**Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting – 2nd September 2020**

**Present:** Cllr M Woods, Cllr T Sexton, Cllr A Parrington and Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr P Morris
2. **Matters Arising**

(i) The Clerk had produced the cash book and bank reconciliation up until 30th July 2020. These were reviewed, agreed and signed by Cllr Woods.

(ii) The Clerk confirmed that finally a resolution had been reached in relation to the insurance claim for the street light involved in a road traffic collision on Alyn Drive. After a lengthy period and several queries an offer of £1,925 had been made, accepted and paid.

(iii) The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by Scottish Power in relation to the provision of electricity to the toilet block. They had suggested moving the account to paying by direct debit. Cllr Sexton commented that this seemed to be a good idea as long as regular meter readings are supplied. It was unanimously agreed that a direct debit should be established for this service.

(iv) The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by a company called Utility Aid who review electricity usage (street lights) and made suggestions regarding the best energy supplier. The current supplier is Scottish Power with an estimated annual spend of £1,702. Utility Aid suggested two suppliers, Haven at an estimated annual cost of £1,905 (11.96% increase) and Opus at £2,195 (28.96% increase). Whilst it was accepted that these would provide fixed costs for the term of the contract, due to the level of increase it was agreed that the Community Council should remain with the current supplier.

(v) The Clerk confirmed that she had submitted grant claims to Cadwyn Clwyd in respect of ‘Sewing for our NHS’ and ‘Hwb Yr Orsedd’.

(vi) The Clerk reported that revised NJC pay rates had been agreed national. These incorporated a 2.75% pay increase. She would forward these for acceptance in respect to her salary to the next meeting. These are normally introduced on 1st April therefore, a request for these to be backdated to that date will be put forward for consideration.

1. **Any Other Business** – None.