000 was provisionally offered to the Town Council (still awaiting written confirmation) towards the play equipment for lower Eirias Playground and that the works would be completed within the next few weeks (total cost of £47,950).

Resolved to authorise the Clerk to pay the play equipment invoice of £47,950 plus VAT.

(c) Min. 253/20 - Harbour Master Risk Assessment for Colwyn Bay and Rhos on Sea: The Clerk submitted, for information, a copy of the risk assessment for the seafront and members noted that the requirement for any lifesaving equipment/resources is not included. Members expressed concern that the current risk assessment was out of date as it referred to the Pier in its previous state, and that now Colwyn Bay Watersports Centre was closed, there was no resources on the promenade for lifesaving. Members noted that many north Wales beaches are lifeguarded, but not in Conwy, and agreed that water safety is paramount.

Resolved to request the Clerk writes to the Harbour Master (cc Jane Richardson, CCBC) to request an updated risk assessment and an RNLI survey be completed for Colwyn Bay waterfront.

250/20 <u>Finance</u>:

(a) ***Resolved to authorise payments made on behalf of the Council for the period 01.02.21 to 28.02.21, as detailed in Schedule 'A' attached.***

(b) ***Resolved to authorise the Clerk and Chairman to carry out the checking and authenticating of the bank reconciliations as at 28.02.21.***

(c) ***Resolved to note the following correspondence from CCLA:***

(i) ***Market Report***

(ii) ***Local Authority Property Fund prices as at February 2021***

(iii) ***Negative Interest Rates and impact on PSDF***

(iv) The Clerk gave a brief verbal report following an online Q&A regarding the possible impact of negative interest rates. There had been some hints that the Bank of England may introduce negative interest rates in order to encourage spending and to boost the economy, but which will ultimately cost the banks for holding customer's money. Currently, the Town Council uses the Public Sector Deposit Fund for its surplus cash (as the fund is more liquid for cash flow), which is spread over several banks. Therefore, if negative interest charges were levied against each bank, the fund may not provide a dividend for the Town Council for a period of time. Members noted the information.

Resolved to authorise a withdrawal (transfer) from the PSDF prior to year-end, for accounting purposes, and authorise re-investment in April 2021 (note these are general reserves held for cash flow purposes and invested in the PSDF to give security and instant access, as required).
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(d) Members noted that the Clerk has enquired about the possibility of claiming an exemption from NNDR for the Town Hall for the periods Mar-May 2020 and Jan-Mar 2021, and will report back to the Committee when a response has been received.

(e) The Clerk gave a verbal update regarding three outstanding invoices relating to the 2019/20 financial year, which remain outstanding as at March 2021. These related to a small photocopying invoice of £1 for a past Councillor and two room hire invoices for £20 each for Conwy Access Group. It was noted that Conwy Access Group does not have any funding/bank account and invoices have previously been settled personally by the Chairman, who is currently ill.

Under the circumstances, it was resolved to recommend that all three invoices be written-off, as a gesture of goodwill.

251/20 <u>Welsh Government</u>:

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, the following consultations / correspondence:

(a) Equality and Inclusion Funding Programme

(b) Partnership Council for Wales – information on the implementation of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act: The Clerk outlined the following key dates for town/community councils: May 2021 - remote attendance at meetings, requirement to publish draft minutes within 7 working days (and available for six years); April 2022 - duty to prepare an annual report (already applies to larger councils under WBFG Act; 5 May 2022 - General Power of Competence introduced (and power of wellbeing repealed), duty to prepare a training plan, public participation in meetings, abolition of community polls.

(c) Letter from Ken Skates, MS, regarding the Manchester Recovery Taskforce public consultation on rail services, circulated by the Clerk on the 3rd March 2021 and

responded to, after consulting with members via e-mail, on the 5th March 2021.

Members noted the correspondence.

252/20 <u>Conwy County Borough Council</u>:

(a) Playgrounds: The Clerk submitted, for information, an update from Paul Williams, Playground Inspector, on progress with works for 2020/21, and members noted that the works would be completed within the next few weeks.

(b) The Clerk have a brief verbal report following a recent meeting between Town Clerks in Conwy and Officers and Cabinet Members of CCBC. Greg Robbins, CCBC, had stated that the public conveniences were being risk assessed and were due to re-open once Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. Additional toilet facilities will be put into use to meet visitor demand. He was keen to start a conversation with Town Councils for support in taking over the public conveniences, with a pilot due to take place with some town/community councils.

The authority had invested £527,000 towards playground upgrading works (approx. £3,000 per playground) with work being prioritised for funding based on risk assessments.

Members noted the information.

(c) Summer Concerts: Members noted that the two summer concerts have now been postponed to the same weekend in August 2022 and that Rachael Gill (CCBC) had called to apologise that she had been unable to provide information in advance of the artist making an announcement. Rachael Gill had informed the Clerk that there may be a test event with the Cambrian Rally and the Tour of Britain later in the year.

(d) The Clerk informed Members that she had been in discussion with GWIL regarding possible electronic noticeboard(s) for Old Colwyn, Colwyn Bay and Rhos on Sea, and whether the underspend in the events budget for 2021 could be used. The Clerk would bring further information to a future meeting.

(e) Cllr C Hughes gave a brief update on local funding: the Welsh Government has allocated a further £6.9 million towards the sea defence works on Old Colwyn Promenade, alongside the £3 million already allocated by CCBC. The WG had also invested £1.09 million to convert the Conwy refuse collection vehicles to electric to reduce emissions.

253/20 <u>Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales</u>:

Members noted the IRPW Annual Report for 2021/22, and that the report would go to the next Council meeting for adoption by the Town Council.

254/20 <u>Local Members Ward Allowances</u>:

(a) The Clerk submitted, for consideration, the following project proposal:

(i) Cllr C Brockley - £50.30 for printing of promotional leaflets for the Ancient Llandrillo Charities.

Resolved to approve proposal (i) for payment.

(b) The Clerk submitted, for information, an update of the ward allowances for 2020/21. Members noted that many ward allowances had not been spent this year, due to Covid-19, and it was agreed to carry over the underspends to 2021/22. It was noted that the previous carry forward of £300 would need to be spent by December, due to 2022 being an election year.

Resolved to approve the carry-forward of ward allowances to 2021/22. Further resolved to request the Clerk sends an updated list to members to advise of the ward allowances balances.

255/20 <u>Grants</u>:

(a) Events Grants:
The Clerk submitted, for consideration, an event grant application for PMA Theatre.

Resolved to approve the grant funding subject to the event being able to take place, as detailed in Schedule 'B' attached.

(b) Small grants 2020/21:

(i) The Clerk submitted, for consideration, the final small grant application for Q4.

Resolved to recommend approval of grant application F1, as detailed in Schedule 'C' attached.

(ii) Members were asked to consider donations to the Llandrillo Charities and Sir John Henry Morris Jones Trust fund from any remaining small grants budget for 2020/21.

Resolved to recommend donations of £4,500 for the Llandrillo Educational Charity; £4,000 for the Sir John Henry Morris Jones Trust, and the balance to the Llandrillo Poor Charities.

Further resolved that the Clerk/Councillors appointed to these Trusts be asked to provide reports back to future meetings of the Council or this Committee.

(c) PB Youth Grants: The Clerk gave a verbal report following the PB Voting Event (held via Zoom) on the 18th March. There had been positive feedback from those attending regarding the public involvement and technology used.

Resolved to ratify payment of the grants as detailed in Schedule 'D' attached.

Members were asked to consider an increased grant for proposal 6 'Sports Sessions', from the underspend in the remaining Youth Grants budget for 2020/21.

Further resolved to approve the higher grant amount to proposal 6 'Sports Sessions', as detailed in Schedule 'D' attached.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

……. Chairman