

**HAWARDEN
COMMUNITY
COUNCIL**



**CYNGOR
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PENARLAG**

FINANCE COMMITTEE

10th DECEMBER 2018

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this report and attached summary is to inform the Committee of the Income and Expenditure received and incurred by the Council up to the period ending 30th November 2018.

A separate report will be produced relating to the Central Administration and Direct Maintenance Agreement and will be sent to the Members of the Joint Committee (which comprises members of the three participating Councils) in readiness for its meeting in January 2019.

BACKGROUND:

So far as the remainder of the Council's income and expenditure is concerned, this is shown on the attached summary.

Income of £170,282 has been received to date of which £163,034 relates to the first two instalments of a three staged payment of the Council's Annual Precept. A further £81,517.00 will be received at the end of December which represents the final precept payment for the financial year.

CONSIDERATIONS:

The following notes provide explanations for each of the various budget headings and anticipated variances at this stage of the financial year.

General:

Insurance: The full amount payable for the year has been made in addition to the extra fee of £89.72 recommended by the Council's Internal Audit to ensure adequate cover for the Council's fidelity guarantee.

Petty Cash: Members will note a reduced spend on petty cash due to an increased use of Business Debit Cards and on-line banking facilities.

Legal Fees/Welsh Language Policy/Elections: The December by-election is awaited.

Member Allowances: All members of the Community Council elected to forgo this payment and agreed to transfer £3000 towards Community projects. £475* has been added to the Hawarden High School Bursaries as previously agreed with Councillors Cheryl and Clive Carver and Councillors Alan and Glenys Diskin prior to their retirement. (This will be proportionate to the year of office). The remaining balance of £2,525 will be put towards the installation of community defibrillators.

Chair's Expenses: this "spend" does not amount to expenditure but to an amount of £150 to 'top up' the Chairman's account as budgeted for any expenses incurred during the Municipal year.

Miscellaneous Income: Income of £6,192 has been received which is comprised as follows: £5,000 match funding for Circular Drive; £1,120.08 insurance claim for damaged street light and £72.00 from Hawarden High School for the removal of a fallen tree during recent inclement weather.

Community Funding:

Playschemes: The full amount of £5,236 has been paid for this year.

Voluntary Organisations: The Council has considered its first round of grants in November and two grants have been awarded to Ewloe Football Club and the Friends of Penarlag. *(This can be seen on the December list of payments for processing).*

Community/Village Halls: all 2017/18 grants have been paid and no further expenditure is anticipated.

Youth Support: The Council has recently awarded the Bursary Scheme this year to the value of £4,775 and £325 to the RYLA scheme. £475 had been added to the recipient awards this year as mentioned above.*

Community Walkers/Community Library: The Council's 2017-18 contribution has been made to the Community Walkers and no request for funding has been received from the community library to date.

Open Spaces:

Bowling Greens: The annual grants have been paid and invoices for rent have been issued.

Tennis Courts: Members will recall that the Council agreed to pay for two of the surfaces to be painted and brought up to the relevant standards. New nets have also been purchased.

Public Lighting: A number of service transfers have recently been processed and payment will follow in due course.

Allotments: The 2018/19 fees are currently being issued and have been increased at the cost of inflation as previously agreed by Council in October.

Holding Account: There has been no call on the holding account. However, subject to the award of a grant from CADW that is awaited, the Council might have to call on this account to fund the cost of the War Memorial project, as previously agreed by Council in September.

Ear Marked Reserves:

The Council holds the following ear marked resources:

Funding Provision	Amount	Purpose
s106 Aston	4,969.50	Following the provision of replacement fencing at Aston Bowling Club the balance remaining is to be used for Community projects in Aston.
s106 Ewloe	2,932	2018-19 Circular Drive redevelopment
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Council Chamber 17/18 balance	5,140	As the Council have moved premises, the £7,000 set aside for the new Chamber has been utilised for the purchase of a community defibrillator and training at a cost of £1,860 with the remaining balance allocated to Circular Drive.
Balance from Depot Stove 17/18	515.83	2018-19 Circular Drive redevelopment
Play equipment held over from 16/17	16,252	2018-19 Circular Drive redevelopment
Community Centre	20,000	Long standing commitment; work not yet commenced but possible start in 2018-19

The Council is awaiting £26,400 from Flintshire County Council towards the Circular Drive redevelopment. Tenders have been invited and two have been selected for public consultation. The consultation event is scheduled for Friday 7th December.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Council is asked to note the contents of this report.