



GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD AT
HALO LEISURE CENTRE PONTYCYMMER 9TH APRIL 2018 AT 1.00 PM

Present: Councillor J Davies (Finance Committee Chair)

Councillors: C G Andrews
H Griffiths (Council Chair)
R Stirman

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO

Apologies: None

FR58/17 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

RESOLVED:

Councillor Roz Stirman declared an interest as a Member of BCBC. Councillor H Griffiths declared an interest in Ffaldau Primary School and Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen.

FR59/17 **TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7th NOVEMBER 2017**

RESOLVED:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2017 were accepted as a true and accurate record; with this, the Chairman duly signed the Minute Book.

FR60/17 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE NOVEMBER 2017 MEETING**

Resolved: There were no Matters Arising.

FR61/17 **TO REVIEW THE END OF YEAR FIGURES FOR 2017/18**

The Clerk presented draft end of year figures. It was noted that there was a £10,991.54 overspend on elections due to the two unforeseen by-elections and higher local election costs than expected. The cost of the flood lights for Bettws Primary School had used up £8,000 of the contingency budget and the Christmas lighting budget needed some discussion. The travel, insurance and training overspends were explained.

Resolved: These explanations were noted and accepted. As BCBC had not provided a ward breakdown of Christmas lighting costs as requested by the Clerk, it was impossible to allocate the costs to each ward. It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that the Llangeinor Ward receive their allocation of £1,250 and the difference be split between the two wards to be taken out of their ward funds.

FR62/17 **TO DISCUSS THE GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION WHICH COMES INTO FORCE ON 25TH MAY 2018 AND THE ACCOMPANYING NEW DATA PROTECTION ACT WHICH REQUEIRES A DATA PROTECTION OFFICER TO BE APPOINTED**

The Clerk informed Members that clarification had now been received that the Clerk could not carry out the role of DPO. The Clerk had obtained a quotation from a company offering this service of £???. Unfortunately this could expenditure was unknown at the time of setting the Precept Budget so this would be an additional cost not shown in the budget.

Resolved: It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that this service be engaged for 2018/19 at the quoted cost.

FR63/17 TO CONSIDER THE RENEWAL OF ONE VOICE WALES MEMBERSHIP

All agreed that Membership was essential.

Resolved: The renewal cost of £1,053 had been agreed at the December 2017 Precept Meeting, the Clerk would renew.

FR64/17 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND APPLICATION

If the fund is granted for the refurbishment of the Bettws bus stops there is a shortfall of £795 for the Community Council to fund. This has not been included in the Precept budget as it was decided before the application was submitted.

Resolved: It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that the shortfall is taken from the Bettws ward fund.

Note: With the agreement of the Chair this item was added to the agenda at short notice so that consideration could be given for a recommendation to the Full Council at its meeting to be held on 16th April 2018.

FR67/17 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FEBRUARY REPORT

The Clerk updated Members on the outcome of the report and its effect on the budget. Membership of the Allowance Scheme was now mandatory. This would have an impact on the budget as Community Councillors were to be given an annual allowance of £150 to cover phone, broadband etc. expenses. If they did not wish to accept the allowance they would need to write to the Clerk to let her know. This allowance did not apply to Councillors who receive allowances in a Borough Council role. There were also some allowances which were not mandatory which could be offered to Chairs of Committees, the Chair, Vice-Chair and an honorarium payment to the Chair and these were discussed.

Resolved: The information given by the Clerk was noted. This would be raised at the Full Council meeting for a decision on the non-mandatory allowances.

FR66/17 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

Resolved: There were no items suggested for the agenda of the next meeting, therefore it was agreed to keep this open to include anything that may arise in the time between meetings, with the Chair's agreement.

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FR67/17 TO AGREE THE DATE AND LOCATION FOR THE NEXT FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

Resolved: The Committee will next meet on Monday 9th July 2018 at 1.00 pm venue tbc.

With there being no further matters to discuss the Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 1.55 pm