

Report to Rugeley Town Council

Finance and Management Committee

15th November 2023



Responses re: electricity costs from local theatres

Responses from:-

Lichfield Garrick

Prince of Wales, Cannock

Source: Sue Buxton -Town Clerk

Clerk

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 26 October 2023 14:05
To: [Redacted], Clerk
Subject: RE: [External Sender]Garrick Theatre and Rose Theatre

RESPONSE FROM
LICHFIELD GARRICK

Hi Sue

We've been really lucky with our electricity costs as we were on a fixed price deal until about May of this year so, I'm still a bit uncertain about what our full year costs will be for this year, but here are some figures for you.

Last financial year (Aug 22 to Jul 23) - £46k (but only May, June and July at current rates).
This financial year I'm predicting approx. £100k.

So, yes your £96k does seem quite high. Do you know what your annual usage is? Or what rates you're currently paying? Are you tied into a contract?

Is your building heated by electric? Our building is heated by gas, so maybe we need to compare total gas and electric?

Do you have air conditioning? Or any LED lighting? Our building is naturally ventilated so we don't have any air conditioning. We have also made some changes in the past few years with regards to LED lighting in the front of house areas and the house lights so that may be contributing to our improved efficiency.

Last year our gas was £17k.
I'm predicting £27k for this financial year.

Hope that is of help. Also, as Daniel said we would be very interested to hear about how you went about installing the solar panels.

Kind Regards
Sam



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From: [Redacted]

Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 1:49 PM

To: Clerk <clerk@rugeleytowncouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: [External Sender]Garrick Theatre and Rose Theatre

Hi Sue

Happy to help if we can.

I'm copying in our Finance Director, Sam Bottrill, who can hopefully assist with a bit of comparator data.

Also, I think we'd be interested to hear about the costs & anticipated savings of you installing solar panels / batteries there, as this is something we've been discussing in recent months.

All the best

Daniel

From: Clerk <clerk@rugeleytowncouncil.gov.uk>

Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 10:32 AM

Subject: [External Sender]Garrick Theatre and Rose Theatre

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Good morning Daniel,

Firstly, I need to introduce myself as the newly appointed clerk at Rugeley Town Council. At the town council we run the small Rose Theatre at Rugeley.

I have walked into a situation where our electricity costs are the subject of much debate, as they are estimated to be £96K for the financial year (theatre and small office building). We have just had solar panels and batteries installed, which will bring the cost down, but as we are only one month in, it is too early to see the real effect.

I have been tasked with a number of things to do to check our electric which I am slowly working through.

The question I would like to ask you is, what are the electric/gas costs for the Garrick Theatre? I appreciate yours will be significantly higher than ours, but I am just trying to get a ball park figure, to see if our £96K is within a reasonable range. Could you also tell me how the building is heated too?

Any help you can give me with this would be much appreciated.

Many thanks

Sue

Kind regards,

Sue Buxton CILCA

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Clerk

From: ~~Richard Kay <Richard.Kay@princeofwales.org>~~
Sent: 27 October 2023 13:32
To: Clerk
Subject: RE: Prince of Wales Theatre and Rose Theatre

Hi Sue

RESPONSE FROM PRINCE
OF WALES
THEATRE

Thanks for your email and good luck in your new role.

I know the rose well, actually worked there for a short while many years ago.

Basically all our building is electric, no gas boilers, and our anticipated spend for this financial year is circa £142k. So the figure for the Rose is probably there or thereabouts. Utility bills are a big worry currently and are having an enormous impact in this industry. However I would hope that your installation of panels will make a significant difference.

Hope that helps but if you need anything else please let me know.

Thanks
Richard

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Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 10:37 AM
~~Richard Kay <Richard.Kay@princeofwales.org>~~
Subject: Prince of Wales Theatre and Rose Theatre

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