



**Royston Town Council 2024-2025****Charity Accounts - October 2024**

<b>Cave Account</b>			
<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
B/F	<b>30,836.04</b>	B/F	<b>0.00</b>
October receipts		October payments	-
	30,836.04		-
Receipts to date	30,836.04		
Less payments to date	0.00		
	<b>30,836.04</b>		
<b>Represented by</b>			
RTC - Cave Account	30,836.04		
Less un-cleared Chqs	-		
		<b>£ 30,836.04</b>	
<b>Leete Account</b>			
<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
B/F	<b>21,725.88</b>	B/F	<b>50.80</b>
October receipts	149.63	October payments	1,308.70
	21,875.51		1,359.50
Receipts to date	21,875.51		
Less payments to date	1,359.50		
	<b>20,516.01</b>		
<b>Represented by</b>			
RTC - Leete Account	20,516.01		
Less un-cleared Chqs			
		<b>£ 20,516.01</b>	
<b>Town Mayor's Community Trust Fund</b>			
<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
B/F	<b>18,844.85</b>	B/F	<b>974.60</b>
October Receipts	39.56	October Payments	10.59
	18,884.41		985.19
Receipts to date	18,884.41		
Less payments to date	985.19		
	<b>17,899.22</b>		
<b>Represented by</b>			
Mayor's Charity monies	394.78		
Community Fund	17,504.44		
Less un-cleared Chqs			
		<b>£ 17,899.22</b>	

## Agenda Item 5ii – Income and Expenditure

### ROYSTON TOWN COUNCIL

#### Summary of Royston Town Council Income & Expenditure for 2024-2025 to-date against allocated budget

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Agreed Budget</u>	<u>YTD Budget variance</u>
Administration/Democracy	13,489	12,246	13,248	10,930	12,128	13,330	10,959	-	-	-	-	-	86,330	167,822	87.45%
Museum	52,333	-	-	-	-	52,332	-	-	-	-	-	-	104,665	104,665	170.00%
Town Hall	4,310	3,179	3,027	4,462	3,107	2,982	4,319	-	-	-	-	-	25,386	55,886	77.22%
Priory Rooms	443	443	504	443	443	443	443	-	-	-	-	-	3,162	29,784	18.05%
Market Hill Rooms	1,221	1,777	1,882	1,609	1,609	1,768	4,060	-	-	-	-	-	13,926	31,986	74.01%
Other Expenses	2,515	348	5,797	2,000	-	42	1,286	-	-	-	-	-	11,988	27,171	75.00%
Royston Cave	2,038	1,594	1,614	1,979	1,874	2,034	1,658	-	-	-	-	-	12,791	23,697	91.76%
Allotments	927	443	624	490	443	443	602	-	-	-	-	-	3,972	7,851	86.01%
War Memorial	853	295	836	295	295	295	295	-	-	-	-	-	3,164	4,878	110.27%
30 Kneesworth Street	468	74	84	74	74	74	74	-	-	-	-	-	922	1,343	116.71%
Plantations	817	443	504	443	1,961	443	443	-	-	-	-	-	5,054	21,985	39.08%
Public Conveniences	148	148	168	748	148	748	148	-	-	-	-	-	2,256	4,299	89.21%
Markets and Parking	5,459	5,793	5,342	14,999	5,216	5,124	6,741	-	-	-	-	-	48,674	88,487	93.51%
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>85,021</b>	<b>26,783</b>	<b>33,630</b>	<b>38,472</b>	<b>27,298</b>	<b>80,058</b>	<b>31,028</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>322,290</b>	<b>569,854</b>	<b>96.15%</b>
<u>INCOME</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Agreed Budget</u>	
Interest	445	429	2,842	731	4,413	863	411						10,134	7,500	229.70%
Town Hall	1,591	1,879	2,034	1,731	1,081	3,318	2,682	-	-	-	-	-	14,316	18,000	135.21%
Priory Centre	297	278	222	184	39	158	359	-	-	-	-	-	1,537	2,000	130.65%
Market Hill Rooms	1,020	993	850	928	428	1,265	1,352	-	-	-	-	-	6,836	13,000	89.39%
Cave	2,739	3,867	4,325	3,247	3,848	4,113	1,350	-	-	-	-	-	23,489	20,000	199.66%
Allotments	361	54	119	201	14	135	170	-	-	-	-	-	1,054	6,235	28.72%
30 Kneesworth Street	394	-	4,688	-	-	-	5,063	-	-	-	-	-	10,145	20,269	85.09%
Markets and Parking	5,841	6,389	6,171	2,329	6,109	9,645	6,444	-	-	-	-	-	42,928	67,000	108.92%
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>12,688</b>	<b>13,889</b>	<b>21,251</b>	<b>9,351</b>	<b>15,932</b>	<b>19,497</b>	<b>17,831</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>110,439</b>	<b>154,004</b>	<b>121.91%</b>
<b>PRECEPT</b>	202,050					202,049							404,099	404,099	
<b>CTRS grants</b>	5,875					5,876							11,751	11,751	
<b>Balance</b>													<b>£ 203,999</b>	<b>£ -</b>	

## **Agenda item 7: War Memorial Lights Investigation**

At the Finance Committee meeting in February 2024, Members resolved to approve that further investigation should be carried out to see whether an electric feeder pillar can be installed, so that lighting can be restored to the War Memorial.

Officers have pursued this investigation from a number of angles:

### **A) Planning:**

Officers asked a general question about the installation of a feeder pillar close to the War Memorial.

Planning officer response: anything close to what you are describing may well require Listed Building Consent and the plan should be to make whatever you choose as small and visually unintrusive as possible. This would require a planning application.

### **B) Electrical investigations:**

A couple of electricians who were supplying quotes for another project at the Town Hall offered to have a look into the lights at the Memorial.

One suggested the supply would most likely have come from either the church or the floodlight in front of the church. Both investigated this but could find no connection.

### **C) Spotlights:**

It was also suggested that a possible solution would be to mount small spotlights on the lamp columns opposite the memorial. As long as they could be angled so as not to shine into the windscreens of passing traffic, this could solve the problem.

Officers contacted Ringway who, after visiting the site, advised this would not be possible.

### **D) Church:**

Officers enquired whether it would be feasible to connect to the church's power supplies or to the floodlight in front of the church. The church warden responded that any digging (even shallow digging) would require an archaeologist's report as human remains had been found close to the surface in the church grounds. This meant they would not sanction such work.

### **E) Records:**

Officers conducted extensive searches of council records but could find no mention of the electrical supply to the war memorial or of any invoice for electricity used on the site. NHC owned the memorial before 1974 so they were contacted and after some research, supplied a map showing where the mini feeder pillar is but not where the cable runs to the supply point. They later found the account number which shows NHC had been paying for the electricity up until 2018.

### **F) UK Power Networks (UKPN):**

UKPN have no record of a supply to the site. A new unmetered supply with UKPN could be set up but they advised finding energy suppliers and a meter administrator that would take on such a small supply has proven to be difficult for applicants due to supplier commercial policy reasons.

Any new connection for UMS assets will have to be traded half hourly and so the supplier will need to provide the council with meter administrator services instead of a meter operator. If the supplier RTC nominates cannot provide those services, then RTC will need to contract with a meter administrator separately and this will add to the connection lead time.

For site works, the council would need to apply to UKPN highway services team for an unmetered/metered supply connection.

### **G) HCC & Ringway:**

County Councillor Hill spoke to the Assistant Network Manager at HCC and asked him to help. He contacted Ringway who agreed to a site visit (at no cost) to find the supply cable and connection point. They established that the feeder pillar was a UKPN supply point and that the cable ran under the road and would, at some point, have been connected to the lamp column opposite the memorial.

After this investigation the chief engineer sent a quotation with the following email:

Please find the quotation attached for the new feeder pillar works. We have contacted UKPN regarding the alleged disconnection of the power supply to the memorial feeder pillar and they have not been able to provide any information. Our quotation is based on the power supply being restored to the pillar prior to the proposed works and as this is now more complex, they may need to run a new power supply to the feeder pillar across the road to the power supply, which could be more than £5,000 to £10,000. Please advise if this is still required and I will provide you with the contact details of UKPN to arrange this. They will need your un-metered supply agreement details etc.

The cost for replacing the galvanised feeder pillar (quotation attached) is:

Sub Total £3,262.25

VAT @20% £652.45

Total Including VAT £3,914.70

This work could only be undertaken when UKPN has restored the supply.



The brown feeder pillar is more expensive than the galvanised one referred to in the quote, both need to be mounted off the ground so would be highly visible above the front wall of the memorial.

### **Options:**

1) apply to have the supply reconnected and a new feeder pillar installed on the inner wall of the memorial. Listed Building Consent would need to be sought as the new feeder pillar would be taller than the current one and will be visible from the street. Given the advice received so far, officers think it unlikely this would be given. The project cost estimate including new lights (as the old ones are not likely to work having sat so long unused) could be around £15k + ongoing electricity costs and maintenance.

2) Remove the old lights and do not replace - a quick survey of the internet shows that war memorials are not usually lit at night, local examples researched include: Trumpington, Ely, Bishop's Stortford, Chelmsford, Cambridge, Colchester.

Members are to agree whether to continue to proceed with the investigation based on the advice and potential costings or agree to remove the old lights and the memorial will be unlit at night.

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