



COWBRIDGE (ANCIENT BOROUGH) with  
LLANBLETHIAN TOWN COUNCIL  
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Y BONTFAEN (Bwrdeistref Hynafol) gyda  
LLANFLEIDDAN

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Finance & Governance Committee held on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2023, 6.30pm, at the Cowbridge Town Hall Council Chamber and remotely by Microsoft Teams.

**Attendees:** Chair Cllr Alec Trousdell, Deputy Chair Cllr Geraint Baty, Cllr Gwen Baty, Cllr Heather Weddell, Cllr Beverly Tonkin, Cllr Malcolm Wilson, Cllr Lianne Evans, Town Clerk Cathy Kennedy and one member of the public. There were no virtual attendees.

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda.

### 3. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

A report was considered, and the following was approved;

#### **RESOLVED**

3.1 Due to the difficulty in sourcing quotes for the uniquely low catenary wires across the high street, it was agreed to suspend financial regulation 10.3 - *"All members and officers are responsible for obtaining value for money at all times. An officer issuing an official order shall ensure as far as reasonable and practicable that the best available terms are obtained in respect of each transaction, usually by obtaining three or more quotations or estimates from appropriate suppliers"*. Two quotes were received and considered, one from Blachere Illuminations and the other from Festive Lighting Co Ltd.

3.2 As recommended by the Christmas working group, a quote from the 'Festive Lighting Co Ltd' for three-year hire of green swags with red, silver and gold baubles to display along the six cross street wires was approved.

3.3 A quote from 'the Festive Lighting Co Ltd' for three-year hire of the following motifs to display above the pavements was approved; four x reindeer (red), four x trees (silver), four x stars (gold).

3.4 Write to traders at Westgate and Eastgate encouraging participation in the annual Christmas tree display, and to explore the possibility of installing brackets and outdoor electrical points with an aim to displaying festive motifs on the front of the buildings.

3.5 Contact the Vale Council to explore the possibility of displaying the former cross street festive light display on the Old Hall building and around the gardens.

3.6 To continue with the current arrangements for Llanblethian and Aberthyn.