



LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

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Dear Councillor

Please find attached the To Follow reports in respect of the meeting of **LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL** to be held on **Thursday, 9 January 2025 at 7.00 pm** in the **Town Council Offices, Church Lane, Ledbury.**

Yours faithfully

Angela Price PSLCC, AICCM, MIWFM
Town Clerk

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(Oral report)

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Report prepared by Angela Price – Town Clerk

2024/25 INCOME/EXPENDITURE IN RESPECT OF MARKET STALL ELECTRICITY

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with details of the income/ expenditure in relation to the electricity supply in High Street, Ledbury.

Detailed Information

Members have requested details of the income/expenditure in relation to the electricity supply in High Street, Ledbury which is generally used by market traders at the Tuesday and Saturday Charter Markets and at events held in High Street.

The Maintenance Operative has been asked to keep readings of the electricity meter before and after all usage of the electricity by market traders, however as he is currently on annual leave officers have been unable to obtain this information.

Financial Implications

In 2024/25 to date a total of £631.93 has been paid in relation to the market electricity supply, with an income of just £61.50 over a period of 9 months, which equates to an average expenditure of £70.00 per month with an average income of £6.83 a month.

Current charges by Npower for this account are as follows:

Consumption charges - standard rate 44.69800 p/kwh
 Standing charge - 176.500 p/day

On a 31-day month the cost of the standing charge equates to:
31 x 176.500 = £54.72

Over a 12-month period based on 365 days this equates to: **£644.22**

On average the consumption each month is circa 44/45 kw/h which equates to:
45 x 44.69800 = £20.11

Over a 12-month period this equates to: **£241.32**

Currently the charge to the market trader for use of the electricity per day is £1.50.

Electricity is less likely to be used on a Tuesday and in 2024/25 has only been used by one trader on Saturdays and has occasionally been used by traders at events.

Income from traders in 2024/25 to date is as follows:

	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Sat	£6.00	£6.00	£9.00	£6.00	£7.50	£7.50	£6.00	£7.50	£4.50	60.00
Tues	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	£1.50	1.50

Anticipated income for the remainder of the 2024/25 period based on stalls currently booked in is:

Saturdays – £19.50
Tuesdays - £ 1.50

Based on the above figures the income for supply of electricity in 2024/25 will be **£82.50.**

Income/expenditure 2024/25

12 months standing charges	£644.22
12 months average consumption costs	<u>£241.32</u>
Total anticipated expenditure	£885.54
Minus anticipated income	<u>£ 82.50</u>
Total Income/Expenditure	<u>£803.04</u>

The anticipated income for 2024/25 is approximately 34% of the annual consumption cost and approximately 9.5% of the overall costs of electricity supply.

Market pitch fees are currently charged at £18.50 for a pitch on High Street and £22.00 for a pitch under the Market House and the total income received to date in 2024/25 in respect of market pitch fees is £6,677.10

Officers have contacted other Town Councils in Herefordshire to establish whether they charge for electricity for market traders and if so what those charges are and this information is below:

Leominster - £5.00 charged for their Food Fayre but otherwise not charged, will be under review for when they move back into the square.

Ross - £2.00 per socket per day (taken from website)

Bromyard - No charge, as they are too far away from the power source for it to be supplied.

Hereford - £5.00 if using lights, £10.00 if cooking. £15.00 per pillar used (VAT exempt) for community, marketing and arts rental of a space. (taken from website)

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Kington - Asked SR to call back on Monday when the Clerk is in, assistant clerk wasn't sure of the answer.

Recommendation

That Members note the above information and give consideration to an increase in the cost to supply electricity to market traders in High Street.

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Report prepared by Angela Price – Town Clerk

REQUEST FOR MANDATE FOR CLERK ATTENDING CONNECTED COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 15 JANUARY 2025

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to ask Members to provide the Clerk with a Mandate to report back to the Connected Communities Scrutiny Meeting on 15 January 2025 where the Clerks of the Herefordshire Town Councils have been invited to hear from Clerks on how they can support the development and delivery of the plans as best it can.

Detailed information

Members will recall that during 2021/22 the Herefordshire Town Councils were working with Herefordshire Council to identify projects within each town that could be provided under the umbrella of the Market Town Investment Plan (MTIP).

Attached are minutes of a meeting of the MTIP held on 7 December 2022, which appears to be the last time this was discussed with Ledbury Town Council. The attached minutes outline the Ledbury Project Ideas and there has been little movement on these projects since this time.

A recent email was sent to the Town Clerks the content of which is below:

“Herefordshire Council’s Connected Communities Scrutiny Committee is carrying out a piece of work to scrutinise the council’s progress in working with you to produce the market town investment plans for Bromyard, Kington, Ledbury, Leominster and Ross. As such the chair of the committee, Cllr O’Driscoll, has asked me to extend an invitation to you to attend the meeting. The committee is very interested to hear from you and to support you in the development and delivery of the plans as best it can.”

It would not be appropriate for the Clerk to attend this meeting without a mandate from Ledbury Town Council on the opinions on how they feel these projects have progressed and what can be done to support development and delivery of the plans.

Recommendation

Members are requested to provide the Clerk with a mandate to act on their behalf at the meeting of the Connected Communities Scrutiny Committee on 15 January 2025, providing detailed instructions on they feedback to be provided at that meeting.

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Ledbury Market Town Initiative Plan (MTIP)
Town Council Meeting
Minutes

Attendance:

Cllr Liz Harvey	Town Councillor
Cllr Phil Howells	Ledbury Mayor
Cllr Nick Morris	Chair of the Economic Development and Planning Committee
Roger Allonby	HC Acting Service Director, Economy and Environment
Angela Price	Ledbury Town Clerk
Vinia Abesamis	Senior Policy and Funding Officer

Ledbury Market Town Investment Plan

Following extensive local engagement, the market town economic development investment plans (MTIPs) for Ledbury was adopted. The plan identifies potential projects in each, and funding opportunities for them.

Funding Opportunities

- UK Shared Prosperity Fund - UK Government approves local spending plans for UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). Funding will turbo-charge levelling up: supporting local businesses, boosting skills, reviving high streets and improving local pride. HC will identify spend for the first year which will end on 31 March 2022.
- Levelling Up Fund. Landscaping of the Master's House is one of the key Levelling Up projects in Herefordshire.
- Rural England Prosperity Funds a top-up to the UKSPF and is available to eligible local authorities in England. It succeeds EU funding from LEADER and the Growth Programme which were part of the Rural Development Programme for England. Herefordshire Council submitted an addendum to government and is awaiting decision.

Ledbury Project ideas

- Proposals to improve employment opportunities in Ledbury by building high tech business units on part of the viaduct site that has been allocated to employment. Need to liaise with Bloor Homes, which has been granted outline planning consent by the Secretary of State on Appeal, in terms of access to utilities (gas, electric, water) for the employment site. Need to commission a technical work.
- Railway Station infrastructure improvement to prepare for the extra services between Worcester and Birmingham would be provided as part of the Midlands Rail Hub project. Need to commission a technical work.
- Trading Estate by the railway station. Need to commission a feasibility study.
- Employment land e.g. land owned by Heineken which is 6.7 acres of existing brownfield land. Need to employ a development company to identify technical solutions to employment land in Ledbury. There is also a need to set a private/public partnership to take this forward.
- Digital artwork for window displays in the high town.

- Funding for training for business e.g. marketing, and learning from previous projects e.g. circular walks, poetry project, transfer learning from BID.
- Town maps and visitor boards
- Brown signage to promote attractions in the market towns

Next steps:

- Town council to identify funding proposals, including those which requires feasibility studies, etc.
- Prepare funding applications in the new year. Vinia to support.