**LLANTYSILIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD 4TH DECEMBER 2023**

**AT THE CONQUERING HERO COMMUNITY CENTRE**

# PRESENT

Chairman: Mrs M. Smith

Councillors: P. Davies, R. Cragg, R. Hughes Mrs J. Evans, S Evans, County Cllr. Karen Edwards and the Clerk.

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. J. Pickett, D Walton and A. Jones.

**23/4144 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

# 23/4145 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Llantysilio Green

Some discussion regarding the report from Countryside Services, which the Clerk had forwarded to members. The hardcore base for the catering van stirred up some feeling that the tender for the catering should have been to local businesses. Concern was also expressed as to the amount of extra litter a food van would create. Cllr. Cragg said that the one at Moel Famau was working well with no problems. It was agreed that the Council needs more information before it could comment officially.

Phosphate

This was still ongoing.

LDP

No change to the LDP.

Budget 2024/25

DCC are looking at raising the Council Tax to householders by 7% with cuts in frontline services to help cover a shortfall of £28m for the coming tax year.

Libraries questionnaire

There had been a huge feedback from the public regarding DCC’s plans to cut the opening hours for libraries. Because of this the proposal could be called in.

National Park

No further updates with no plans at the present time to ask town/community councils for their views.

Council tax re-banding

WAG have begun this process but it will be a long one.

# 23/4146 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were a approved as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs J. Evans.

Seconded by Cllr. Mrs M. Smith.

# 23/4147 MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

None

# 23/4148 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. **Accounts for payment.**

The Accounts were paid as on the schedule attached to these Minutes.

1. **Monthly Budget**

The Budget was approved as a correct record.

1. **Donations**

It was agreed to donate £100 each to the Conquering Hero Community Centre and to Pentredŵr Community Centre.

1. **SLCC**

The Council agreed to renew the annual subscription of £105.00.

1. **Clerk’s annual salary increase**

The Local Government Association and National Joint Council for Local Government Services has reached an agreement on rates of pay for community/town clerks from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024. This will equate to an increase of £1.00 per hour for the Clerk. The Council resolved to accept this increase.

1. **Clerk’s allowance**

It was agreed to transfer the £20 allowance paid to the Clerk under admin’ for expenses to the Clerk’s allowance. This will not incur any extra payment from the Council to the Clerk. The Clerk’s allowance has remained as £15.00 per month since 1995 and will, from April 2024, be raised by £20.00 to £35.00.

1. **To set the Precept for 2024/25.**

In line with the Financial Committee’s proposal and taking into account the three year projected budget to 2027, as presented by Cllr. Cragg the Committee’s Chairman the Council unanimously agreed to raise the Precept by 6%, which would incur a raise of approximately £2.69 per household per annum. To reach this conclusion the Council took into account the following: -

* Cemetery

Cemetery costs are rising considerably and, even though there have been a number of burials this financial year the income for future years can not be guaranteed. The central path has had to be replaced this year at a cost of £1,200.00. This was a health and safety issue and could not be overlooked. The perimeter fence has again been damaged which cost £700 to replace and repaint. Although some of this cost was covered by insurance there was still a substantial shortfall.

* Clerk’s salary

The LGA and NJCLGS agreement on rates of pay for community/town clerks from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 entails an increase of £1.00 per hour for the Clerk, £15.67 to £16.67 per hour. On the basis of working 7 hours a week the Clerk’s annual salary from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 is £6,067. This increase has been allowed for in the Council’s projected budget.

* Bus shelters/seats etc

The bus shelter at Llantysilio School had to be removed this year on health and safety grounds at a cost of £485.99. Although this was much less than anticipated and was covered under ‘projects’ the Council has to consider the other shelters which are ageing and could need expensive restoration work at some point soon.

* Reserve

The Council agreed to hold an annual reserve of £4,000.00.

**23/4149 NATIONAL PARK**

Covered under 23/4145.

# 23/4150 MOEL Y FAEN QUARRY LIAISON GROUP

Nothing further to report.

**23/4151 CEMETERY**

Repairs to path to be progressed.

# 23/4152 PLANNING MATTERS

None.

**23/4153 COMMUNITY PROBLEMS**

Blocked drain at Dinbren Isa, Dinbren Ucha.

**23/4154 COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Nothing to report.

**23/4155 CLERK’S REPORT**

Nothing to report.

# 23/4156 CORRESPONDENCE

Relevant emails forwarded to members.

**23/4157 MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

None.

**There being no other business the Chairperson declared the Meeting closed.**