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Councillors

As we are at present prevented from holding meetings, I enclose a draft copy of the minutes from the Ordinary meeting held on the 17th March 2020. Please review and let me know if any amendments are required. I also enclose copies of the following items;

- bank reconciliation as at 31st March 2020
- petty cash reconciliation as at 31st March 2020
- budget monitoring statements for 2019/20 (final) and 2020/21 (initial)
- receipts and payments account for 2019/20

The following events and matters affecting Council since the March meeting;

- Street-lighting upgrade: MEGA Electrical have suspended operations due to the Coronavirus crisis, and will proceed with the completion of the upgrade on their return. Salix Finance have indicated the Council can increase its funding to part fund the additional costs to be paid from reserves.
- **Summer Play-Scheme 2020**: Flintshire County Council have advised the play-scheme for this summer has been cancelled as a result of the Corona-virus crisis.
- Local Support Groups: Llanasa Community Council has provided funding to the three ward Community Centres in Gronant, Ffynnongroyw and Trelogan to help with the costs incurred by the volunteers of the local support groups. Cadwyn Clwyd have indicated grant funding up to £3000 is available for this purpose, and the Clerk has submitted a draft application. It would appear that Cadwyn Clwyd will require evidence of expenditure paid by the Community Council which would be difficult to provide. The Clerk will continue to explore this grant.
- internal and external audits for year ended 31st March 2020 will continue, although the Wales Audit Office have advised that as it is likely there will be significant delays to the audit process no new dates for the exercise of electors' rights. JDH Business Services have made arrangements to accept Council records by electronic means, and request sample documents by email for evidence purposes.
- paper copies of planning applications will no longer be sent out from Flintshire County Council. Details of each application will be sent by email, with a link to the County Council planning department portal where Councillors will be able to review details.

 the Monitoring Officer has advised that all meetings should be stood down until the end of April as minimum as per Flintshire County Council. The UK and Welsh Governments are looking at relaxing the rules on physical presence at meetings, and the legislation to enable this is being considered in Parliament and the Senedd. Further information will be provided in due course.

The situation regarding the Corona-virus is changing on a daily basis, and most departments of Flintshire County Council and the Welsh Government have arranged for staff to work from home as per UK Government instructions. I will keep Councillors informed as matters change.

The following invoices have been received for payment, and I will make arrangements for cheques to be prepared in payment.

Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Power
101920	Scottish Power	1069.58	Highways Act 1980, s301
101921	Bagillt Web Design	180.00	LGA 1972, s112
101922	Ian Hughes	660.00	LGA 1972, s112
101923	A L Williams-Cooke	660.00	LGA 1972, s112
101924	Staff Salaries	1248.47	LGA 1972, s112
101925	H M Revenue & Customs	306.62	LGA 1972, s112