<u>Holyhead Town Council Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 7th of February 2023</u>

Councillors Present: Cllr Adrienne Edwards, Cllr Richard Parry, Cllr Beryl Warner BEM, Cllr Alia Lewis MBE, Cllr Cadi Evanson, Cllr Ann Kennedy, Cllr Alan Williams, Cllr Hywel Williams, Cllr Trefor Lloyd-Hughes MBE, Cllr John Chorlton. Councillors Online- Cllr Howard Browes, Cllr Keith Roberts.

In attendance: Robert Henderson- Town Clerk/Financial Officer.
Alex Williams- Clerk Typist
Nathan Blanchard- Isle of Anglesey County Council Heritage and Regeneration Programme Project Manager.

1. Is any Councillor or member making a recording of this meeting?
Yes, The Clerk Typist is taking minutes.

2. Apologies of absence were received from Cllr Iris Thomas, Cllr Henry Klijn and Cllr Vaughan Williams.

3. No Declaration of interest from any Councillor.

4. **Presentation from Nathan Blanchard Isle of Anglesey County Council Holyhead THI- An Update on progress of recent works and future proposals for Swift Square and the Church Yard**
Nathan Blanchard gave the committee a presentation of the new work which is being carried out at Swift Square Conveniences and the Church yard explaining that the new and improved convenience would be economically friendly. Once the presentation ended, Nathan opened the floor for any councillors' comments or questions, some points were raised and Nathan answered to the best of his knowledge. Nathan Blanchard was thanked for attending and his presentation.

5. For information, the minutes of the previous meetings held on the:
- 26th September -Public Relations, Tourism and Events
- 3rd October- Finance and General Purposes
- 2nd November-Finance and Property
- 5th December-Finance and General Purposes
- 18th January-Public Relations, Tourism and Events
- 27th January-Communities and Leisure

All minutes were first, seconded and approved.

6. Receipts and Payments for the months of November 2022 and December 2022 were proposed, First and Seconded of true record. There were no queries made by any councillor.

7. It was Resolved, First and seconded to revert to full council

8. **Budget 2023/24** -Cllr Howard Browes opened the item on the agenda explaining that after a lengthy discussion in the previous Finance and Property meeting recommend full council to approve the 'Stand Still' Budget for the financial year 2023/24. It was Proposed, First and Seconded that Holyhead Town Council accept the budget for the precept.

9. **Councillor Allowance**-
Due to recommendations from Welsh government, Town and Community councillors can now claim payment of £30 per full council or F&GP for attendance at said meetings. It has been recommended from the finance and property sub committee to bring this item for ratification to full council. The allowance will be backdated from the start of the new council term in May 2022 and will be available to any councillor who has attended virtually or in person. It was unanimously resolved to accept the recommendation from the finance and property sub committee and the council agreed that all qualifying councillors will receive attendance allowances backdated and moving forward.

10. **LUF Update-** The Clerk gave a brief overview on the scales of the LUF regarding the Cinema and Shelters. He confirmed with the council that the LUF updates will continue to be on the agendas until the work has been carried out and completed to keep everyone up to date.

11. **PWLB Approval required-**
The Clerk explained the recommendation required to approve borrowing from the PWLB in relation to the successful LUF bid. The clerk explained that the council would need to draw down 30% of the overall cost to the development of the empire complex and the shelters on Newry beach. The maximum amount required from the PWLB would be the sum of £512,913.00. The committee unanimously agreed, and it was first, seconded and approved to accept the PWLB approval.

12. **Revert to full council-**
Proposed, First and seconded to revert to Finance and General Purposes Committee.

The meeting concluded at 19.10pm