



MODEL STANDING ORDERS 2023 (WALES)

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INTRODUCTION

This is a new version of the model standing orders designed to comply with all relevant legislation including the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. (May 2023)

How to use model standing orders

Standing orders are the written rules of a local council. Standing orders are essential to regulate the proceedings of a meeting. A council may also use standing orders to confirm or refer to various internal organisational and administrative arrangements. The standing orders of a council are not the same as the policies of a council but standing orders may refer to them.

Local councils operate within a wide statutory framework. These model standing orders incorporate and reference many statutory requirements to which councils are subject. It is not possible for the model standing orders to contain or reference all the statutory or legal requirements which apply to local councils. For example, it is not practical for model standing orders to document all obligations under data protection legislation. The statutory requirements to which a council is subject apply whether or not they are incorporated in a council's standing orders.

The model standing orders do not include model financial regulations. Financial regulations are standing orders to regulate and control the financial affairs and accounting procedures of a local council. The financial regulations, as opposed to the standing orders of a council, include most of the requirements relevant to the council's Responsible Financial Officer. Model financial regulations are available to councils in membership of One Voice Wales (OVW).

Drafting notes

Model standing orders that are in bold type contain legal and statutory requirements. It is recommended that councils adopt them without changing them or their meaning. Model standing orders not in bold are designed to help councils operate effectively but they do not contain statutory requirements so they may be adopted as drafted or amended to suit a council's needs. It is OVW's view that all model standing orders will generally be suitable for councils.

For convenience, the word "councillor" is used in model standing orders and, unless the context suggests otherwise, includes a non-councillor with or without voting rights. A model standing order that includes brackets like this '()' requires information to be inserted by a council. A model standing order that includes brackets like this '[]' and the term 'OR' provides alternative options for a council to choose from when determining standing orders.

1. RULES OF DEBATE AT MEETINGS

- a Motions on the agenda shall be considered in the order that they appear unless the order is changed at the discretion of the chair of the meeting.
- b A motion (including an amendment) shall not be progressed unless it has been moved and seconded.
- c A motion on the agenda that is not moved by its proposer may be treated by the chair of the meeting as withdrawn.
- d If a motion (including an amendment) has been seconded, it may be withdrawn by the proposer only with the consent of the seconder and the meeting.
- e An amendment is a proposal to remove or add words to a motion. It shall not negate the motion.
- f If an amendment to the original motion is carried, the original motion (as amended) becomes the substantive motion upon which further amendment(s) may be moved.
- g An amendment shall not be considered unless early verbal notice of it is given at the meeting and, if requested by the chair of the meeting, is expressed in writing to the chair.
- h A councillor may move an amendment to their own motion if agreed by the meeting. If a motion has already been seconded, the amendment shall be with the consent of the seconder and the meeting.
- i If there is more than one amendment to an original or substantive motion, the amendments shall be moved in the order directed by the chair of the meeting.
- j Subject to standing order 1(k), only one amendment shall be moved and debated at a time, the order of which shall be directed by the chair of the meeting.
- k One or more amendments may be discussed together if the chair of the meeting considers this expedient but each amendment shall be voted upon separately.
- l A councillor may not move more than one amendment to an original or substantive motion.
- m The mover of an amendment has no right of reply at the end of debate on it.
- n Where a series of amendments to an original motion are carried, the mover of the original motion shall have a right of reply either at the end of debate on the first amendment or at the very end of debate on the final substantive motion immediately before it is put to the vote.
- o Unless permitted by the chair of the meeting, a councillor may speak once in the debate on a motion except:
 - i. to speak on an amendment moved by another councillor;
 - ii. to move or speak on another amendment if the motion has been amended since they last spoke;
 - iii. to make a point of order;
 - iv. to give a personal explanation; or

- v. to exercise a right of reply.
- p During the debate on a motion, a councillor may interrupt only on a point of order or a personal explanation and the councillor who was interrupted shall stop speaking. A councillor raising a point of order shall identify the standing order which they consider has been breached or specify the other irregularity in the proceedings of the meeting they are concerned by.
- q A point of order shall be decided by the chair of the meeting and their decision shall be final.
- r When a motion is under debate, no other motion shall be moved except:
 - i. to amend the motion;
 - ii. to proceed to the next business;
 - iii. to adjourn the debate;
 - iv. to put the motion to a vote;
 - v. to ask a person to be no longer heard or to leave the meeting;
 - vi. to refer a motion to a committee or sub-committee for consideration;
 - vii. to exclude the public and press;
 - viii. to adjourn the meeting; or
 - ix. to suspend particular standing order(s) excepting those which reflect mandatory statutory or legal requirements.
- s Before an original or substantive motion is put to the vote, the chair of the meeting shall be satisfied that the motion has been sufficiently debated and that the mover of the motion under debate has exercised or waived their right of reply.
- t Excluding motions moved under standing order 1(r), the contributions or speeches by a councillor shall relate only to the motion under discussion and shall not exceed (10) minutes without the consent of the chair of the meeting.

2. DISORDERLY CONDUCT AT MEETINGS

- a No person shall obstruct the transaction of business at a meeting or behave offensively or improperly. If this standing order is ignored, the chair of the meeting shall request such person(s) to moderate or improve their conduct.
- b If person(s) disregard the request of the chair of the meeting to moderate or improve their conduct, any councillor or the chair of the meeting may move that the person be no longer heard or be excluded from the meeting. The motion, if seconded, shall be put to the vote without discussion.
- c If a resolution made under standing order 2(b) is ignored, the chair of the meeting may take further reasonable steps to restore order or to progress the meeting. This may include temporarily suspending or closing the meeting.

3. MEETINGS GENERALLY

- Full Council meetings ●
- Committee meetings ●
- Sub-committee meetings ●

a Notices of meetings

- i. The notice (including how the meeting may be accessed virtually, if applicable) must be published electronically and in a conspicuous place in the community at least three clear days before the meeting, or if the meeting is convened at shorter notice, at the time it is convened.
- ii. If a member wants to receive the summons in writing rather than electronically to the address allocated to them or notified as their address to the clerk, they must give notice in writing to the clerk and specify the postal address to which the summons should be sent.
- iii. The notice must provide details about how to access the meeting remotely, and the time and place of the meeting. The place may be omitted if the meeting is held by remote means only.
- iv. In exceptional circumstances, a meeting of a committee or sub-committee of the council may be called at shorter notice. In which case, notices should be published with at least 24 hours' notice.

These notice requirements also apply where a formal meeting is taking place which is not open to the public.

b Multi-location meetings

- i. All community councils must make and publish arrangements for its meetings to enable people who are not in the same place to meet. Under the arrangements, councils will need to take reasonable steps to allow meetings to be held from multiple locations. If the arrangements are revised or replaced the new arrangements must also be published.
- ii. The minimum requirement is that members are able to hear and be heard by others.

c Meetings Generally – Other.

- a **The minimum three clear days for notice of a meeting does not include the day on which the notice was issued, the day of the meeting, a Sunday, a day of the Christmas break, a day of the Easter break or of a bank holiday or a day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning.**
- b **The minimum three clear days' public notice for a meeting does not include the day on which the notice was issued or the day of the meeting unless the meeting is convened at shorter notice.**
- c **Meetings shall be open to the public unless their presence is prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons. The public and the press's exclusion from part or all of a meeting shall be by a resolution which shall give reasons for the public and the press to be excluded.**
- d The person presiding over the meeting must give members of the public in attendance a reasonable opportunity to make representations about any business to be discussed at

the meeting, unless doing so is likely to prejudice the effective conduct of the meeting. This does not mean that members of the public can take part in debate, but they must be given a reasonable opportunity to make representations about business to be discussed.

- e The period of time designated for public participation at a meeting in accordance with standing order 3(d) shall not exceed (15) minutes unless directed otherwise by the chair of the meeting.
- f Subject to standing order 3(e), a member of the public shall not speak for more than (3) minutes.
- g In accordance with standing order 3(d), a question shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The chair of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given.
- h A person shall raise their hand when requesting to speak and stand when speaking (except when a person has a disability or is likely to suffer discomfort)]. The chair of the meeting may at any time permit a person to be seated when speaking.
- i A person who speaks at a meeting shall direct their comments to the chair of the meeting.
- j Only one person is permitted to speak at a time. If more than one person wants to speak, the chair of the meeting shall direct the order of speaking.
- k **Photographing, recording, broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of a meeting by any means is not permitted without the Council's consent.**
- l **The press shall be provided with reasonable facilities for the taking of their report of all or part of a meeting at which they are entitled to be present.**
- m **Subject to standing orders which indicate otherwise, anything authorised or required to be done by, to or before the Chair of the Council may in their absence be done by, to or before the Vice-Chair of the Council (if there is one).**
- n **The Chair of the Council, if present, shall preside at a meeting. If the Chair is absent from a meeting, the Vice-Chair of the Council (if there is one), if present, shall preside. If both the Chair and the Vice-Chair are absent from a meeting, a councillor as chosen by the councillors present at the meeting shall preside at the meeting.**
- o **Subject to a meeting being quorate, all questions at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of the councillors and non-councillors with voting rights present and voting.**
- p **The chair of a meeting may give an original vote on any matter put to the vote, and in the case of an equality of votes may exercise their casting vote whether or not they gave an original vote.**

See standing orders 5(h) and (i) for the different rules that apply in the election of the Chair of the Council at the annual meeting of the Council.

- q **Unless standing orders provide otherwise, voting on a question shall be by a show of hands.** Should there be a member in remote attendance, with only sound facility, they will verbally confirm their vote. **At the request of a councillor, the voting on any question shall be recorded so as to show whether each councillor present and voting gave their vote for or against that question.** Such a request shall be made before moving on to the next item of business on the agenda.

- r The minutes of a meeting shall include an accurate record of the following:
 - i. the time and place of the meeting;
 - ii. the names of councillors who are present stating whether they are present in person or remotely, and the names of councillors who are absent;
 - iii. interests that have been declared by councillors and non-councillors with voting rights;
 - iv. the grant of dispensations (if any) to councillors and non-councillors with voting rights;
 - v. whether a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights left the meeting when matters that they held interests in were being considered;
 - vi. if there was a public participation session; and
 - vii. the resolutions made.

- s **A councillor or a non-councillor with voting rights who has a personal or prejudicial interest in a matter being considered at a meeting which limits or restricts their right to participate in a discussion or vote on that matter is subject to obligations in the code of conduct adopted by the Council.**

- t **No business may be transacted at a meeting unless at least one-third of the whole number of members of the Council are present and in no case shall the quorum of a meeting be less than three.**

See standing order 4(d)(viii) for the quorum of a committee or sub-committee meeting.

- u **If a meeting is or becomes inquorate no business shall be transacted** and the meeting shall be closed. The business on the agenda for the meeting shall be adjourned to another meeting.

- v A meeting shall not exceed a period of (3.5) hours.

4. COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

- a **Unless the Council determines otherwise, a committee may appoint a sub-committee whose terms of reference and members shall be determined by the committee.**
- b **The members of a committee may include non-councillors unless it is a committee which regulates and controls the finances of the Council.**
- c **Unless the Council determines otherwise, all the members of an advisory committee and a sub-committee of the advisory committee may be non-councillors.**

- d The Council may appoint standing committees or other committees as may be necessary, and:
- i. shall determine their terms of reference;
 - ii. shall determine the number and time of the ordinary meetings of a standing committee up until the date of the next annual meeting of the Council;
 - iii. shall permit a committee, other than in respect of the ordinary meetings of a committee, to determine the number and time of its meetings;
 - iv. shall, subject to standing orders 4(b) and (c), appoint and determine the terms of office of members of such a committee;
 - v. may, subject to standing orders 4(b) and (c), appoint and determine the terms of office of the substitute members to a committee whose role is to replace the ordinary members at a meeting of a committee if the ordinary members of the committee confirm to the Proper Officer (5) days before the meeting that they are unable to attend;
 - vi. shall, after it has appointed the members of a standing committee, appoint the chair of the standing committee;
 - vii. shall permit a committee other than a standing committee, to appoint its own chair at the first meeting of the committee;
 - viii. shall determine the place, notice requirements and quorum for a meeting of a committee and a sub-committee which, in both cases, shall be no less than three;
 - ix. shall determine if the public may participate at a meeting of a committee;
 - x. shall determine if the public and press are permitted to attend the meetings of a sub-committee and also the advance public notice requirements, if any, required for the meetings of a sub-committee;
 - xi. shall determine if the public may participate at a meeting of a sub-committee that they are permitted to attend; and
 - xii. may dissolve a committee or a sub-committee.

5. ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

- a **In an election year, the annual meeting of the Council shall be held on or within 14 days following the day on which the councillors elected take office.**
- b **In a year which is not an election year, the annual meeting of the Council shall be held on such day in May as the Council decides.**
- c **If no other time is fixed, the annual meeting of the Council shall take place at 6pm.**
- d **In addition to the annual meeting of the Council, any number of other ordinary meetings may be held in each year on such dates and times as the Council decides.**
- e **The first business conducted at the annual meeting of the Council shall be the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair (if there is one) of the Council.**

- f **The Chair of the Council, unless they have resigned or become disqualified, shall continue in office and preside at the annual meeting until their successor is elected at the next annual meeting of the Council.**
- g **The Vice-Chair of the Council if there is one, unless they resign or become disqualified, shall hold office until immediately after the election of the Chair of the Council at the next annual meeting of the Council.**
- h **In an election year, if the current Chair of the Council has not been re-elected as a member of the Council, they shall preside at the annual meeting until a successor Chair of the Council has been elected. The current Chair of the Council shall not have an original vote in respect of the election of the new Chair of the Council but shall give a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.**
- i **In an election year, if the current Chair of the Council has been re-elected as a member of the Council, they shall preside at the annual meeting until a new Chair of the Council has been elected. They may exercise an original vote in respect of the election of the new Chair of the Council and shall give a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.**
- j Following the election of the Chair of the Council and Vice-Chair (if there is one) of the Council at the annual meeting, the business shall include:
 - i. **In an election year, delivery by the Chair of the Council and councillors of their acceptance of office forms unless the Council resolves for this to be done at a later date. In a year which is not an election year, delivery by the Chair of the Council of their acceptance of office form unless the Council resolves for this to be done at a later date;**
 - ii. Confirmation of the accuracy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Council;
 - iii. Receipt of the minutes of the last meeting of a committee;
 - iv. Consideration of the recommendations made by a committee;
 - v. Review of delegation arrangements to committees, sub-committees, staff and other local authorities;
 - vi. Review of the terms of reference for committees;
 - vii. Appointment of members to existing committees;
 - viii. Appointment of any new committees in accordance with standing order 4;
 - ix. Review and adoption of appropriate standing orders and financial regulations;
 - x. Review of the eligibility criteria for the use of the general power of competence
 - xi. Review and adoption of the council's training plan
 - xii. Review of arrangements (including legal agreements) with other local authorities, not-for-profit bodies and businesses;

- xiii. Review of representation on or work with external bodies and arrangements for reporting back;
- xiv. Review of inventory of land and other assets including buildings and office equipment;
- xv. Confirmation of arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insurable risks;
- xvi. Review of the Council's and/or staff subscriptions to other bodies;
- xvii. Review of the Council's complaints procedure;
- xviii. Review of the Council's policies, procedures and practices in respect of its obligations under freedom of information and data protection legislation (*see also standing orders 11, 20 and 21*);
- xix. Review of the Council's policy for dealing with the press/media;
- xx. Review of the Council's employment policies and procedures;
- xxi. Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council.

6. EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL, COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

- a **The Chair of the Council may convene an extraordinary meeting of the Council at any time.**
- b **If the Chair of the Council does not call an extraordinary meeting of the Council within seven days of having been requested in writing to do so by two councillors, any two councillors may convene an extraordinary meeting of the Council. The public notice giving the time, place and agenda for such a meeting shall be signed by the two councillors.**
- c The chair of a committee or a sub-committee may convene an extraordinary meeting of the committee or the sub-committee at any time.
- d If the chair of a committee or a sub-committee does not call an extraordinary meeting within (7) days of having been requested to do so by (2) members of the committee or the sub-committee, any (2) members of the committee or the sub-committee may convene an extraordinary meeting of the committee or the sub-committee.

7. PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS

- a A resolution shall not be reversed within six months except either by a special motion, which requires written notice by at least (6) councillors to be given to the Proper Officer in accordance with standing order 9, or by a motion moved in pursuance of the recommendation of a committee or a sub-committee.

- b When a motion moved pursuant to standing order 7(a) has been disposed of, no similar motion may be moved for a further six months.

8. VOTING ON APPOINTMENTS

- a Where more than two persons have been nominated for a position to be filled by the Council and none of those persons has received an absolute majority of votes in their favour, the name of the person having the least number of votes shall be struck off the list and a fresh vote taken. This process shall continue until a majority of votes is given in favour of one person. A tie in votes may be settled by the casting vote exercisable by the chair of the meeting.

9. MOTIONS FOR A MEETING THAT REQUIRES WRITTEN NOTICE TO BE GIVEN TO THE PROPER OFFICER

- a A motion shall relate to the responsibilities of the meeting for which it is tabled and in any event shall relate to the performance of the Council's statutory functions, powers and obligations or an issue which specifically affects the Council's area or its residents.
- b No motion may be moved at a meeting unless it is on the agenda and the mover has given written notice of its wording to the Proper Officer at least (10) clear days before the meeting. Clear days do not include the day of the notice or the day of the meeting.
- c The Proper Officer may, before including a motion on the agenda, received in accordance with standing order 9(b), correct obvious grammatical or typographical errors in the wording of the motion.
- d If the Proper Officer considers the wording of a motion received in accordance with standing order 9(b) is not clear in meaning, the motion shall be rejected until the mover of the motion re-submits it, so that it can be understood, in writing, to the Proper Officer at least (10) clear days before the meeting.
- e If the wording or subject of a proposed motion is considered improper, the Proper Officer shall consult with the chair of the forthcoming meeting or, as the case may be, the councillors who have convened the meeting, to consider whether the motion shall be included in the agenda or rejected.
- f The decision of the Proper Officer as to whether or not to include the motion on the agenda shall be final.
- g Motions received shall be recorded and numbered in the order that they are received.
- h Motions rejected shall be recorded with an explanation by the Proper Officer of the reason for rejection.

10. MOTIONS AT A MEETING THAT DO NOT REQUIRE WRITTEN NOTICE

- a The following motions may be moved at a meeting without written notice to the Proper Officer:
- i. to correct an inaccuracy in the draft minutes of a meeting;
 - ii. to move to a vote;
 - iii. to defer consideration of a motion;
 - iv. to refer a motion to a particular committee or sub-committee;
 - v. to appoint a person to preside at a meeting;
 - vi. to change the order of business on the agenda;
 - vii. to proceed to the next business on the agenda;
 - viii. to require a written report;
 - ix. to appoint a committee or sub-committee and their members;
 - x. to extend the time limits for speaking;
 - xi. to exclude the press and public from a meeting in respect of confidential or other information which is prejudicial to the public interest;
 - xii. to not hear further from a councillor or a member of the public;
 - xiii. to exclude a councillor or member of the public for disorderly conduct;
 - xiv. to temporarily suspend the meeting;
 - xv. to suspend a particular standing order (unless it reflects mandatory statutory or legal requirements);
 - xvi. to adjourn the meeting; or
 - xvii. to close the meeting.

11. MANAGEMENT OF INFORMATION

See also standing order 20.

- a **The Council shall have in place and keep under review, technical and organisational measures to keep secure information (including personal data) which it holds in paper and electronic form. Such arrangements shall include deciding who has access to personal data and encryption of personal data. Such date will include recordings of meetings held by the Council.**
- b **The Council shall have in place, and keep under review, policies for the retention and safe destruction of all information (including personal data) which it holds in paper, recorded and electronic form. The Council's retention policy shall confirm the period**

for which information (including personal data) shall be retained or if this is not possible the criteria used to determine that period (e.g., the Limitation Act 1980).

- c The agenda, papers that support the agenda and the minutes of a meeting shall not disclose or otherwise undermine confidential information or personal data without legal justification.
- d Councillors, staff, the Council's contractors and agents shall not disclose confidential information or personal data without legal justification.

12. DRAFT MINUTES

- a If the draft minutes of a preceding meeting have been served on councillors with the agenda to attend the meeting at which they are due to be approved for accuracy, they shall be taken as read.
- b There shall be no discussion about the draft minutes of a preceding meeting except in relation to their accuracy. A motion to correct an inaccuracy in the draft minutes shall be moved in accordance with standing order 10(a)(i).
- c The accuracy of draft minutes, including any amendment(s) made to them, shall be confirmed by resolution and shall be signed by the chair of the meeting and stand as an accurate record of the meeting to which the minutes relate.
- d If the chair of the meeting does not consider the minutes to be an accurate record of the meeting to which they relate, they shall sign the minutes and include a paragraph in the following terms or to the same effect:

"The chair of this meeting does not believe that the minutes of the meeting of the () held on [date] in respect of () were a correct record but their view was not upheld by the meeting and the minutes are confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings."
- e Subject to standing order 20(a) and following a resolution which confirms the accuracy of the minutes of a meeting, the draft minutes or recordings of the meeting for which approved minutes exist shall be destroyed.
- f **no later than seven working days of a council meeting, the council must publish electronically a note setting out:**

- **The names of the members who attended the meeting, and any apologies for absence;**
- **Any declarations of interest; and**
- **Any decisions taken at the meeting, including the outcomes of any votes.**

The requirements regarding the note to be published after a council meeting do not apply for private business or where disclosure would be detrimental to acting on those decisions.

13. CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISPENSATIONS

See also standing order 3(s).

- a **Councillors and non-councillors with voting rights shall observe the code of conduct adopted by the Council.**
- b All councillors and non-councillors with voting rights shall undertake training in the code of conduct within six months of the delivery of their acceptance of office form.
- c **Dispensation requests shall be in writing and submitted to the standards committee of the [County Council] as soon as possible before the meeting that the dispensation is required for.**

14. CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

- a Upon notification by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales that it is dealing with a complaint that a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights has breached the Council's code of conduct, the Proper Officer shall, subject to standing order 13, report this to the Council.
- b Where the notification in standing order 14(a) relates to a complaint made by the Proper Officer, the Proper Officer shall notify the Chair of Council of this fact, and the Chair shall nominate another staff member to assume the duties of the Proper Officer in relation to the complaint until it has been determined.
- c The Council may:
 - i. provide information or evidence where such disclosure is necessary to investigate the complaint or is a legal requirement;
 - ii. seek information relevant to the complaint from the person or body with statutory responsibility for investigation of the matter;
 - iii. indemnify the councillor or non-councillor with voting rights in respect of their related legal costs and any such indemnity is subject to approval by a meeting of the Council.

15. PROPER OFFICER

- a The Proper Officer shall be either (i) the clerk or (ii) other staff member(s) (iii) a suitably qualified Clerk from another Flintshire Town or Community Council nominated by the Council to undertake the work of the Proper Officer when the Proper Officer is absent.
 - i. The Proper Officer shall **at least three clear days before a meeting of the council, a committee** or a sub-committee:
 - a) Arrange for the serving of the notice (including how the meeting may be accessed virtually, (if applicable) which must be published electronically and in a conspicuous place in the community at least three clear days before the meeting, or if the meeting is convened at shorter notice, at the time it is convened.
 - b) If a member wants to receive the summons in writing rather than electronically, they must give notice in writing to the clerk and specify the postal address to which the

summons should be sent.

c) The notice must provide details about how to access the meeting remotely , and the time and place of the meeting. The place may be omitted if the meeting is held by remote means only.

d) The notice must be available in a conspicuous place giving notice of the time, place and agenda (provided that the public notice with agenda of an extraordinary meeting of the Council convened by councillors is signed by them) and published electronically with notice of the time and place and, as far as reasonably practicable, any documents relating to the business to be transacted at the meeting unless they relate to business which is likely to be considered in private or if their disclosure would be contrary to any enactment.

See standing order 3 (a) and (b) (Meetings Generally – Other) for the meaning of clear days for a meeting of a full council and for a meeting of a committee;

- ii. subject to standing order 9, include on the agenda all motions in the order received unless a councillor has given written notice at least (5) days before the meeting confirming their withdrawal of it;
- iii. **convene a meeting of Council for the election of a new Chair of the Council, occasioned by a casual vacancy in their office;**
- iv. **facilitate inspection of the minute book by local government electors;**
- v. **receive and retain copies of byelaws made by other local authorities;**
- vi. hold acceptance of office forms from councillors;
- vii. hold a copy of every councillor's register of interests;
- viii. assist with responding to requests made under freedom of information legislation and rights exercisable under data protection legislation, in accordance with the Council's relevant policies and procedures;
- ix. liaise, as appropriate, with the Council's Data Protection Officer (if there is one);
- x. receive and send general correspondence and notices on behalf of the Council except where there is a resolution to the contrary;
- xi. assist in the organisation of, storage of, access to, security of and destruction of information held by the Council in paper and electronic form subject to the requirements of freedom of information and data protection legislation and other legitimate requirements (e.g., the Limitation Act 1980);
- xii. arrange for legal deeds to be executed;

See also standing order 23;

- xiii. arrange or manage the prompt authorisation, approval, and instruction regarding any payments to be made by the Council in accordance with its financial regulations;
- xiv. record every planning application notified to the Council and the Council's response to the local planning authority in a book or file for such purpose;

- xv. refer a planning application received by the Council to the [Chair or in their absence the Vice-Chair (if there is one) of the Council] within two working days of receipt to facilitate an extraordinary meeting if the nature of a planning application requires consideration before the next ordinary meeting of [the Council];
- xvi. manage access to information about the Council via the publication scheme; and
- xvii. retain custody of the seal of the Council (if there is one) which shall not be used without a resolution to that effect.
See also standing order 23.

16. RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

- a The Council shall appoint appropriate staff member(s) to undertake the work of the Responsible Financial Officer when the Responsible Financial Officer is absent.

17. ACCOUNTS AND ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

- a “Proper practices” in standing orders refer to the most recent version of “Governance and Accountability for Local Councils in Wales – A Practitioners’ Guide.”
- b All payments by the Council shall be authorised, approved and paid in accordance with the law, proper practices and the Council’s financial regulations.
- c The Responsible Financial Officer shall supply to each councillor as soon as practicable after 30 June, 30 September and 31 December in each year a statement to summarise:
 - i. the Council’s receipts and payments (or income and expenditure) for each quarter;
 - ii. the Council’s aggregate receipts and payments (or income and expenditure) for the year to date;
 - iii. the balances held at the end of the quarter being reported andwhich includes a comparison with the budget for the financial year and highlights any actual or potential overspends.
- d As soon as possible after the financial year end at 31 March, the Responsible Financial Officer shall provide:
 - i. each councillor with a statement summarising the Council’s receipts and payments (or income and expenditure) for the last quarter and the year to date for information; and
 - ii. to the Council the accounting statements for the year in the form of Section 2 of the annual governance and accountability return, as required by proper practices, for consideration and approval.
- e The year-end accounting statements shall be prepared in accordance with proper practices and apply the form of accounts determined by the Council (receipts and payments or income and expenditure) for the year to 31 March. A completed draft annual governance and accountability return shall be presented to all councillors at least 14 days prior to anticipated approval by the Council. The annual governance and accountability return of the Council, which is subject to external audit, including the annual governance statement, shall be presented to the Council for consideration and formal approval before 30 June.

18. FINANCIAL CONTROLS AND PROCUREMENT

- a The Council shall consider and approve financial regulations drawn up by the Responsible Financial Officer, which shall include detailed arrangements in respect of the following:
 - i. the keeping of accounting records and systems of internal controls;
 - ii. the assessment and management of financial risks faced by the Council;
 - iii. the work of the independent internal auditor in accordance with proper practices and the receipt of regular reports from the internal auditor, which shall be required at least annually;
 - iv. the inspection and copying by councillors and local electors of the Council's accounts and/or orders of payments; and
 - v. whether contracts with an estimated value below **£25,000** due to special circumstances are exempt from a tendering process or procurement exercise.
- b Financial regulations shall be reviewed regularly and at least annually for fitness of purpose.
- c **A public contract regulated by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 with an estimated value in excess of £25,000 but less than the relevant thresholds referred to in standing order 18(f) is subject to the "light touch" arrangements under Regulations 109-114 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 unless it proposes to use an existing list of approved suppliers (framework agreement).**
- d Subject to additional requirements in the financial regulations of the Council, the tender process for contracts for the supply of goods, materials, services or the execution of works shall include, as a minimum, the following steps:
 - i. a specification for the goods, materials, services or the execution of works shall be drawn up;
 - ii. an invitation to tender shall be drawn up to confirm (i) the Council's specification (ii) the time, date and address for the submission of tenders (iii) the date of the Council's written response to the tender and (iv) the prohibition on prospective contractors contacting councillors or staff to encourage or support their tender outside the prescribed process;
 - iii. the invitation to tender shall be advertised in a local newspaper and in any other manner that is appropriate;
 - iv. tenders are to be submitted in writing in a sealed marked envelope addressed to the Proper Officer;
 - v. tenders shall be opened by the Proper Officer in the presence of at least one councillor after the deadline for submission of tenders has passed;
 - vi. tenders are to be reported to and considered by the appropriate meeting of the Council or a committee or sub-committee with delegated responsibility.
- e Neither the Council, nor a committee or a sub-committee with delegated responsibility for considering tenders, is bound to accept the lowest value tender.

- f **Where the value of a contract is likely to exceed the threshold specified by the Office of Government Commerce from time to time, the Council must consider whether the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 apply to the contract and, if either of those Regulations apply, the Council must comply with procurement rules. OVW can supply Council's with further information in this regard.**

19. HANDLING STAFF MATTERS

- a A matter personal to a member of staff that is being considered by a meeting of [Council] is subject to standing order 11.
- b Subject to the Council's policy regarding absences from work, the Council's most senior member of staff shall notify the chair of [the (Council)] or, if they are not available, the vice-chair (if there is one) of [the (Council)] of absence occasioned by illness or other reason and that person shall report such absence to [the (Council)] at its next meeting.
- c The chair of [the (Council)] or in their absence, the vice-chair shall upon a resolution conduct a review of the performance and annual appraisal of the work of [the Clerk]. The reviews and appraisal shall be reported in writing and are subject to approval by resolution by [the (Council)].
- d Subject to the Council's policy regarding the handling of grievance matters, the Council's most senior member of staff (or other members of staff) shall contact the chair of [the (Council)] or in their absence, the vice-chair of [the (Council)] in respect of an informal or formal grievance matter, and this matter shall be reported back and progressed by resolution of [the (Council)].
- e Subject to the Council's policy regarding the handling of grievance matters, if an informal or formal grievance matter raised by [the Clerk/ member of staff's job title] relates to the chair or vice-chair of [the (Council)], this shall be communicated to another member of [the (Council)], which shall be reported back and progressed by resolution of [the (Council) committee].
- f Any persons responsible for all or part of the management of staff shall treat as confidential the written records of all meetings relating to their performance, capabilities, grievance or disciplinary matters.
- g In accordance with standing order 11(a), persons with line management responsibilities shall have access to staff records referred to in standing order 19(f).

20. RESPONSIBILITIES TO PROVIDE INFORMATION

See also standing order 21.

- a **In accordance with freedom of information legislation, the Council shall publish information in accordance with its publication scheme and respond to requests for information held by the Council.**

21. RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION

(Below is not an exclusive list).

See also standing order 11.

- a The Council may appoint a Data Protection Officer.

- b **The Council shall have policies and procedures in place to respond to an individual exercising statutory rights concerning their personal data.**
- c **The Council shall have a written policy in place for responding to and managing a personal data breach.**
- d **The Council shall keep a record of all personal data breaches comprising the facts relating to the personal data breach, its effects and the remedial action taken.**
- e **The Council shall ensure that information communicated in its privacy notice(s) is in an easily accessible and available form and kept up to date.**
- f **The Council shall maintain a written record of its processing activities.**

22. RELATIONS WITH THE PRESS/MEDIA

- a Requests from the press or other media for an oral or written comment or statement from the Council, its councillors or staff shall be handled in accordance with the Council's policy in respect of dealing with the press and/or other media.

23. EXECUTION AND SEALING OF LEGAL DEEDS

See also standing orders 14(b)(xii) and (xvii).

- a A legal deed shall not be executed on behalf of the Council unless authorised by a resolution.
- b **[Subject to standing order 23(a), any two councillors may sign on behalf of the Council, any deed required by law and the Proper Officer shall witness their signatures.]**

The above is applicable to a Council without a common seal.

24. COMMUNICATING WITH COUNTY BOROUGH OR COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- a An invitation to attend a meeting of the Council shall be sent, together with the agenda, to the ward councillor(s) of the [County Council] representing the area of the Council.
- b Unless the Council determines otherwise, a copy of each letter sent to the [County Council] shall be sent to the ward councillor(s) representing the area of the Council.

25. RESTRICTIONS ON COUNCILLOR ACTIVITIES

- a. Unless duly authorised no councillor shall:
 - i. inspect any land and/or premises which the Council has a right or duty to inspect; or
 - ii. issue orders, instructions or directions.

26. STANDING ORDERS GENERALLY

- a All or part of a standing order, except one that incorporates mandatory statutory or legal requirements, may be suspended by resolution in relation to the consideration of an item on the agenda for a meeting.
- b A motion to add to or vary or revoke one or more of the Council's standing orders, except one that incorporates mandatory statutory or legal requirements, shall be proposed by a special motion, the written notice by at least (two thirds) councillors to be given to the Proper Officer in accordance with standing order 9.
- c The Proper Officer shall provide a copy of the Council's standing orders to a councillor as soon as possible.
- d The decision of the chair of a meeting as to the application of standing orders at the meeting shall be final.

Item 7

Bank Balances and Accounts for Payment -

July 2023

Bank Balances	Current	£12,554.67
	Deposit	£161,276.66
	Play Area	£8,914.70

Payments Received

Bank Transfers

15/06/2023 Deposit Acc	to Current Acc	£10,000.00
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Unpresented Cheques/Payments

Payment Method	Payee	Details	Amount
Bacs	Defib Store Ltd	*Replacement battery & pads (Bowling Club defib)	£328.80
Bacs	Flintshire County Council	Streetlighting Maintenance (green park)	£237.00
Bacs	WoodsWork CIC	Nature Area Management	£340.00
Bacs	Mr C Jones	Mileage and Expenses	£29.50
Bacs	Mrs S Hughes	Mileage and Expenses	£20.25
Bacs	Staffing Cost	Jun-23	£4,216.70
Bacs	AVOW	Payroll Charges April-June (inc P11D)	£90.01
Bacs	Hafren Dyfrdwy	Water Charges - Abbots Lane Changing Rooms	£32.67
	HSBC	Monthly Charge (may-june)	£5.00
			£5,299.93
PLAY AREA ACCOUNT			
Payment Method	Payee	Details	Amount
	HSBC	Monthly Charge (may-june)	£5.00
			£5.00

Note:

*Approved June

Chairman of Council:

Vice Chairman of Council:

Clerk & RFO:

Date:

Payments Authorised by two Bank Signatories

Bank Signatory:

Bank Signatory:

Item 8

Penyffordd Community Council - Summary Accounts
2023 - 24 Financial Year
Income

	Actual	Anticipated	Difference
Precept	39,840.34	119,521.00	-79,680.66
Bank Interest	512.60	200.00	312.60
Refunds/Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants/Funds(Play Area)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sponsor a Tree	355.00	0.00	355.00
VAT Refund	11,842.39	11,842.39	0.00
Total	52,550.33	131,563.39	-79,013.06

Expenditure

	Actual	Agreed Spend	Balance
Parks & Open Spaces	7,152.04	113,719.00	106,566.96
General Admin etc	4,964.52	14,116.00	9,151.48
Office Costs	1,198.71	1,740.00	541.29
Staffing Costs (wages, hmrc, pension)	11,129.36	47,610.00	36,480.64
Street Lighting (inc Christmas Lights)	1,565.29	37,570.00	36,004.71
Highways & Footpaths	0.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
Grants & Donations	1,000.00	5,300.00	4,300.00
Investing in Youth	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Community Buildings	0.00	23,000.00	23,000.00
Community Improvements	817.87	2,000.00	1,182.13
Provision of Balances	0.00	2,385.00	2,385.00
Total	27,827.79	252,640.00	224,812.21

Note: the above agreed spend includes all the reserved funds carried over (details on budget summary)

Current Summary

Balance c/f as at 31 March 2023	158,023.49
(+)Income Receipts for 2022/23	52,550.33
(-)Total Expenditure for 2022/23	27,827.79
Gross Balance as at 31 March 2023	182,746.03
Current	£6,366.46
Deposit	£142,727.33
Millstone Play Area	£8,929.70
Reserved - Millstone Play Area Improvements	8,929.70
Reserved - Sponsor a Tree payments	242.20
Reserved - Skate Ramps	40,000.00
Reserved - 2022/23 Street Light Upgrades	11,170.00
Net Balance as at 30 June 2023	122,404.13
VAT Costs for 2023/24 Financial Year	3,065.25

Penyffordd Community Council		Budget Summary 2023/24			
Details of Expenditure	Budget for 2023/24	Spend to Date GROSS	Of Which is VAT	(inc vat to be reclaimed)	
Parks & Open Spaces					
Gardening Maintenance	£1,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,500.00	
Play Leadership	£2,200.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,200.00	Inv due quarter 2
Dobshill Rent	£5.00	£5.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Bus Shelter Repairs	£100.00	£0.00	£0.00	£100.00	
Playing Fields	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
RESERVED - Melwood Play Area	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Bulbs/Shrubs	£1,100.00	£514.00	£69.29	£586.00	
RESERVED - Sponsor a Tree	£564.00	£676.80	£112.80	-£112.80	Over due to VAT
Seat/ Memorial Garden(clock)	£27,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£27,000.00	
Litter Receptacles/equipment etc for Operative & Group	£1,150.00	£189.85	£0.00	£960.15	
Millstone Play Area	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
CCTV	£1,000.00	£525.00	£87.50	£475.00	
Environmental Improvements	£1,000.00	£34.98	£5.84	£965.02	
RESERVED - Skate Ramps	£40,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£40,000.00	
Old School Garden/West View Wildlife Garden	£8,100.00	£1,654.60	£0.00	£6,445.40	
Tree Maintenance (NEW)	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	
Dobshill Play Area Improvement (NEW)	£20,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£20,000.00	
Additional CCTV for Millstone Play Area (NEW)	£3,000.00	£3,474.00	£579.00	-£474.00	Over due to VAT
West View Nature Area Pathway (NEW)	£3,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,500.00	Now funded by TfW Grant, council approved to move to Place Plan for PAW costs. June 23
Staffing Costs					
Wages, (inc Employee Pension) HMRC & NI	£37,828.00	£8,940.96	£0.00	£28,887.04	
Payroll	£330.00	£169.41	£0.00	£160.59	
Employer Pension	£7,100.00	£1,501.98	£0.00	£5,598.02	
Clerks Expenses - Home Allowance & Travel	£2,352.00	£517.01	£0.00	£1,834.99	
Office Costs					
Postage	£120.00	£45.35	£0.00	£74.65	
Stationery	£300.00	£150.07	£25.00	£149.93	
Office Machinery	£200.00	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00	
IT Services & DPO Services (&Zoom)	£1,120.00	£1,081.10	£180.19	£38.90	Adobe purchased
General Administration					
Insurance	£1,724.00	£1,968.02	£0.00	-£244.02	Over due to index linking
Civic Service	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Audit Fee	£825.00	£554.00	£59.00	£271.00	
Chairmans Name Board	£50.00	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00	
Elections	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	
Clock Tower	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	
Annual Subscriptions	£992.00	£1,016.00	£0.00	-£24.00	
Training	£2,500.00	£38.50	£0.00	£2,461.50	
Website	£250.00	£0.00	£0.00	£250.00	
Members Allowance	£3,450.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,450.00	Paid in the final quarter
Newsletter	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	
Community Awards	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Council Email Accounts	£1,200.00	£1,356.00	£226.00	-£156.00	
Bank Charges	£125.00	£32.00	£0.00	£93.00	
Place Plan	£2,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,500.00	£1500 moved from Nature Area Pathway to cover PAW Desk Days - June 23
Street Lighting					
Electrical Supply	£5,400.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,400.00	Invoiced quarterly
Electrical Testing	£250.00	£0.00	£0.00	£250.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	£12,750.00	£1,565.29	£1,565.29	£11,184.71	
RESERVED - Street light upgrades	£11,170.00	£0.00	£0.00	£11,170.00	Due to be completed by yr end
Christmas Tree/ Lighting	£8,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£8,000.00	
Highways and Footpaths					
Salt Bins	£200.00	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00	
Noticeboards	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Footpaths	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	
Grants/Donations					
Grants	£4,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,000.00	Paid in third quarter
CAB	£300.00	£0.00	£0.00	£300.00	Paid in third quarter
Investing in Youth	£3,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,000.00	
Kings Coronation - (NEW)	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Community Buildings					
Community Centre -Youth Club (inc £7k - S106)	£15,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£15,000.00	
Pyf War Memorial Institute	£4,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,000.00	Paid in third quarter
Community Changing Rooms	£4,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,000.00	
Community Improvements/Support	£2,000.00	£817.87	£136.32	£1,182.13	kiosk refurb & defib
Provision of balance	£2,385.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,385.00	
	£252,640.00	£27,827.79	£3,046.23	£224,812.21	

Finance Committee - Quarterly Budget Review 30th June 2023						
Current Acc Bal B/f					£12,554.67	
Date Cashed	Cheque No	Payee	Details	Amount	Uncleared Cheques	
					£0.00 Total uncleared	
					£12,554.67 Bank Statement Balance	
			Balance Carried Forward	£12,554.67		
Deposit Acc Bal B/f					£161,276.66	
Date	Type			Amount		
				Total		
			Balance Carried Forward	£161,276.66	£161,276.66 Bank Statement Balance	
Play Area Acc Bal B/f					£8,914.70	
Date	Type		Details	Amount		
				Total		
			Balance Carried Forward	£8,914.70	£8,914.70 Bank Statement Balance	
			Total Available Balance of All Accounts	£182,746.03	Total Bank Balance Inc £182,746.03 Uncleared Cheques	

Account overview

Last Updated 03 Jul 2023 15:09

Account

Balance

40-16-01 01285645

Charitable - Penyffo Play

GBP 8,914.70



40-16-01 43035867

Bmm Account - Peny Comm Counc

GBP 161,276.66



40-16-01 91029770

Charitable - Peny Comm Counc

GBP 12,554.67





PENYFFORDD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, Section 116

Notice of Co-Option

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Penyffordd Community Council intends to Co-opt **one** member to fill the vacancy that exist in the office of Councillor due to the resignation of Julie Jones.

Expressions of interest are being sought from members of the public who meet the following qualifications and are interested in representing their community on the aforementioned Community Council. You must be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of any member state of the European Union or a qualifying foreign citizen and be 18 years of age or over; and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- registered as a local government elector for the area named above; or
- during the whole of the last 12 months occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the community named above; or
- your principal or only place of work during the last 12 months has been in the community named above; or
- you have during the whole of the last 12 months resided in the Community or within 4.8 kilometres of it.¹

If you wish to be considered for co-option for the vacant seat or want more information regarding the role of a Community Councillor please contact the Proper Officer, Clerk to the Council on/at: clerk@penyfforddcouncil.org or 01244 537032 by (deadline) **Tuesday 5th September 2023**

Dated this 13th July 2023

¹ Certain people are disqualified from standing, and these include paid officers of the community council, anyone subject to bankruptcy restriction orders and those subject to recent sentences of imprisonment.



Proforma for Councillors to add items to the Agenda.

Name of Councillor	David Williams
Title of Proposal	Site visit of Abbots lane cabins and possible attempts to support Pen-y-ffordd Lions FC
Purpose of Proposal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For members to view the works done so far and consider any necessary work that needs to be done to bring to a standard for future letting to general public. 2. Consider means of improving amenities in the village to support the growing junior and senior football club.
Background to this request	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council supported the football club in getting services connected to the cabins and the club have fitted them out to a standard that meets their needs. More work is necessary and member need to view the efforts the football club have made for what is a Community facility that now need to be brought up to a standard for general use. 2. Amenities to support the Football club and general sports and recreation is extremely short in the village, and members are being asked to consider ways of bringing these up to scratch.
Financial Implications	To be determined
Environmental Implications	None envisaged
Equality Implications	None
Advantages of this proposal	Health and wellbeing of village residents.
Disadvantages of this proposal	None
Date submitted	04-07-23



Proforma for Councillors to add items to the Agenda.

Name of Councillor	David Williams
Title of Proposal	Consider Infrastructure meeting report but focus on issues regarding the old school site and the request for a focussed meeting with officers.
Purpose of Proposal	A report on matters relevant for the Infrastructure group was provided for the June meeting, but deferred due to lack of appropriate members present. Particular reference is made to a desire for a focussed meeting with FCC officers who gave assurance that we would be completely involved in all of the decision making process for any development of the old school. At this stage we have no real idea over what is going on except the desire of the Council to provide more social housing. It is therefore important that we are completely involved at the earliest of stages over the development of the overall site making such a meeting essential asap.
Background to this request	As per purpose of proposal.
Financial Implications	To be determined
Environmental Implications	To be determined as part of the design.
Equality Implications	None
Advantages of this proposal	Improve chances of getting what the majority of village residents want on the old school site as indicated by the results of the public survey.
Disadvantages of this proposal	None



Proforma for Councillors to add items to the Agenda.

Name of Councillor	David Williams
Title of Proposal	New Defibrillators for the village and upgrade of Bowling clubs unit.
Purpose of Proposal	<p>Resident safety.</p> <p>Resident recently used the one at the Institute that possibly saved a life. With the length and breadth extremes of this ward, more appropriate locations have been requested by numerous residents.</p>
Background to this request	<p>Concern has been expressed about a shortage of Defibrillators in the village and location not covering various areas of the ward adequately.</p> <p>Bowling clubs unit needs new parts and it may be more viable to invest in a new and up to date one.</p>
Financial Implications	Funding to be found by whatever means possible.
Environmental Implications	Minimal
Equality Implications	None
Advantages of this proposal	Could save lives!?
Disadvantages of this proposal	None
Date submitted	04-07-23



Proforma for Councillors to add items to the Agenda.

Name of Councillor	Cllr Pat Ransome
Title of Proposal	GoodSAM Responders App Group
Purpose of Proposal	Together with the defibrillator training community council to look into encouraging/establishing a community group of GoodSAM responders by highlighting the app and its benefits within the community
Background to this request	<p>With defibrillator units in the village and a focus on addressing training within the community re their usage the GoodSAM app would seem an appropriate add on level of help when required.</p> <p>There have been occasions in the village when having this added layer of help could have been beneficial and potentially lifesaving.</p>
Financial Implications	There are no costs other than the time promoting the app
Environmental Implications	
Equality Implications	All with the appropriate training and skills can become part of the community support where and when needed
Advantages of this proposal	<p>Provides added protection and potential lifesaving skills within the community</p> <p>Brings to the fore our defibrillator units and highlights their importance within our community</p> <p>Encourages all to access training in defib usage</p>
Disadvantages of this proposal	None known
Date submitted	June 27 th 2023



Penyffordd Council Working Groups & Procedure – May 2023

Below are the current Working Groups together with examples of responsibilities. To assist the Working Groups in being proactive a set of procedures has also been provided.

Community Engagement - This group is tasked with engaging with the residents, groups, schools and the community as a whole. To include (examples but not limited to):

- Community events
- Noticeboard updates
- Newsletters
- Website updates
- Volunteer register
- School links
- Crime and ASB
- Dog poo
- Sports and clubs
- History

Environment - This group is tasked with overseeing the spaces around us and the facilities that serve us. To include (examples but not limited to):

- West View Wildlife Garden
- Memorial Garden
- Community Litter Picks
- Planting
- Water and drainage
- Sustainability
- Public Open Spaces Play Areas - improvement and maintenance
- Footpaths and Cycle paths
- Medical / Schools / Socialcare facilities

Infrastructure - This group is about improving and protecting the infrastructure of the community. To include (examples but not limited to):

- Community Place Plan
- Housing and planning
- Economic - business links and employment development
- Public and Community Transport
- Highways and road improvements
- Community Building projects

Procedures for the Working Groups

- The three core groups should meet at a minimum once every two months but preferably monthly.
- They must have an elected chairman and an elected secretary.
- The group does not have delegated powers - they report back to full council.
- Full discussions can take place in the group, a summary shared in writing ahead of the Council meeting and if it is recommended or requested that an item becomes a full agenda item, then it can be discussed by the full council.
- The preference would be for volunteer members of each group with individuals taking an area for them to take a lead on within the group. This will share the workload. There is no reason why anyone on the Council should not be able to attend any group meeting.
- There is no reason why members of the community with specialist knowledge or interest should not be invited to be involved in a group, by agreement with the group as a whole.
- Each group should start the year by reviewing the actions set out in the Place Plan and agreeing an order of priority for what will be undertaken.

The above Working Groups and Procedures were approved at the Annual Meeting held on 10th May 2023



Proforma for Councillors to add items to the Agenda.

Name of Councillor	Cllr Pat Ransome
Title of Proposal	To print individual Councillor Name Cards (for those who wish to have them)
Purpose of Proposal	To print out individual councillor cards for use when working on behalf of Community Council in either the community or other organisations ie: Community engagement events – ie: Carnival when members asking for your contact detail/COL workshops
Background to this request	<p>Previous use of these proved beneficial in encouraging stronger links and ease of contact in community and wider circle</p> <p>It is for each councillor to decide if these will be beneficial to their role but where it is should have them available for use.</p> <p>Further supports the role of County Councillors in sharing issues and should be available to reflect and address community</p>
Financial Implications	<p>Print Costs £105 plus VAT – This covers 50x 13 individual cards</p> <p>This dependant on number required. County Cllrs already have them</p>
Environmental Implications	None known
Equality Implications	Provides equality of information
Advantages of this proposal	<p>Improves communication</p> <p>Highlights council members in community</p> <p>Can be used when attending events on behalf of council. Lanyards may be purchased</p>
Disadvantages of this proposal	<p>None known</p> <p>Councillors may not wish to have one</p>
Date submitted	June 2023



Proforma for Councillors to add items to the Agenda.

Name of Councillor	David Williams
Title of Proposal	Chester bus service update
Purpose of Proposal	To update members and residents on the efforts to get a Chester bus back for the village.
Background to this request	<p>Meetings and dialogue has been going on with Arriva since the withdrawal of the service in 2019, with more intense meeting in recent months.</p> <p>The purpose of this item is to update member on latest communication and gain support from the Council and residents to canvas Arriva or other providers and the local authority to provide a direct service to Chester and support general improvement in public transport in the village</p>
Financial Implications	To be determined
Environmental Implications	None envisaged
Equality Implications	None
Advantages of this proposal	Business, employment and social access for residents that can impact on health and wellbeing of village residents.
Disadvantages of this proposal	None
Date submitted	04-07-23