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COWBRIDGE (ANCIENT BOROUGH)
with LLANBLETHIAN TOWN COUNCIL
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(Bwrdeistref Hynafol) gyda
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Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Hall Committee held in the Council Chamber and remotely using Microsoft Teams at 7.00pm on 9th April 2024 7.00pm.

Present: *Council Chamber*, Cllr Malcolm Wilson, Cllr Heather Weddell, Cllr Alec Trousdell, Cllr Gwen Baty, Cllr Geraint Baty and Deputy Town Clerk Clair Davis.

Microsoft Teams: There were no remote attendees.

Committee members: *Chair of the Committee Cllr Dave Breen, Deputy Chair of the Committee Mayor Cllr Malcolm Wilson, Deputy Mayor Cllr Heather Weddell, Cllr Gwen Baty, Cllr John Andrew, Cllr Alec Trousdell & Cllr Geraint Baty.*

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from Cllr John Andrew, Cllr David Breen, and Town Clerk Cathy Kennedy.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting held on the 6th February 2024 were considered and reviewed.

RESOLVED

The minutes from the meeting held on the 6th February 2024 were approved as a true and accurate record.

4. MATTERS ARISING /ACTION PLAN

it was brought to attention that a report concerning the booking procedure was requested at the last meeting but was not included in the agenda. This matter will be postponed to the next meeting.

Cllrs Gwen Baty and Heather Weddell shared community feedback, expressing the sentiment that Pride/LGBTQ+ observance should not extend for several weeks annually. The prevailing view was that the display of flags persisted for an excessive duration. It was also noted that the flags/logo action did not have a deadline date included.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report ending 31st March 2024 was considered.

RESOLVED

The Financial report was approved.

Officers to prepare a report for full council detailing the overspend from the Hygiene and Cleaning budget.

6. TOWN HALL CLOCK MECHANISM

The committee members considered the location report from St Fagans Museum where they sent a choice of three potential locations to house the original clock mechanism. There were many discussions with pros and cons to each including worry about causing a queue if housed in the chamber lobby but agreed it would be seen by many visiting the museum. The corner of the chamber by the main seating area but there are many artifacts already housed there so was deemed not suitable. The third possibility was also deemed unsuitable due to the television access for remote meetings.

RESOLVED

It was agreed to take to the full council with the lobby being the favorite contender.

7. TOWN HALL FRONTAGE

The notes from the Town Hall Frontage Working Group were considered and it was agreed to set up a working group, to comprise of Cllrs; Malcom Wilson, John Andrew, Gus Baty, Charles Champion, and Matt Jones from Vale Consultancy who will offer his expertise by being co-opted to the group. The terms of reference will be reviewed by the working group and approved at the next committee meeting.

The cost of the project has increased and the council is now looking at a total cost of £350,000 instead of the previously quoted £300,000.

RESOLVED

Officers to investigate grant opportunities and the borrowing of funds over 20 years at an estimated cost of around £18,000 a year at current Public Works Loan Board rates assuming no grants are obtained.

Any borrowing will first need Welsh Government approval with the assistance of One Voice Wales, this will be discussed at the next working group meeting. It was agreed by all committee members that an excellent report had been produced by Hiraeth.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed at the Annual Statutory Meeting on the 22nd May 2024.