

**HAWARDEN
COMMUNITY
COUNCIL**



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FINANCE COMMITTEE

9th DECEMBER 2019

AGENDA ITEM NO: 8

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION:

- 1.1** 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 2019.
- 1.2** 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 review meeting in January 2020.

2.0 BACKGROUND:

- 2.1** So far as the remainder of the Council's income and expenditure is concerned, this is shown on the attached summary.
- 2.2** Income of £171,186 has been received to date which comprises the first two instalments of a three staged payment of the Council's Annual Precept. A further £85,593 will be received at the end of December which represents the final precept payment for the financial year.

3.0 CONSIDERATIONS:

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

3.1 General:

IT Systems Maintenance and Subs: The amount to date includes two "one-off" payments for the implementation and establishment of the Council's "hosted" service to ensure compliance with the new General Data Protection Regulation introduced in

May 2018 and a “one-off” price for the purchase of an improved electronic package for the allotments.

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 invoices for the recent by-elections in Ewloe and Mancot have been received and paid.

Mandatory Member Allowances: All but one member of the Community Council has elected to forgo this payment and agreed to transfer this amount to the Hawarden High School Bursary Awards and other similar community benefit schemes. One member has elected to receive this payment but the net amount will be donated to the Mancot Pensioners.

3.2 Community Funding:

Play Schemes: The full amount has been paid for this year.

Voluntary Organisations: The Council has recently considered its first round of grants in November and 3 grants have been awarded to Community Groups totalling £800. *(These payments 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 not been asked for the Bursary awards to be paid to date but agreed the Bursaries in May 2019. The Council annually supports the RYLA scheme in the sum of £325. *Councillors Cheryl and Clive Carver have requested that their combined mandatory member allowances be transferred to the Bursary Scheme.*

Community Library: no request for funding has been requested to date.

Community Walkers: the 2019-20 payment of £400 has not yet been requested but during the budget setting process, a Member requested that this amount, in future, is not donated on an ‘assumed’ annual basis but considered via the Council’s grant application process. **A decision is required.**

3.3 Open Spaces:

Bowling Greens: The annual grants have not yet been paid.

Tennis Courts: The annual invoice has not yet been generated.

3.4 Public Lighting:

A number of service transfers will be completed before the end of the financial year but there has been no spend to date.

3.5 Allotments:

The 2019/20 rents have recently been uplifted by the cost of inflation and invoices are currently being processed.

3.6 Holding Account:

In August 2019 a new groundsman had been purchased at a net cost of £5,800.

An amount of £20,000 is held back for the provision of a new community centre at Wood Lane, Ewloe. The site is developing, but no call has yet been made for this contribution.

3.7 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.
Circular Drive, Ewloe	55,103.83	2018-19 Circular Drive redevelopment
Community Centre	20,000	Long standing commitment; work not yet commenced but possible start in 2018-19/2019-20

The Council finally received the outstanding section 106 monies from Flintshire County Council towards the Circular Drive redevelopment in the sum of £29,450.60. The contract was awarded early in 2019 and work commenced at the end of November. The work is due to be finalised by Friday 6th December, weather permitting.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION:

The Council is asked to:

- 4.1 Note the contents of this report
- 4.2 Agree to the virement of the balance of Mandatory Member Allowances to the Hawarden High School Bursary scheme and other community projects.
- 4.3 Consider whether the Community Walkers should continue to receive an annual grant of £400 or apply to the council for grant funding when required.