

Full Council Meeting

Date: 29th August 2024

Number: FC054

To consider the quotes for the new energy contract for the provision of gas and electricity

1. Introduction

The Parish Council's energy contract for provision of gas and electricity at the Queen's Hall and Village Hall as well as the electricity for the Public Toilets, Cemetery and Clock lighting, is due to end on 30th September 2024.

Quotes have been gathered and provided by different energy consultants/brokers as well as our current provider to obtain the best competitive prices.

Below is a brief description of the quotes received, which have also been attached to this report. We requested quotes to cover a 2-year fixed period to be able to compare with other providers and have presented below the most competitive quotes.

2. Consultiv Utilities

Supplier	Term (months)	Meter location	Total Usage	Day Usage	Night Usage	Standing Charge (P/Day)	Day Rate (P/KWH)	Night Rate (P/KWH)	Est. Annual cost
				EL	ECTRICI	ΓΥ			
British Gas	24	Clock	232	232	0	104	21.72		£429.99
British Gas	24	Public Toilets	1,270	889	381	104	22.69	17.43	£647.72
British Gas	24	Queen's Hall	27,421	19,194	8226	62	26.33	21.08	£7,014.12
British Gas	24	Village Hall	8,803	8,803	0	62	24.62		£2,393.60
British Gas	24	Cemetery	1	1	0	62	21.72		£226.52
GAS									
Crown	24	Queen's Hall	82,963	82,963	0	260	5,767		£5,733.48
Crown	24	Village Hall	45,088	45,088	0	238	5,767		£3,468.92

3. Lumina Energy

(sister company to Laser Energy, our current provider)

Supplier	Term Meter (months) location		Annual Usage (KWH)	Unit Day Rate (P/KWH)	Standing Charge (P/Day)	Est. Annual Cost				
ELECTRICITY										
British Gas Lite	24	Clock	304	22.88	85	£378				
British Gas Lite	24	Public Toilets	1,354	23.85	85	£613				
British Gas	24	Queen's Hall	121,760	23.12	62	£28,377				
British Gas Lite	24	Village Hall	55,258	25.30	42	£14,134				
British Gas Lite	24	Cemetery	1	22.88	85	£309				
GAS										
E-on Next	24	Queen's Hall	82,963	6.80	30	£5,751				
E-on Next	24	Village Hall	45,088	7.30	30	£3,401				

Night rates were not provided.

4. Procure Smart Business

Supplier	Term (months)	Meter location	Annual Usage (KWH)	Standing Charge (P/Day)	Unit Day Rate (P/KWH)	Night Rate (P/KWH)	Est. Annual cost			
	ELECTRICITY									
Yu Energy	24	Clock	232	39.76	22.009		£196.27			
Yu Energy	24	Public Toilets	1,270	39.76	23.164	16.887	£422.36			
Yu Energy	24	Queen's Hall	27,421	338.39	23.293	17.293	£6,721.37			
Yu Energy	24	Village Hall	8,803	72.94	22.009		£2,074.31			
Yu Energy	24	Cemetery	1	39.76	22.009		£145.12			
	GAS									
Yu Energy	24	Queen's Hall	82,963	134.808	6.197		£5,633.27			
Yu Energy	24	Village Hall	45,088	29.17	7.229		£3,367.85			

5. Utility Aid

Sunnlier		Meter location	Annual Usage (KWH)	Standing Charge (P/Day)	Unit Day Rate (P/KWH)	Night Rate (P/KWH)	Est. Annual cost			
	ELECTRICITY									
SSE Energy Solutions	24	Clock	232	49.16164	27.99		£246.39			
EDF Energy	24	Public Toilets	1,270	60	24.20	20.60	£515.43			
British Gas Lite	24	Queen's Hall	27,421	42	26.19	20.93	£7,047.45			
EDF Energy	24	Village Hall	8,803	60	24.30		£2,358.13			
	24	Cemetery	1							
GAS										
EDF Energy	24	Queen's Hall	82,963	56	6.50		£5,597			
EDF Energy	24	Village Hall	45,088	25	7.50		£3,472.85			

Different providers were suggested for the various meter locations. Above are listed the best quotes received per meter, as opposed to having received the best competitive supplier for all the meters combined, which makes the reporting a bit more difficult.

6. Recommendation

CPC current contract (ending 30th September) with Laser Energy is on a strategic Flexible Energy Plan where the energy is purchased one year in advance and the price fixed for one year at the start of that year, repeating this process every year. Laser Energy are expecting a 40% reduction in the current rates from October, although prices are confirmed around 4 weeks after they start, therefore prices are not visible before we sign up to renewing the strategic flexible plan as purchasing is ongoing. Laser's tender process is one of the most competitive in the market and they are trusted to purchase for large public sector bodies such as Councils, Education, NHS, Housing and Blue Light customers.

The above quotes are all fixed prices for a period of 24 months. Procure Smart with Yu Energy seems to present the most competitive prices so far. They're a large utility company based in Nottingham with a trust pilot score of 4.2 out of 5: https://uk.trustpilot.com/review/yuenergy.co.uk and currently supply over 30,000 businesses in the UK and are starting to become one of the bigger players in the industry. For more information, please visit their website: https://www.yuenergy.co.uk

Appendix – current figures with Laser Energy

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Appendix

Current figures with Laser Energy

Term (months)	Meter location	Annual Usage (KWH)	O I Charne		Night Rate (P/KWH)	Est. Annual cost				
	ELECTRICITY									
24	Clock	232	48.85	29.292		£246.26				
24	Public Toilets	1,270	48.85	29.379	25.464	£539.55				
24	Queen's Hall	27,421	405.64	29.379	25.464	£9,322.69				
24	Village Hall	8,803	88.77	29.292		£2,902.59				
24	Cemetery	1				n/a				
GAS										
24	Queen's Hall	82,963	288	7.512		£7,283.38				
24	Village Hall	45,088	207	7.52		£4,146.17				