WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

**Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer:** Marlene Jewell

Telephone: 01946 67366

**Chairman:** Councillor C Maudling

To: **Members of Whitehaven Town Council**

You are duly **SUMMONED** to attend a **MEETING** of **WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL** which will be held in **THE BEACON PORTAL** at **THE BEACON, WHITEHAVEN** on **Thursday 27th April 2023 at 6.00 pm**

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Marlene Jewell, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

## AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive declarations of interest by elected Members in respect of Agenda items.

If a Member requires any advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote he/she is advised to contact the Clerk at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

1. **Public Participation**
2. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30th March 2023**
3. **Planning Applications**
4. **Finance Report**
5. **Membership Renewal of CALC**
6. **Insurance Renewal**
7. **WCSSG** - Councillor Dinsdale to give a report
8. **Painting Competition** - Clerk to give a report
9. **Office Accommodation Update** - Clerk to give a report
10. **Gas/Electricity Supply Contract**
11. **Councillor Ward Matters**
12. **Date and Time of Next Meeting IN PRIVATE**
13. **Application for Grant** - TFCWC

 **WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 30th March 2023**

**Present:** Councillor E Dinsdale (Deputy Mayor in the Chair); Councillor J Carr; Councillor R Gill; Councillor C Hayes; Councillor B O'Kane; Councillor R Redmond;

M. Jewell, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

V. Gorley, Assistant Clerk Members of the Public

**2217/23 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Councillor C Maudling Councillor G Dinsdale Councillor J Rayson Councillor G Roberts

Attendance at Event On holiday

Work commitments ill

It was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor Carr

that the apologies for absence be accepted and noted. A vote was held and it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** - That the apologies for absence be accepted and noted

**2218/23 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

**2219/23 Public Participation**

A member of the public (FC) said she lived in Queen Street near the Doctors surgery and was a member of the Whitehaven Tidy Town Committee and that they were trying to raise some money for that area and were going out on Sunday to tidy up and wondered if the Town Council would be able to support them with any help for that area and asked what the proposals were for the Council's own building as regards the outside as they were trying to get the area all tidied up.

She said she knew the Council had planning permission for the building. She

said she was decorating her own property at the moment and a Councillor had been to have a look at the empty property next door to her and they were just wondering if the Town Council could do anything to help them clean the area especially as it was close to the Council Offices.

Councillor Gill said if they went to the Office they could fill in a form for a grant up to £1,000 or the form could be downloaded from the Council's website. The Clerk asked if the organisation was properly constituted- if it had a Secretary, Chairman and Bank Account and it was confirmed that it did. Councillor Gill said another option was to see their Town Councillor as each Town Councillor had £2,000 to spend on worthwhile causes in their Ward. (FC) said it might be just help that they needed rather than money and asked about when the other old buildings were going to be decorated and tidied up in the Town. The Clerk

said the Council's building would be renovated inside and outside and would be painted a marine colour.

Councillor O'Kane gave some advice and said that if in the meantime they suddenly found they did need some help the Council met on a monthly basis and so they had a month to contact Councillor Maudling and then approach the Clerk.

#### 2220/23 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23rd February 2023

It was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Hayes that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23rd February 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. A vote was held and it was unanimously

**RESOLVED-** That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23rd February 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### 2221/23 Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 9th March 2023

It was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Hayes

that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 9th March 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. A vote was held and it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** - That Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 9th March 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### 2222/23 Planning Applications

The Council considered a list of Planning Applications shown at Appendix 1.

It was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor E Dinsdale that following consideration of the planning applications on Appendix 1 that CBC be informed that the Council had no representations to make on these. A vote was held and it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** -That following consideration of the planning applications on Appendix 1 that CBC be informed that the Council had no representations to make on these.

**2223/23 Finance Report**

The Council considered a Finance Report.

1. Appendix 1 - The Assistant Clerk reported that there were 3 extra invoices to consider on Appendix 1 namely:-

Cumbria Media Glasdons

V Gorley

£104.00 for uploading onto website

£847.65 for Coronation Seat

£24.70 for tea and coffee for APM

It was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor O 'Kane that the invoices on Appendix 1 plus the 3 additional invoices listed above be approved and paid. A vote was held and it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** - That the invoices shown at Appendix 1 plus the 3 additional invoices listed above be approved and paid.

11. Appendices 2 and 3 - the Council considered Appendices 2 and 3 and it was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor O'Kane that these be approved and noted. A vote was held and it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** - That Appendices 2 and 3 be approved and noted.

**2224/23 Tall Ship Visits**

The Council considered a report on a booking for a Tall Ship, La Malouine from 18th to 2 pt August 2023. The Council had previously approved visits by two Tall ships in 2022 but no costing were agreed. (Minute 2110/22 refers).

The Captain of La Malouine has not given any costings for the visit but it is suggested that a figure of £800.00 plus VAT would cover this plus 3 nights security at a cost of £945.00 plus VAT. The same amount of funding would be required if a visit of a second Tall Ship could be arranged. It was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor O'Kane that the Council approves the costings for the visit of the Tall Ship La Malouine in August 2023 and approves similar costings if it is possible to book a second Tall Ship. A vote was held and it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** - That that the Council approves the costings for the visit of the Tall Ship La Malouine in August 2023 and approves similar costings if it is possible to book a second Tall Ship.

#### 2225/23 Coronation Lamp Post Signs

The Council considered a report on Lamp Post signs for the coronation.

It was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Hayes that 100 Coronation Lamp Post signs be purchased at a cost of £399.00 plus£10.99 delivery charge. A vote was held and it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** - That 100 Coronation Lamp Post signs be purchased at a cost of £399.00 plus£10.99 delivery charge.

**2226/23 WCSSG**

Councillor Dinsdale gave a report on this. He said he had listened to a playback of the video of the meeting on 7th March and attached a brief note of that meeting. He said he had also attended a meeting of the Emergency Planning Working Group on Thursday 13th March 2023. He had been promised that the Minutes of that meeting would be forwarded to him in time for this meeting but that had not happened and so he was going to wait until the Minutes arrived and bring it back to the Council and give the Council some bullet points. It was proposed by Councillor Gill and seconded by Councillor Hayes that the report be noted. A vote was held and it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** - That the report be noted.

#### 2227/23 Councillor Ward Matters

1. Councillor E Dinsdale said there were a few issues in Corkickle Ward. One was potholes. These potholes were on a speed hump just as you come out of Valley Park and you turn left to go down Whinlatter Road. The problem was that when a car was parked up there was no option for motorists other than to go over them so that had been submitted via CCC. A resident also said that the road markings on the give way part of Calder Avenue were worn away and as soon as he had been made aware of this he had submitted a complaint to CCC and they had acknowledged it and they gave a reply to say that the work had been put out to the maintenance team.

Councillor Dinsdale said there were issues on Maple Grove where himself and Councillor Carr had been trying to work through this on social media. Councillor Dinsdale said that if all previous reports that had been sent to CCC were forwarded to him that he would try and progress these. He said that out of all the stakeholders that the Council had that he had found the reporting system at CCC to be the best and effective.

Councillor Carr said that he had been speaking to one of his neighbours yesterday and they had re-submitted a report yet again and it had come up as a crack in the road so he said the automatic system wasn't 100%. He said there is no one to speak to and you need to use that system.

Councillor E Dinsdale said that you did get a response and an update and you can go on the system and track the report. Councillor Carr said his neighbour had put a report in in December and that he had put a report in in January and it was just basically sitting there and that he would forward this report to Councillor Dinsdale the next day.

n. Councillor O'Kane said he echoed everything Councillor Dinsdale had said about potholes and that 50% of what he was aware of were in the middle of the road. He said there was only one day left for Copeland and the Open Spaces Department no matter how many times they had been asked had still not cut the Bleach Green Hedge and that there would be compensation claims being put in due to scratches on cars.

n1. Councillor O'Kane said we need to do something about Home Group. He said that Home Group to him seemed adept at side-stepping priorities and more recently it had become difficult to work with Home Group and residents. He said that about 3 years ago when Home Group had attended a Council Meeting they told the Council how good they were and how they listened to residents and he just wished that was true and he was sure that this was the same in all the Wards and didn't know how or even if it

was possible to call Home Group to account. Councillor Hayes said Home Group had attended a meeting with residents on Kells and they had answered every question. Councillor Hayes said he had asked Home Group how to get in touch with them and they said by email. Councillor O'Kane said he had spent the day before trying to phone Home Group and after 45 minutes he was still 6th in the queue. Councillor E Dinsdale referred to the Boxing Club when Home Group had given them Notice.

The Clerk said Home Group would be invited to attend a Council Meeting. Councillor O'Kane said he found it sad that CBC Overview and Scrutiny had the power to call in social landlords and had done nothing for the past few years

1v. Councillor Carr said the potholes on the 09 side and the roads were in a bad state of repair. He referred to the lighting between the 09 Mirehouse fairy path to Greenbank and said 4 out of 5 of the lights were out and said it was an accident waiting to happen. He said information was coming back from CCC to say they were aware of it. Councillor Carr said it was Copeland who owned the land who fixed the lights. The Clerk said CCC had to be authorised by Copeland in order to repair the lights.

v. Councillor Hayes said there had been a meeting at Kells and the County Councillor was there and she said they couldn't afford to repair and resurface every road and what they had to do was patch and move on. He said they would concentrate on the main roads and the B roads and everything else would be a slow second

v1. Councillor Hayes said there had been a few issues with vandalism and kids running over the top of metal containers so the Rugby Club had put some anti slip paint on them and that the next solution would be to move the containers away from the gardens so the kids couldn't easily get upon them.

v11. Councillor Gill said that Cumberland Road had been resurfaced after 8 years of complaining. He said that he had had numerous meetings with Home Group when he was on Copeland and since then he had had meetings in the Community Centre at Hensingham and things had been agreed and then nothing had been done. He said people were up in arms where he lived as Home Group had doubled the ground maintenance charge for grass cutting from £12 to £24 per year and that he had no faith in Home Group at all. Councillor Gill thanked Councillor Mike Hawkins for getting the roads done.

v111. Councillor Gill referred to the fact that John Baker was leaving and asked that a letter be sent to him to thank him for all the work he had done during his time as CEO of the Harbour Commisioners and for working in partnership with the Council.

**2228/23 Date and Time of next Council Meeting**

The next Council Meeting will be on 27th April 2023 at 6.00pm.

Before the Meeting closed the Clerk referred to an urgent matter that had recently arisen and the Chairman gave permission for the matter to be discussed.

**2229/23 Increase in Rate for Security Provision**

The Clerk informed the Meeting that an urgent matter had arisen that afternoon and the Chairman agreed that it could be dealt with. A letter had been received from the Council's security provider to say that in previous years their hourly rate per operative had been the same at £17.50 plus VAT. However due to the increase in the national minimum wage from 1st April 2023 they would need to increase the hourly rate per operative to £19.50 plus VAT and asked for the Council's agreement to this. It was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor Carr that the increase in the hourly rate per operative from £17.50 plus VAT to £19.50 plus VAT be approved. A vote was held and it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** - That that the increase in the hourly rate per operative from

£17.50 plus VAT to £19.50 plus VAT be approved. The Meeting closed at 6.35pm

Chairman

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**Item 5**

Planning Application for Consideration by Whitehaven Town Council

Application Number 4/22/2332/0Fl

4/23/2078/0Fl

4/23/2080/0Fl

4/23/2081/0F l

4/23/2083/0F l

4/23/2087/0Fl

Detail

Consultation on Additional and Amended Information: FULL PLANNING APPLICATION FOR 109 DWELLING HOUSE AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING LANDSCAPING, OPEN SPACE, ACCESS, HIGHWAY AND DRAINAGE.

**LAND TO THE WEST OF VALLEY VIEW ROAD, WHITEHAVEN**

PROPOSED ACCESSIBLE RAMPED ACCESS TO FRONT GARDEN

**23 RICHMOND HILL ROAD, WHITEHAVEN**

CHANGE OF USE FROM CAFE AND RESTAURANT TO COMBINED CAFE AND RESTAURANT (INTEGRATED) INCLUDING THE BLOCKING UP OF ONE WINDOW ON SOUTH ELEYATION WITH CAFE SIGN OVERLAY

**UNITS 1 & 2 PEARS HOUSE, DUKE STREET, WHITEHAVEN**

TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION FOR ACCESSIBLE GROUND FLOOR BEDROOM AND FIRST FLOOR BEDROOM AND ENSUITE

**78 BRANSTY ROAD, WHITEHAVEN**

REPLACEMENT DWELLING TYPES ON PLOTS 9, 10 AND 11

**PLOTS 9, 10 AND 11 HIGH STILE GARDENS, WHITEHAVEN**

GLAZED PERGOLA WITH RETRACTABLE ROOF

Application Number Detail

**UNITS 1 & 2 PEARS HOUSE, DUKE STREET, WHITEHAVEN**

4/23/2088/0F1

4/23/2091/0Fl

PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR 23 DWELLINGS INCLUDED ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND LANDSCAPING (RESUBMISSION OF 4/22/2135/0Fl)

**LAND AT HARRAS ROAD, HARRAS PARK, WHITEHAVEN**

ACCESSIBLE GROUND FLOOR TOILET, BEDROOM, AND NEW RAMPED ACCESS **10 MEADOW ROAD, WHITEHAVEN**

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**Item 6**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

Members are asked to consider a list of invoices for authorisation and payment as shown at Appendix 1 and approve the recommendations in paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2.

* 1. **INTRODUCTION**
	2. Authorise the payment of all invoices as listed in Appendix 1.
	3. The Council is asked to note the cashbook as reconciled with the bank account as shown at Appendix 2 together with income and expenditure at Appendix 3.
	4. **FINANCIAL POSITION**
	5. The bank reconciliation was carried out on 19th April 2023. This shows a balance of £205,538.63. There are payments to the value of£ 19.10 waiting to be cleared.
	6. The balance in the deposit account is £460,571.03.
	7. The balance in the current account as of 31st March 2023 was £225,111.47. It is recommended that £150,000.00 of this should be transferred from the current account into the deposit account.
	8. **RECOMMENDATION**
	9. The invoices listed and shown in Appendix 1 be approved and authorised for payment.
	10. The Cashbook (Appendix 2) and the Income and Expenditure (Appendix 3) be noted.
	11. That £150,000.00 be transferred from the current account into the deposit account.

27/04/2023

Appendix 1

**Invoices for Consideration by Whitehaven Town Council**

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| **Date** | **Supplier** | **Category** | **Detail** | **Total Amount** | **Power** | **Columnl** |
| 25/03/2023 | Eden Springs (UK) Ltd | Suoolies & Services | Water Cooler Rental & Environmental Levy for water coolers(Apr 2023) | £ | 9.24 | slllLGA 1972 |  |
| 31/03/2023 | Derwent Recycling Services Ltd | 3rd Party | Skip - Cartgate Allotments | £ | 360.00 | s23 Small Holdings Allotment Act 1908 |  |
| 31/03/2023 | Derwent Recycling Services Ltd | 3rd Party | Skip - Sneckyeat Allotments | £ | 360.00 | s23 Small Holdings Allotment Act 1908 |  |
| 31/03/2023 | Copeland Borough Council | **Premises** | Room hire - 30.03.2023 | £ | 84.00 | slllLGA 1972 |  |
| 01/04/2023 | CALC | Supplies & Services | Annual Subscription fee 2023/2024 | £ | 2,005.98 | slllLGA 1972 |  |
| 03/04/2023 | The Salway Hall | **Premises** | Room Hire and set up for APM heldon 04.04.2023 | £ | 144.00 | slllLGA 1972 |  |
| 04/04/2023 | POD (North West) Ltd | Events | Event advert poster | £ | 18.00 | s144 LGA 1972 |  |
| 06/04/2023 | **Sharp Business Systems** | Supplies & Services | Photocopier charges (19/01/2023 - 21/03/2023) | £ | 63.58 | slllLGA 1972 |  |
| 06/04/2023 | **npower Business Solutions** | 3rd Party | Seasonal Illuminations Unmetered Supply (19/11/2022 - 03/01/2023) | £ | 2,114.08 | s144 LGA 1972 |  |
| 13/04/2023 | Mrs M Jewell | Employees/Allowances | **Re-imbursement for raffle donation** | £ | 18.50 | slllLGA 1972 |  |
| 14/04/2023 | Thomas Graham & Sons Ltd | **Events** | Bolts and drill bits to install hanging basket brackets | £ | 71.48 | s144 LGA 1972 |  |
| 15/04/2023 | Mrs V Gorley | **Supplies & Services** | **Re-imbursement for bin bags and bin liners** | £ | 2.48 | slllLGA 1972 |  |

£ 5,251.34

**WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL CASH BOOK FROM 1 APRIL2023**

**APPENDIX 2**

**Unpresented**

**cheques as of** Employees/ Supplies/ **Ground Civic** Ward **Environmental**

Date Ref **Payee** 31.03.23 **Allowances Premises Services** 3rd Party **Grants** Allotmts **Maint** Hospitality Ranger/SO **W.I.B Grants Elections Improvements Events Contingencies Reserves** Net Total VAT Total Min. Ref.

**April-2023**

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|  | Unpresented cheques b/fwd from 2022/2023 | 2869.41 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | £ 2,869.41 |  | £ 2,869.41 | carried f/wd |
| 1 | 01.04.2023 | 1157 | Copeland Borough Council |  |  | 12100.75 |  |  |  |  |  |  | £ 12,100.75 |  | £ 12,100.75 |  |
| 2 | 06.04.2023 | BACS | **Newsquest Media Group** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 289.00 | £ 289.00 | £ 57.80 | £ 346.80 |  |
| 3 | 06.04.2023 | BACS | Hensingham ARLFC Youth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1000.00 |  | £ 1,000.00 |  | 1,000.00 | Ward Grant - 2022/23 |
| 4 | 06.04.2023 | BACS | Hensingham ARLFC Youth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 750.00 |  | £ 750.00 |  | 750.00 | Ward Grant - 2022/23 |
| 5 | 12.04.2023 | OD | **Water Plus** |  |  |  |  |  | 64.51 |  |  |  | £ **64.51** |  | 64.51 | **Contract** |
|  | 14.04.2023 | **BACS** | Staff |  | 5294.59 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 5,294.59 |  | £ 5,294.59 | 2162/22 |
|  | 14.04.2023 | BACS | HMRC |  | 2112.52 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2,112.52 |  | £ 2,112.52 | HMRC |
|  | 14.04.2022 | BACS | Cumbria LGPS |  | 752.33 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | £ 752.33 |  | 752.33 | 6317/17 (ii) |
| 6 | 14.04.2022 | BACS | **npower Business Solutions** |  |  |  |  | 570.34 |  |  |  |  | £ 570.34 | £ 28.52 | £ 598.86 |  |
| 7 | 14.04.2022 | BACS | **Mr D Horner** |  |  |  |  |  |  | 500.00 |  |  | SOO.OD |  | £ 500.00 |  |
| **8** | 17.04.2023 | OD | **Crown Gas & Power** |  |  | 332.68 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 332.68 | 66.53 | £ 399.21 | **Contract** |
| 9 | 19.04.2023 | OD | BT Group |  |  |  | 129.15 |  |  |  |  |  | 129.15 | 25.83 | £ 154.98 | **Contract** |
| 2869.41 | 8159.44 12433.43 | 129.15 | 570.34 | 0.00 64.51 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1750.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 289.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 26,765.28 | 178.68 | 26,943.96 |

**WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL Appendix 3**

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| **INCOME 2023-2024** |  |
| **Date** | **Item** | **Precept** | **Interest** | **Other** |  |
| 03.04.2023 | Allotment Rents 2023/24 |  |  | 3520.00 |  |
| 06.04.2023 | HMRC - VAT Refund (March 2023) |  |  | 3012.02 |  |
| 17.04.2023 | Allotment Rents 2023/24 |  |  | 820.00 |  |
|  |  | **0.00** | **0.00** | **7352.02** | **7352.02** |

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| **WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL** |  | **Expenditure Net****of VAT** | **Invoices not yet****processed** | **Budget** |
| **SUMMARISEDINCOME**& **EXPENDITURE STATEMENT** |  |  |  |  |
| **FINANCIALYEAR 2023-2024** |  |  |  |  |
| BANK BALANCESBROUGHT FORWARD |  |  |  |  |
| CBS 53905917 (01.04.2023) | 225,111.47 |  |  |  |
| CBS 53906216 (01.04.2023) | 460,571.03 |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL OPENING BALANCE** | £ **685,682.50** |  |  |  |
| **INCOME:** |  |  |  |  |
| Precept |  |  |  |  |
| Interest (Deposit) |  |  |  |  |
| Other Income |  7,352.02 |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL INCOME** | £ **7,352.02** |  |  |  |
| **EXPENDITURE** |  |  |  |  |
| Unpresented cheques b/fwd from 2022/2023 |  | 2869.41 |  |  |
| Employees & Allowances |  | 8159.44 |  |  |
| Premises |  | 12433.43 |  |  |
| Supplies/Services |  | 129.15 |  |  |
| 3rd Party |  | 570.34 |  |  |
| Grants |  | 0.00 |  |  |
| Allotments |  | 64.51 |  |  |
| Ground Maintenance |  | 0.00 |  |  |
| Civic Hospitality |  | 0.00 |  |  |
| Ranger |  | 0.00 |  |  |
| Whitehaven In Bloom |  | 0.00 |  |  |
| Ward Grants |  | 1750.00 |  |  |
| Elections |  | 0.00 |  |  |
| Environmental Improvements |  | 0.00 |  |  |
| Events |  | 289.00 |  |  |
| Contingencies |  | 0.00 |  |  |
| Reserves |  | 0.00 |  |  |
| VAT (to be reclaimed) |  | 178.68 |  |  |
| **TOTALEXPENDITURE** |  |  £ **26,943.96**  |  |  |
| **CASH BOOK BALANCE** |  |  |  |  |
| Brought forward |  | £ 685,682.50 |  |  |
| Income |  | £ 7,352.02 |  |  |
| Expenditure |  |  £ 26,943.96  |  |  |
| **Town Council Funds** |  | I £ 666,o9o.s6 1 |  |  |
| **BANK BALANCES** |  |  |  |  |
| CBS 53905917 (19/04/2023) |  | 205,538.63 |  |  |
| CBS 53906216 (19/04/2023) |  |  460,571.03  |  |  |

1£ 666,109.66 1

**Unpresented Cheques 2023/2024**

**FINANCIALPOSITION**

19.10

1£ **666,090.56** I

## WTC 27/04/2023

**Agenda Item 7**

**CALC/NALC Membership**

**Purpose of the Report**

Members are asked to consider whether they wish to continue with the CALC/NALC membership for 2023/2024 and to authorise payment of the annual subscription fee.

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION 2023/2024

* 1. Attached at Appendix 1 is the letter received from CALC showing the annual subscription fee of £2,005.98 for 2023/2024 to continue Whitehaven Town Council's membership ofNALC/CALC along with a reminder as to the benefits of CALC membership.

## RECOMMENDATION

* 1. That the annual subscription fee of £2,005.98 be paid for the continued membership of CALC/NALC for 2023/2024.



Mrs Marlene Jewell Whitehaven TC 148 Queen Street WHITEHAVEN CA28 7AZ

Dear Colleague,

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION 2023/24**

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**Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters Carleton Avenue**

**Penrith**

**Cumbria, CA10 2FA**

**01768 812663**

**office@calc.org.uk**

April 2023

I would like to thank your Council for its valued membership of the Cumbria Association of Local Councils *over* the past year. Annual subscriptions to the Association for 2023/24 are now due.

The subscription for your Council is made up of two payments, one to the Cumbria Association of Local councils (CALC) and one to the National Association of Local Councils (NALC). Each portion of the subscription fee is itemised separately. The NALC portion of the fee for 2023/24 is calculated at 7.71p per elector and the CALC portion is calculated in proportion to the square root of your electorate.

For 2023/24 your CALC/NALC subscription fee is: £2005.98 This sum is made up of:

NALC subscription at £1436.06

CALC subscription at £569.92

**Please note that a member council cannot be a member of CALC without being a member of NALC and vice versa.**

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Chief Officer: Samantha Bagshaw

It would be very helpful if you would please amend as necessary and return the enclosed form giving contact details for your parish council.

I look forward to receiving your Council's subscription.

Kind regards,



Chief Officer

President: Chairman: Cllr Mary Bradley

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Chief Officer: Samantha Bagshaw

**WTC 27/04/2023**

**Agenda Itern 8**

**Confirmation of Annual Insurance Cover**

**Purpose of the Report**

To inform the Council of the Council's Insurance Provision.

* 1. **INSURANCE**
	2. The Council entered into a long-tenn insurance policy with Zurich Municipal in return for discounted rates (in 2022 it was agreed that the Council would enter into an agreement with Zurich Municipal for 5 years insurance cover - Minute 1998/22 refers). This effectively means that the Council is committed to renew the policy until the five years expire.
	3. The premium for the year 2023/2024 is £3,497.69. This is likely to increase if the Council acquires more assets.
	4. If a Councillor wishes to inspect the Insurance Policy it is available in The Council's Office in Queen Street, Whitehaven.
	5. **RECOMMENDATION**
	6. It is recommended that the position regarding the Insurance policy be noted and approved and the premium for 2023/2024 of £3,497.69 be paid.

## WTC 27/04/2023

**Agenda Item 12**

**Gas and Electric Supply Contract**

**Purpose of the Report**

To inform the Council of information received from 3 companies who specialise in negotiating gas and electric supply contracts.

## INTRODUCTION

* 1. The Council has been approached in recent weeks by 3 companies who specialise in negotiating contracts for the supply of gas and electric.
	2. Two of the companies have provided prices for the supply of gas (see Appendix **1).** However, these prices change daily and it is expected that the price quoted will increase slightly.
	3. The Council has a contract for the supply of gas with Crown Gas and Power and this contract is due to expire on 28th February 2024. We are contracted to pay:
		+ £3.066 contracted unit rate (p/kWh)
		+ £0.568 Climate Change Levy (p/kWh) and
		+ £1.990 daily standing charge
	4. One of the suppliers has said that if we were to accept an option with a different supplier than Crown Gas and Power that we would still be able to accept any renewal offer from Crown Gas and Power up until the last 30 days of the existing contract. So should the price come down further we could renew the contract with the existing supplier and cancel any contract that the broker company has negotiated. However, should the price increase, we would already have a contract on a cheaper rate with a different supplier in place.

## RECOMMENDATION

* 1. It is recommended that the position regarding the current gas contract be noted and for Councillors to authorise the companies to negotiate a new contract for the supply of gas on the Council's behalf provided that the same conditions apply as stated at 1.4.

**Bespoke Quote**

Account Name Whitehaven Town Council Contact Name Vanessa Gorley

Shipping Address 148 Queen Street, 148 QUEEN STREET

Whitehaven Cumbria CA28 ?AZ.

United Kingdom Quote Created Date 06/04/2023, 09:54 Primary Meter 63692400

Please find the Gas quotes you requested below.

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Based on the information you have provided me, I have been able to agree the following tailor-made supplier rates for your business.

As discussed, your gas supply is coming to an end and the price you are currently paying has changed since you last agreed to a contract, and prices will continue to fluctuate. Our role is to understand these fluctuations as best we can and keep you informed with how we expect the market to play out. At this time, we believe the prices below to be your best option on the market.

**Gas Prices from Utility Bidder**

Supplier Logo

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Term (Months) | Day Rate | Standing Charge | Meter Consumption |
| 36 | 10.030000 | 61.000000 | 56,814 |

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**Day Rate Is measured** In **Price Per kWh. Standing Charge Is measured in Pence Per Day.**

NOTE: The current instability in the market means that these prices can only be held for a maximum of 24-hours. If you would like to secure these prices, it is important we do this as soon as possible

**0800 007 4001** lnfo@utilitybidder.co.uk [www.utilitybidder.co.uk](http://www.utilitybidder.co.uk/) \* :U:1 11 1

Price Comparison

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AccountNumber: 63692400 Annual Usage 78660 Reference Number. **#11636** Quote Date: Thursday, Apnl 13,Renewal Date 29 Feb 2024

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Supplier 

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Day Rate (p/k\Nh) | Standing Charge (p/day) |
| 12 | 8.23000 | 222.00000 |
| 24 | 8.42000 | 222.00000 |
| 36 | 8.62000 | 222.00000 |
| 12 | 8.95000 | 237.32000 |
| 24 | 9.04000 | 240.35000 |
| 36 | 9.01000 | 247.73000 |
| 24 | 9.90000 | 56.00000 |
| 36 | 9.02000 | 276.00000 |
| 24 | 9.10000 | 310.00000 |
| 12 | 10.40000 | 56.00000 |
| 12 | 9.42000 | 304.00000 |
| 24 | 9.73000 | 270.00000 |
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sender The sender does not accept respons1b1hly for any errors or om1ss1ons