

Item 8

Bank Balances and Accounts for Payment -

January 2024

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| Bank Balances | Current | £6,243.78 |
| | Deposit | £204,219.16 |
| | Play Area | £8,884.70 |

Payments Received

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| 28.12.23 | FCC | Precept | £39,840.33 |
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Bank Transfers

Unpresented Cheques/Payments

| Payment Method | Payee | Details | Amount |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Bacs | Mr C Jones | Mileage and Expenses | £18.45 |
| Bacs | Mrs S Hughes | Mileage and Expenses | £209.09 |
| Bacs | Staffing Cost | Dec-23 | £4,468.49 |
| Bacs | Avow | Payroll Charges Oct - Dec | £73.14 |
| Bacs | WoodsWork CIC | Nature Area Management | £340.00 |
| | HSBC | Monthly Charge | £5.00 |
| | | | £5,114.17 |
| PLAY AREA ACCOUNT | | | |
| Payment Method | Payee | Details | Amount |
| Bacs | Flintshire Fabrications Ltd | Repairs to the exercise equip & muga | £360.00 |
| | HSBC | Monthly Charge | £5.00 |
| | | | £5.00 |

Note:

Cherry Orchard Farm Ltd - invoice reissued and reduced from £240 to £164

Chairman of Council:

Vice Chairman of Council:

Clerk & RFO:

Date:

Payments Authorised by two Bank Signatories

Bank Signatory:

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Changing rooms – essential work update – Jan 2024

Since the December council meeting a lot of work has taken place to rectify the issues of concern.

- Spoke to The Football Team – was received positively and they are happy that the council are taking appropriate action and also working to complete the facility
- The electrician who undertook all the electrical work has provided the Electrical Safety Certificate
- NW Fire & Rescue were extremely helpful, the requirements for facility are very achievable and Cllrs D Williams, Thompson and Mr Chris Jones have completed a Fire Risk Assessment
 - The required actions will be completed this week (which will be along the lines of smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and signage)
- An overall Risk Assessment has also now been completed by Cllrs D Williams, Sloan, Mr Chris Jones and the Clerk.
 - Again, the required immediate actions will be completed this week and remaining works will follow

Taking into consideration all of the above and once the required actions have been completed, the facility will re-open.



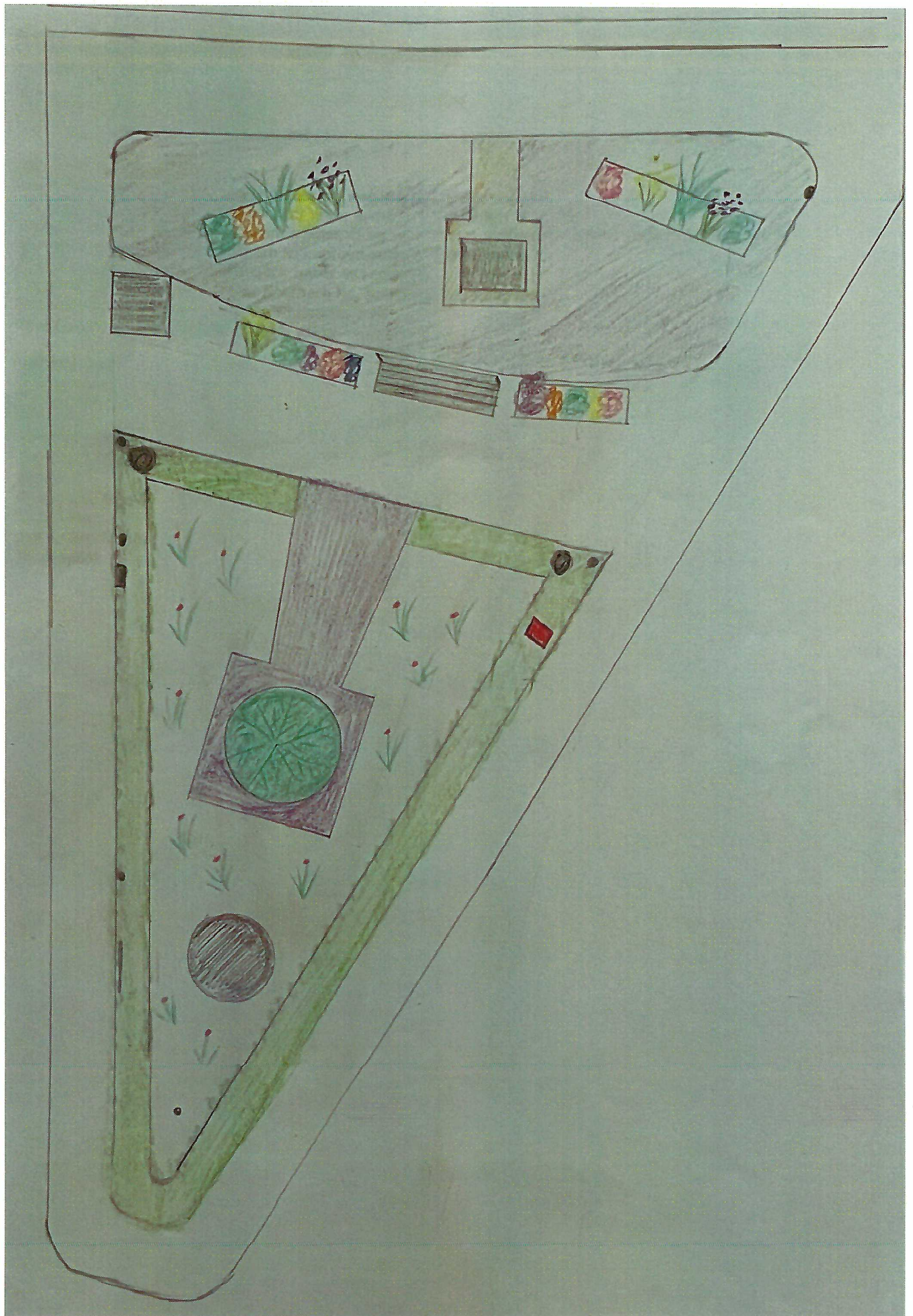
Proforma for Councillors to add items to the Agenda.

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| Name of Councillor | Lisa Overington |
| Title of Proposal | <i>Plans for millennium garden by Mrs Carol Bewley (resident) supported and brought to council by Cllr Lisa Overington</i> |
| Purpose and details of the Proposal | <i>Detailed plans of a design drawn up By Carol. Costings will be brought to meeting by Carol. Photos attached.</i> |
| Background to this request | After Council agreeing to look at reducing costs. Carol is very interested in gardening and looked at the area. There are a number of ideas she has put together to improve the area. Recycling materials that are already there to reduce cost. |
| Financial Implications | <i>Reducing the projects budget from £27,000 to roughly less than £5000. Carol will bring costings to the meeting.</i> |
| Environmental Implications | Majority of materials will be recycled. Only slate or stone chippings used on the ground. Meaning drainage to the site will not be effected. |
| Equality Implications | |
| Advantages of this proposal | This design. Incorporates a number of ideas others have suggested. No need to employ a landscaper as Carol is happy to carryout works with other volunteers. Improvements that will not impact the environment. |
| Disadvantages of this proposal | The removal of the 2 trees either side of the clock. But this is due to them growing taller and wider than the clock in the future. |
| Date submitted | 20/12/23 |

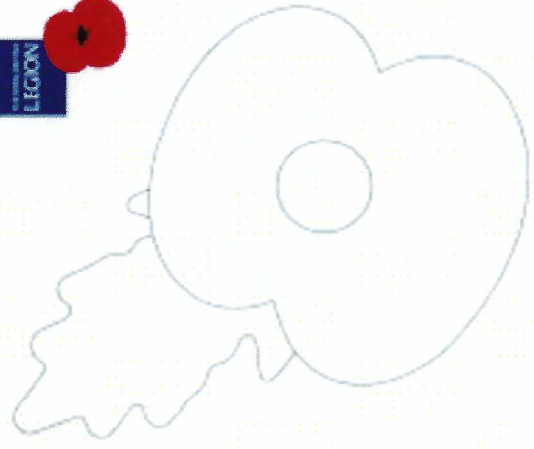
****Please note that this proposal will be included with the Supporting Papers and will be made available to the Public****

Clock Tower Garden Proposal: Carol Bewley

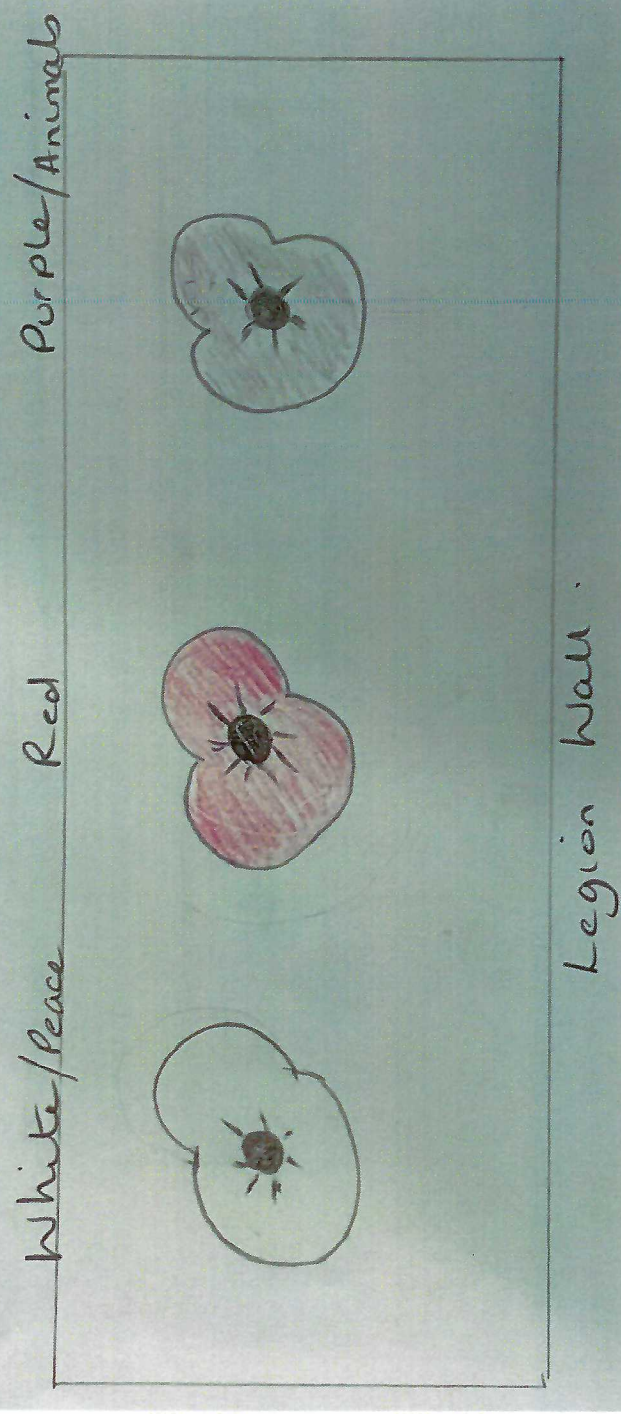
1. Remove some shrubs from slate garden around clock tower. Remove silver birch trees to a more suitable location as they will grow to be too large for their present location. Fill holes which have been left from removal of shrubs and birch trees. Weed through slate chippings and replenish as necessary.
2. Move the NHS Covid Snake Planters to the area around the clock tower (not shown on plan).
3. Install two 8ft galvanised metal planters sitting on breezeblocks for drainage and height as per drawing, including timber surrounds which should be raised off the ground on metal feet in order to avoid rotting and coated in a wood-preserve of chosen colour. The planters should be filled with stone-chippings at the bottom (for drainage), membrane, a layer of upturned grass sods (see item 5 below), and top-soil. These should then be populated with shrubs and herbaceous plants.
4. Remove the two stone benches as the sides are causing a trip-hazard, leaving only Merv's bench. Install a further two 8ft galvanised metal planters as described above. There will be space between the planter and the phone box for another bench in the future if required. Block paving will need to be repaired/patch-up, but this will be minimal given the size of the planters.
5. Ilex Crenata Hedging (aka Japanese Holly Hedging: looks like Box Hedging but without the disease which Box is prone to getting) to be installed around the boundary of the 'triangular' grass area. The grass sods recovered from planting this hedge should be used in the planters as described in item 3 above.
6. Create a new path, made of miniature slate chippings, from in front of Merv's bench to the centre of the grassed area, circumnavigating the existing Christmas Tree as shown on the drawing. The path should be edged with the stones recovered from removing the two benches (item 3 above). The path is suggested to allow the children to decorate the Christmas Tree without trampling on potentially wet and muddy grass.
7. The Christmas Tree should have its skirt raised slightly.
8. The grassed triangular area should be sown with meadow grass incorporating red poppies.
9. The Soldiers silhouette should be located on the grass halfway between the Christmas Tree and the southerly point of the garden, thereby being clearly visible to all passing vehicle and foot traffic.
10. The wall for the RBL carpark at the north end should be decorated with three poppies, white, red and purple for peace, remembrance, and the war animals respectively. These should be constructed using coloured broken tiles in a mosaic effect, and should be mounted on marine quality plyboard and using weather resistant grouting. Ideally these should be made by the local schools and youth organisations, thereby giving the youngsters of the village a sense of purpose (and less likelihood that they will be damaged, stolen or vandalised).
11. All paved areas to be fully jet-washed and all other areas given a good weeding.
12. The Clock Tower is to be given a good clean and repointing work where necessary.
13. Photos covering the above ideas are attached.



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EVERY POPPY COUNTS



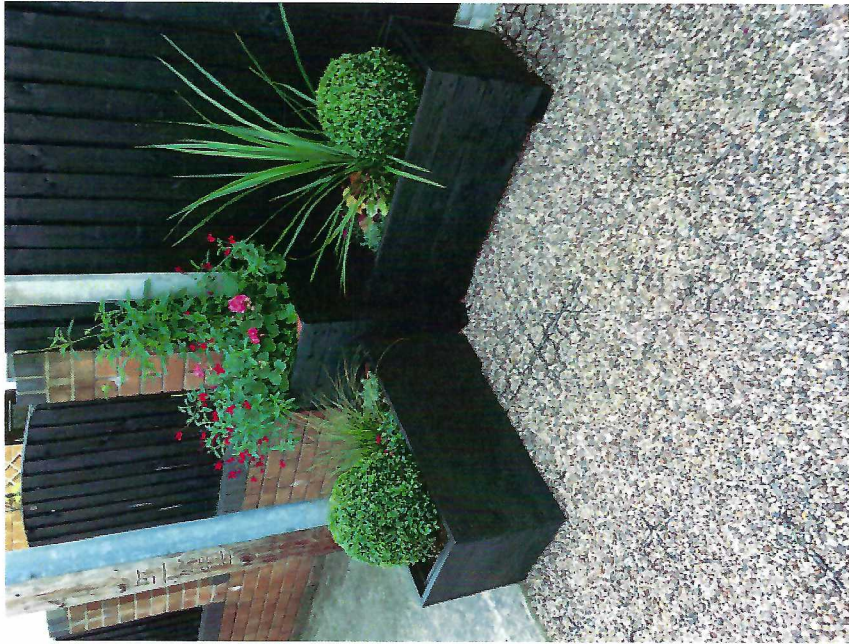
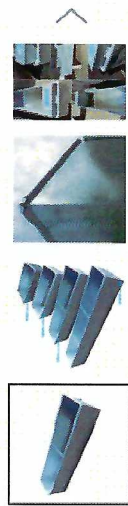
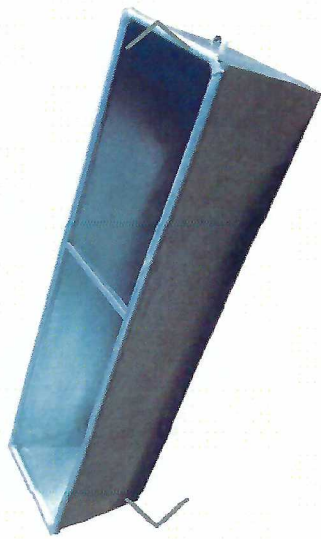


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Rolled top edges and sheet steel galvanised structure, its strong lines will add a sleek and streamlined look to any garden, be it a balcony in Clapham or a cottage garden in Headcorn.

3. The Look

Although very shiny when new, they will soon dull down with age and become a very soft grey look, alternately you can accelerate the process to give an authentic aged appeal earlier by using toilet cleaner and a wire brush (see various web sites on ageing galvanised steel for guidelines). Or alternatively why not add some distinctive effects with gloss paint to your design.

4. The Ease

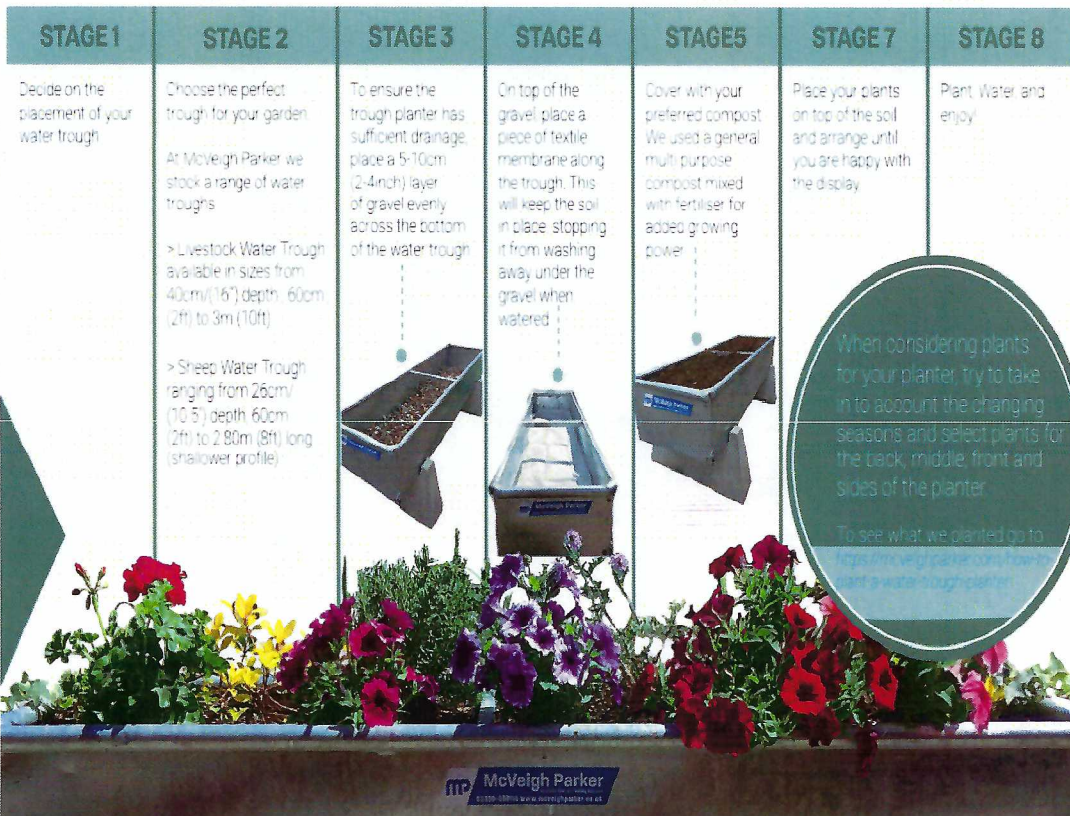

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- > Heavy galvanised finish
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| STAGE 1 | STAGE 2 | STAGE 3 | STAGE 4 | STAGE 5 | STAGE 7 | STAGE 8 |
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| Decide on the placement of your water trough | Choose the perfect trough for your garden At McVeigh Parker we stock a range of water troughs > Livestock Water Trough available in sizes from 40cm (16") depth 60cm (2ft) to 3m (10ft) > Sheep Water Trough ranging from 26cm (10.5") depth 60cm (2ft) to 2.80m (9ft) long (narrower profile) | To ensure the trough planter has sufficient drainage, place a 5-10cm (2-4inch) layer of gravel evenly across the bottom of the water trough | On top of the gravel place a piece of textile membrane along the trough. This will keep the soil in place, stopping it from washing away under the gravel when watered | Cover with your preferred compost. We used a general multi-purpose compost mixed with fertiliser for added growing power | Place your plants on top of the soil and arrange until you are happy with the display | Plant, Water and enjoy |
|  | | | | | | <p>When considering plants for your planter, try to take in to account the changing seasons and select plants for the back, middle, front and sides of the planter.</p> <p>To see what we planted go to www.mcveighparker.co.uk and visit a water trough planter</p> |
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Scaled down clock tower proposals

Proposed additions:

Low box hedge (green) installed on boundary of green area

New floral borders (dark blue) dug

Install two mountings - one (East) with names from silent soldier, one (West) with covid snake

Additional undertakings:

Professional clean of clock tower (pressure washing plus clock clean)

Remove stone chippings from rockery area, add native wildflower meadow

Removal of existing planters, silent soldier, clock tower heart, potentially phone kiosk depending on BT.

Resite litter bins North of footpath to improve outlook from benches

Repointing of benches / wall / clock tower as required

Cleaning of "Broughton" sign at Southern tip, potentially replacement

Removal of lowest branches from Christmas tree

Weeding of paving at North of clock tower

Retentions:

Dog poo bin

Stonework

Benches

All streetlights

Telegraph Pole

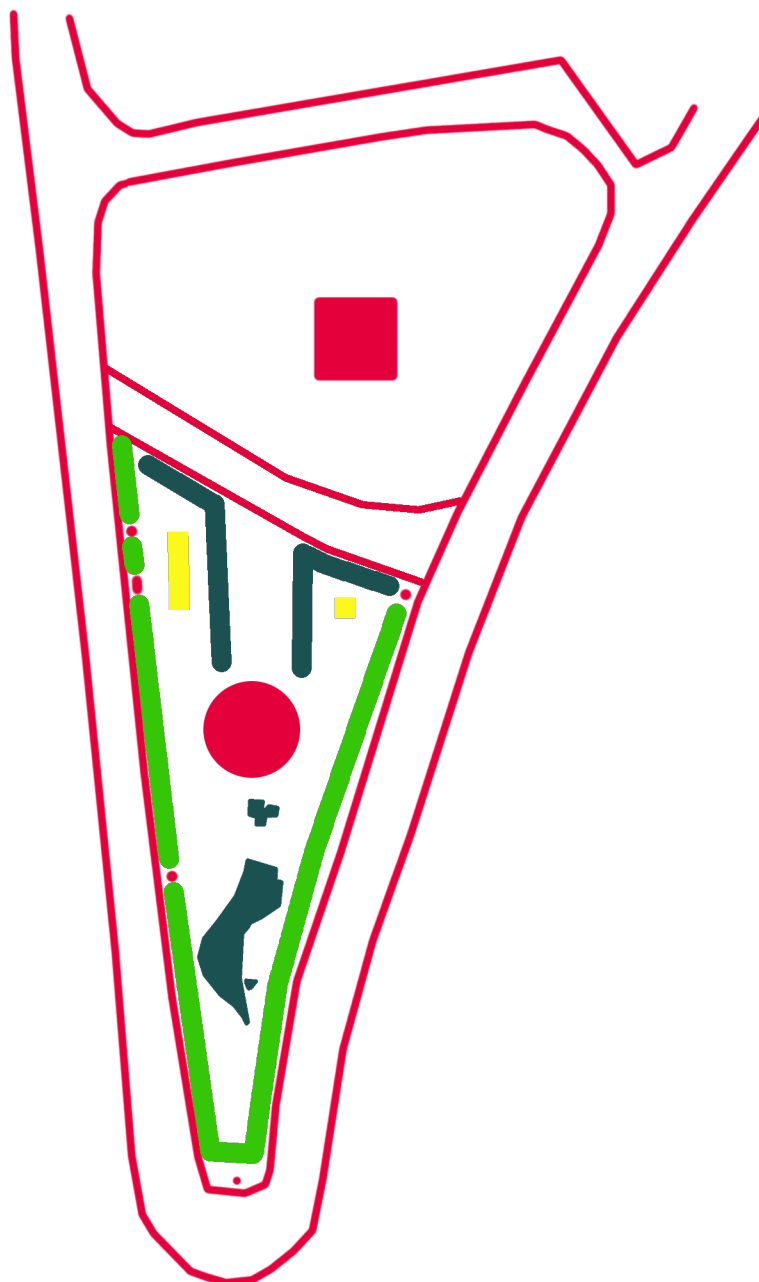
Signpost

Christmas Tree

Clocktower

Hawarden Rd sign

Most grass



From: Cllr Alasdair Ibbotson <contact@alasdairibbotson.wales>
Sent: 22 December 2023 15:57
To: Clerk <clerk@penyfforddcouncil.org>
Subject: Re: Millennium clock

Dear Sarah,

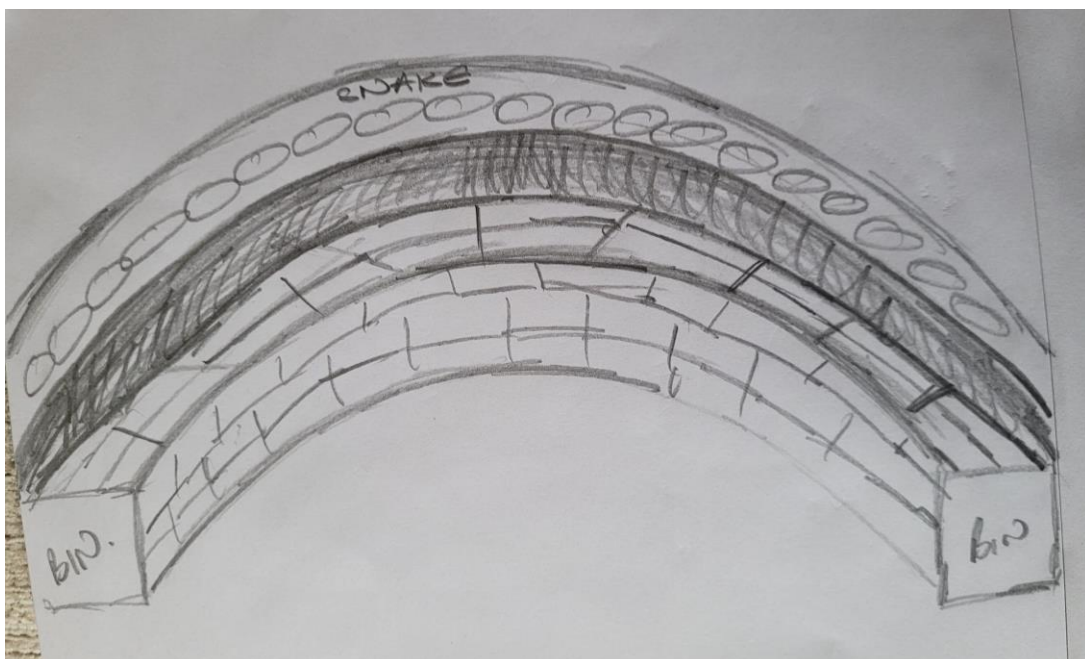
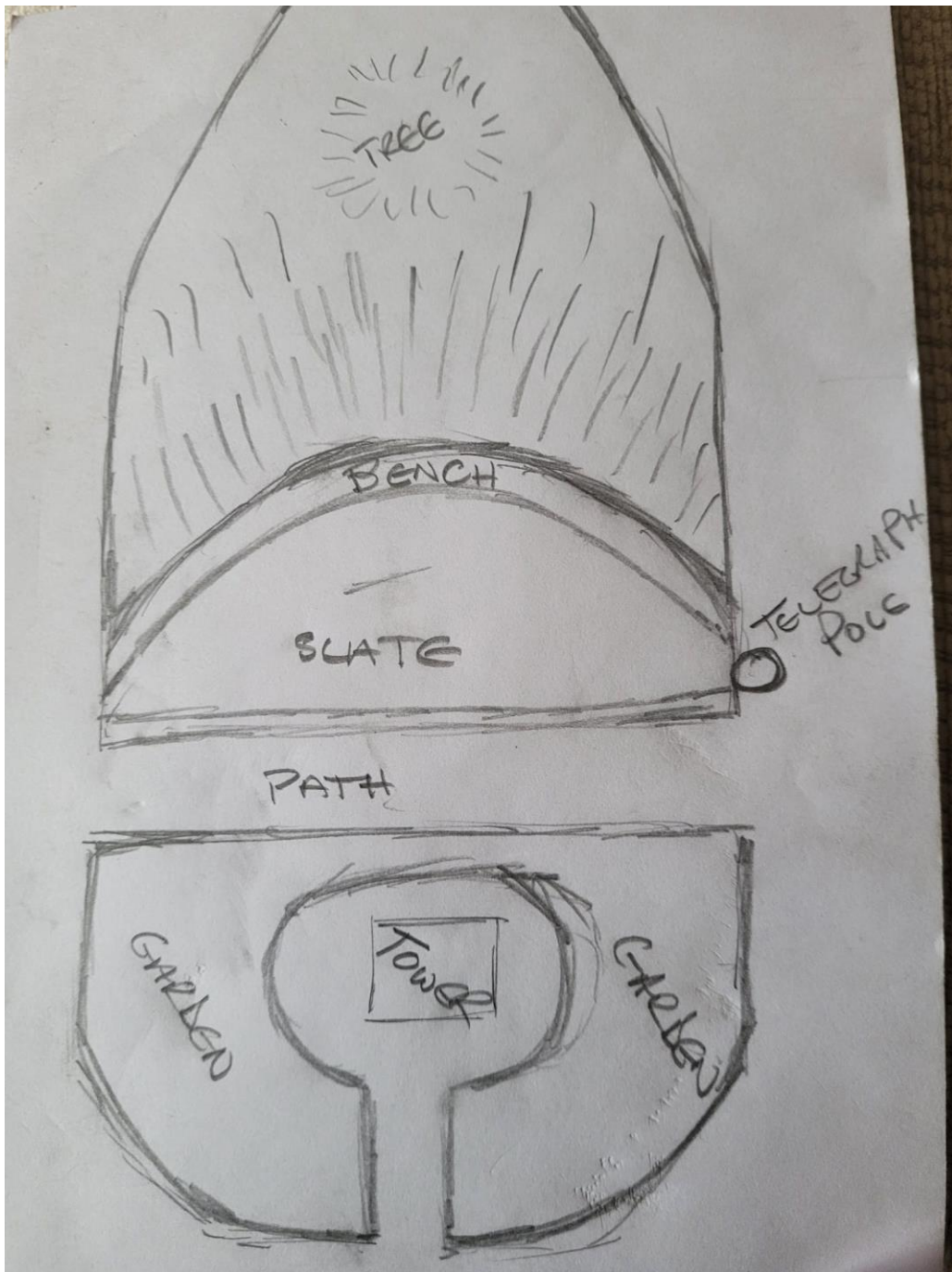
Further to our phone call, please find below a summary of items included in the hybrid option from me and Paul:

- New bench, as on Paul's drawing
- Soakaway (Paul's)
- Tree pruning (both)
- Clean clock tower (both)
- Repoint clock tower as required (both)
- Wildflower mix (Wildflowers inc on both, but this version would be as on Alasdair's)
- Floral borders to the South (Alasdair)
- New bins (Paul)

All the best,

Alasdair

Cllr Alasdair Ibbotson
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Penyffordd Community Council - Summary Accounts
2023 - 24 Financial Year

Income

| | Actual | Anticipated | Difference |
|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Precept | 119,521.00 | 119,521.00 | 0.00 |
| Bank Interest | 2,042.31 | 200.00 | 1,842.31 |
| Refunds/Other | 11,563.50 | 0.00 | 11,563.50 |
| Grants/Funds(Play Area) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Sponsor a Tree | 385.00 | 0.00 | 385.00 |
| VAT Refund | 11,981.02 | 11,842.39 | 138.63 |
| Total | 145,492.83 | 131,563.39 | 13,929.44 |

Expenditure

| | Actual | Agreed Spend | Balance |
|--|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Parks & Open Spaces | 13,615.70 | 113,719.00 | 100,103.30 |
| General Admin etc | 5,872.92 | 14,116.00 | 8,243.08 |
| Office Costs | 1,296.15 | 1,740.00 | 443.85 |
| Staffing Costs (wages, hmrc, pension) | 38,164.45 | 47,610.00 | 9,445.55 |
| Street Lighting (inc Christmas Lights) | 6,987.57 | 37,570.00 | 30,582.43 |
| Highways & Footpaths | 0.00 | 2,200.00 | 2,200.00 |
| Grants & Donations | 5,299.92 | 5,300.00 | 0.08 |
| Investing in Youth | 0.00 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Community Buildings | 4,286.99 | 23,000.00 | 18,713.01 |
| Community Improvements | 8,644.98 | 2,000.00 | -6,644.98 |
| Provision of Balances | 0.00 | 2,385.00 | 2,385.00 |
| Total | 84,168.68 | 252,640.00 | 168,471.32 |

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

Current Summary

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|---|-------------------|
| Balance c/f as at 31 March 2023 | 158,023.49 |
| (+)Income Receipts for 2023/24 | 145,492.83 |
| (-)Total Expenditure for 2023/24 | 84,168.68 |
| Gross Balance as at 31 Dec 2023 | 219,347.64 |
| Current | £6,243.78 |
| Deposit | £204,219.16 |
| Millstone Play Area | £8,884.70 |
| Reserved - Millstone Play Area Improvements | 8,894.70 |
| Reserved - Sponsor a Tree payments | 385.00 |
| Reserved - Skate Ramps (match funding) | 20,000.00 |
| Reserved - 2022/23 Street Light Upgrades | 11,170.00 |
| Reserved - Kays Group - Noticeboard | 250.00 |
| Net Balance as at 31 Dec 2023 | 178,262.9 |
| VAT Costs for 2023/24 Financial Year | 5,650.82 |

| Penyffordd Community Council | | Budget Summary 2023/24 | | | |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Details of Expenditure | Budget for 2023/24 | Current Spend to Date GROSS | Of Which is VAT | Available (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 | £2,126.80 | £0.00 | £73.20 | |
| 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 | £734.97 | £91.46 | £365.03 | Winter bulbs on order |
| 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 | Project being reviewed |
| Equipment etc for Operative & Groundsman | £1,150.00 | £873.93 | £106.57 | £276.07 | Uniform ordered |
| Millstone Play Area | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | |
| CCTV | £1,000.00 | £1,050.00 | £175.00 | -£50.00 | |
| Environmental Improvements | £1,000.00 | £97.98 | £16.34 | £902.02 | |
| RESERVED - Skate Ramps/pump | £35,000.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £35,000.00 | Planning due to be submitted. £5k moved to comm impr Oct23 |
| Old School Garden/West View Wildlife Garden | £8,100.00 | £4,054.60 | £60.00 | £4,045.40 | |
| 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 | Project being reviewed |
| 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) | £500.00 | £51.41 | £8.57 | £448.59 | Now funded by TfW Grant, council approved to move to Place Plan for PAW costs. June 23 & £3k to defib |
| Staffing Costs | | | | | |
| Wages, (inc Employee Pension) HMRC & NI | £37,828.00 | £30,524.12 | £0.00 | £7,303.88 | |
| Payroll | £330.00 | £332.56 | £0.00 | -£2.56 | |
| Employer Pension | £7,100.00 | £5,597.30 | £0.00 | £1,502.70 | |
| Clerks Expenses - Home Allowance & Travel | £2,352.00 | £1,710.47 | £0.00 | £641.53 | |
| Office Costs | | | | | |
| Postage | £120.00 | £79.65 | £0.00 | £40.35 | |
| Stationery | £300.00 | £213.21 | £35.53 | £86.79 | |
| Office Machinery | £200.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £200.00 | Shredder required |
| 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 | External Audit not completed |
| 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 | Service due final quarter |
| Annual Subscriptions | £992.00 | £1,056.00 | £0.00 | -£64.00 | |
| Training | £2,500.00 | £846.50 | £0.00 | £1,653.50 | |
| 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 | over due to vat |
| Bank Charges | £125.00 | £92.40 | £0.00 | £32.60 | |
| Place Plan | £2,500.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £2,500.00 | £1500 moved from budget 1.18 to cover PAW Desk Days - June 23 |
| Street Lighting | | | | | |
| Electrical Supply | £5,400.00 | £265.28 | £44.21 | £5,134.72 | Invoiced quarterly |
| Electrical Testing | £250.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £250.00 | |
| Repairs & Maintenance | £12,750.00 | £3,303.29 | £1,920.79 | £9,446.71 | Due to be completed by yr end |
| 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 | £3,419.00 | £569.84 | £4,581.00 | Paid in the final quarter |
| 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 | £3,999.92 | £0.00 | £0.08 | Paid in third quarter |
| CAB | £300.00 | £300.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | 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 | £4,000.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | Paid in third quarter |
| Community Changing Rooms | £4,000.00 | £286.99 | £11.76 | £3,713.01 | |
| Community Improvements/Support | £10,000.00 | £9,037.38 | £1,453.76 | £962.62 | kiosk refurb & defib. £3k added for defib from budget 1.18. July 23. £5k moved from pump track Oct23 |
| Provision of balance | £2,385.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £2,385.00 | |
| | £252,640.00 | £84,168.68 | £5,650.82 | £168,471.32 | |

| | Budgeted Expenditure for 2020/21 | Budgeted Expenditure for 2021/22 | Budgeted Expenditure for 2022/23 | Budgeted Expenditure for 2023/24 | Expected Budget for 2023/24 | Proposed Budget for 2024/25 | Variance |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Details of Expenditure | | | | | | | |
| Parks & Open Spaces | | | | | | | |
| 1.1 Gardening/Grounds Maintenance | £1,000 | £1,000 | £500 | £1,500 | £0 | £1,500 | £0 |
| 1.2 Play Leadership | £2,200 | £2,200 | £2,200 | £2,200 | £2,127 | £4,800 | £2,600 |
| 1.3 Dobshill Rent | £5 | £5 | £5 | £5 | £5 | £5 | £0 |
| 1.4 Bus Shelter Repairs | £250 | £250 | £100 | £100 | £0 | £100 | £0 |
| 1.5 Playing Fields | £5,000 | £5,000 | £0 | £0 | £0 | £0 | £0 |
| 1.6 Bulbs/Shrubs | £400 | £400 | £500 | £1,100 | £735 | £1,200 | £100 |
| 1.6a RESERVED - Sponsor a Tree | | | | £564 | £677 | £500 | £-64 |
| 1.7 Seat/ Memorial Garden(clock) | £100 | £21,500 | £27,000 | £27,000 | £0 | £10,000 | £-17,000 |
| 1.8 Equipment - ground staff | £150 | £150 | £1,150 | £1,150 | £1,233 | £1,500 | £350 |
| 1.9 Millstone Play Area | £5,000 | £5,000 | £0 | £0 | £360 | £0 | £0 |
| 1.11 CCTV | £300 | £500 | £550 | £1,000 | £1,050 | £1,500 | £500 |
| 1.12 Enviromental Improvements | £4,000 | £4,000 | £1,000 | £1,000 | £100 | £1,000 | £0 |
| 1.13 Pump Track/Skate Ramps | | £25,000 | £0 | £35,000 | £0 | £40,000 | £5,000 |
| 1.14 Old School Site/West View Wildlife Garden | | £2,500 | £8,100 | £8,100 | £5,074 | £6,560 | £-1,540 |
| 1.15 Tree Maintenance | | | | £2,000 | £0 | £2,000 | £0 |
| 1.16 NEW - Dobshill Play Area Improve | | | | £20,000 | £0 | £20,000 | £0 |
| 1.17 NEW - Additional CCTV for Millstone | | | | £3,000 | £3,474 | £0 | £-3,000 |
| 1.18 NEW - Nature Area pathway | | | | £500 | £51 | £0 | £-500 |
| 1.19 NEW - Old School Site | | | | | | £0 | £0 |
| Staff, Office Costs & Admin | | | | | | | |
| Staffing Costs | | | | | | | |
| 2.1 Wages, (inc Employee Pension) HMRC & NI | £22,500 | £23,928 | £34,637 | £37,828 | £40,460 | £43,482 | £5,654 |
| 2.2 Payroll | £350 | £350 | £330 | £330 | £407 | £420 | £90 |
| 2.3 Employer Pension | £4,500 | £4,500 | £5,600 | £7,100 | £7,579 | £8,105 | £1,005 |
| 2.4 Clerks Expenses - Home Allow & Travel | £1,700 | £1,750 | £1,780 | £2,352 | £2,336 | £2,500 | £148 |
| Office Costs | | | | | | | |
| 2.5 Postage | £50 | £70 | £80 | £120 | £120 | £120 | £0 |
| 2.6 Stationery | £300 | £300 | £300 | £300 | £280 | £300 | £0 |
| 2.7 Office Machinery | £200 | £150 | £200 | £200 | £80 | £700 | £500 |
| 2.8 IT Services & DPO Services | £660 | £690 | £1,080 | £1,120 | £1,081 | £1,150 | £30 |
| General Administration | | | | | | | |
| 2.9 Insurance | £1,800 | £1,800 | £1,900 | £1,724 | £1,968 | £2,200 | £476 |
| 2.11 Civic Service | £250 | £250 | £0 | £0 | £0 | £0 | £0 |
| 2.12 Audit Fee | £600 | £600 | £700 | £825 | £1,054 | £570 | £-255 |
| 2.13 Chairmans Name Board | £150 | £150 | £150 | £50 | £0 | £50 | £0 |
| 2.14 Elections | £500 | £4,000 | £5,000 | £500 | £0 | £500 | £0 |
| 2.15 Clock Tower | £500 | £500 | £900 | £500 | £360 | £500 | £0 |
| 2.16 Annual Subscriptions | £550 | £880 | £900 | £992 | £1,056 | £1,060 | £68 |
| 2.17 Training | £1,500 | £1,500 | £2,500 | £2,500 | £1,250 | £1,000 | £-1,500 |
| 2.18 Website | £3,200 | £500 | £300 | £250 | £225 | £250 | £0 |
| 2.19 Members Allowance | £5,000 | £5,000 | £3,450 | £3,450 | £3,450 | £3,450 | £0 |
| 2.21 Newsletter/Annual Reports | £500 | £500 | £500 | £1,000 | £0 | £1,000 | £0 |
| 2.22 Community Awards | £400 | £400 | £0 | £0 | £0 | £0 | £0 |
| 2.23 Council Email Accounts | £1,000 | £1,100 | £1,100 | £1,200 | £1,356 | £1,400 | £200 |
| 2.24 Bank Charges | | | £120 | £125 | £125 | £125 | £0 |
| 2.25 Place Plan | | | £3,000 | £2,500 | £1,500 | £500 | £-2,000 |
| Street Lighting & Defibs | | | | | | | |
| 3.1 Electrical Supply | £600 | £450 | £250 | £5,400 | £530 | £4,300 | £-1,100 |
| 3.2 Electrical Testing/Inspections | £1,500 | £500 | £250 | £250 | £0 | £250 | £0 |
| 3.3 Repairs & Maintenance | £10,000 | £10,000 | £12,750 | £12,750 | £12,750 | £12,750 | £0 |
| 3.4 Christmas Tree/ Lighting | £8,000 | £8,000 | £8,000 | £8,000 | £7,000 | £15,000 | £7,000 |
| Reserves - Street light upgrades | | | | £11,170 | £11,170 | £0 | £-11,170 |
| NEW - Defibs | | | | | | £1,000 | £1,000 |
| Highways and Footpaths | | | | | | | |
| 4.1 Salt Bins | £200 | £200 | £200 | £200 | £0 | £400 | £200 |
| 4.2 Noticeboards | £250 | £250 | £0 | £0 | £0 | £1,000 | £1,000 |
| 4.3 Footpaths | £2,000 | £2,000 | £2,000 | £2,000 | £450 | £1,000 | £-1,000 |
| Community | | | | | | | |
| Grants/Donations | | | | | | | |
| 5.0 Grants | £4,000 | £5,515 | £6,000 | £4,000 | £4,000 | £10,000 | £6,000 |
| 5.1 CAB | £300 | £300 | £300 | £300 | £300 | £300 | £0 |
| 5.2 Investing in Youth | £5,000 | £5,000 | £3,000 | £3,000 | £0 | £3,000 | £0 |
| 5.3 Kings Coronation | | | | £1,000 | £1,000 | £0 | £-1,000 |
| NEW - D Day 80 | | | | | | £0 | £0 |
| Community Buildings | | | | | | | |
| 6.0 Community Centre -Youth Club | £6,350 | £15,000 | £15,000 | £15,000 | £0 | £15,000 | £0 |
| 6.0a Community Centre -Youth Club Reserved £7000 S106 money | | | | | | £7,000 | £7,000 |
| 6.1 Pyf War Memorial Institute | £12,650 | £4,000 | £4,000 | £4,000 | £4,000 | £4,000 | £0 |

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| 6.2 | Community Changing Rooms | | £5,000 | £4,000 | £4,000 | £1,800 | £4,000 | £0 |
| 7.0 | Community Improvements/Support | £7,500 | £5,000 | £1,000 | £10,000 | £9,257 | £2,000 | £-8,000 |
| 8.0 | Provision of balance | £5,000 | £5,000 | £2,500 | £2,385 | £0 | £2,385 | £0 |
| Total Expenditure | | £127,965 | £182,638 | £164,882 | £252,640 | £131,829 | £243,432 | £-9,208 |

Balance as at 1 April 2023 **£158,023**

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| Reserved - Millstone Play Area Improvements | -£8,930 |
| Reserved - Sponsor a Tree payments | -£564 |
| Reserved - Millstone Skate Ramps | -£40,000 |
| Reserved - Street lighting | -£11,012 |
| | £97,518 |

| Income 2023/2024 | £ | Expenditure 2023/2024 | £ |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance 1 April 2023 | £158,023 | Probable expenditure 2023/2024 | £131,829 |
| Precept 2023/2024 | £119,521 | | |
| Estimated interest 2023/2024 | £2,712 | | |
| Refund of VAT | £11,842 | | |
| Sponsor a Tree | £385 | | |
| Other (defib, noticeboard, vat) | £1,702 | | |
| Skate Ramp Match Funding | £10,000 | | |
| Total income | £304,185 | Total expenditure | £131,829 |

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| Estimated Balance as at 1 April 2024 | £172,356 |
| Reserved - Millstone Play Area | -£8,869 |
| Reserved - Sponsor A Tree | -£385 |
| Reserved - Noticeboard | -£250 |
| | £162,852 |

Recommended precept requirement for 2024/2025 (Based on estimates submitted)

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| Estimated expenditure for 2024/25 | £243,432 |
| Working balance for 2024/25 | £55,000 |
| Total revenue resource requirement | £298,432 |
| Less estimated available balance as at 1 April 2024 | £162,852 |
| Less estimated VAT claim for 2023/24 | £6,000 |
| Amount recommended to be met from precept 2024/25 | £129,580 |
| Precept for 2023/2024 | £119,521 |

The Tax Base for 2024/25 financial year of equivalent Band D Properties is: 2293.99 (higher than 2023/24 which was 2220.75)

Note: The annual charge for Band 'D' properties for 2024/25 would be as follows:

Examples of how the precept affects Band D properties

Based on the above figures

£129580 -:- 2293.99 (Council tax base for 2024/25) = £56.49 (£53.82 - 2023/24) **(+£2.67p/+4.96% increase)**

Based on a requirement if reduced working balance by £5k

£124580 -:- 2293.99 (Council tax base for 2024/25) = £54.31 (£53.82 - 2023/24) **(+£0.49/+0.91% increase)**

Based on a 0% amount to Band D Properties

£123463 -:- 2293.99 (Council tax base for 2024/25) = £53.82 (£53.82 - 2023/24) **(£0.00/0.00%)**

NOTES:

Please note that should the council purchase additional christmas lights this year, it will obviously impact the budget



Proforma for Councillors to add items to the Agenda.

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| Name of Councillor | David Williams |
| Title of Proposal | Consider various issues about highway safety around Ysgol Pen-y-ffordd |
| Purpose of Proposal | Serious concerns are consistently reported to members about highway safety on Abbots lane, Park Crescent and Watts road and the fact that the drop of facility of the school is closed off, causing congestion and danger in streets around the school. |
| Background to this request | Some residents and members consider the justification given for closing the drop of facility are causing more issues than they are preventing. With the drop off point closed off, serious congestion occurs in the streets that children walk through and the dangers could be reduced if the drop off facility was available for use. |
| Financial Implications | To be established |
| Environmental Implications | Potential improvements |
| Equality Implications | Potential improvements |
| Advantages of this proposal | Potential improvements to highway safety around the school |
| Disadvantages of this proposal | None envisaged |
| Date submitted | 02-01-24. |



Proforma for Councillors to add items to the Agenda.

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| Name of Councillor | David Williams |
| Title of Proposal | Review of responses for requests for support in improving public transport provision in the Ward. |
| Purpose of Proposal | To discuss the content and value of responses received and consider actions for no responses. Review situation regarding Pen-y-ffordd station as being a hub for the South of the County. |
| Background to this request | Letters have been sent by the Council to various individuals and bodies to seek support for a resumption of a direct service from the ward to Chester. Some responses have been received that need discussion about, and at least two responses are currently outstanding! At the last meeting, an explanation was given about the station not being on the list of aspirations for the County, and further information on this is required! |
| Financial Implications | To be established |
| Environmental Implications | Potential improvements |
| Equality Implications | Potential improvements |
| Advantages of this proposal | Potential to be involved in improving public transport in the ward. |
| Disadvantages of this proposal | None envisaged |
| Date submitted | 02-01-24. |

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Cc: Correspondence.Lee.Waters@gov.wales
Subject: Welsh Government ref TO-LW-02903-23

Yr Adran Newid Hinsawdd
Department for Climate
Change



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Dear Sarah A Hughes

Thank you for your correspondence of 06 November to the Deputy Minister for Climate Change, Lee Waters MS, regarding bus services in Flintshire. I have been asked to respond on the Deputy Ministers behalf.

Currently in Wales, we have a privatised bus system meaning that companies make decisions on their routes and timetables based on commercial grounds. Since the pandemic, fewer people are travelling by bus and very few bus routes are profitable. As a result, we have provided over £200m in additional funding to local authorities and operators to help maintain key services for communities.

Looking ahead, we are proposing a new model for bus services in Wales which will allow us to work with local authorities to design the bus networks our communities need and put contracts in place to deliver them. Transport for Wales is currently working with local authorities across Wales to develop new regional bus plans. We have asked them to consider your suggestion as part of this work.

Whilst legislation takes time, and this doesn't give us an immediate answer to the challenges we're facing, the current situation only goes to highlight the scale of reliance on public support for a network over which we have very little control and the scale of our reliance on a deregulated service. Ours is the most far-reaching plan across the UK and a vital step to reverse the damage of deregulation. The Welsh Government wants to make sure people have a bus service they can rely on, which is easy to use, and puts people before profit.

Yours sincerely

Public Transport & Integrated Transport Division

Julie James AS/MS
Y Weinidog Newid Hinsawdd
Minister for Climate Change



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Eich cyf/Your ref JS3593
Ein cyf/Our ref LW/03034/23

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14 December 2023

Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter dated 14 November regarding bus services to Penyffordd.

As you know, the privatised bus system sees companies make decisions on their routes and timetables on a commercial basis.

Fewer people are travelling by bus since the pandemic and very few bus routes are profitable. Through the Bus Emergency Scheme, and more recently the Bus Transition Fund, we've provided over £200m to help protect bus services, but a number of operators have made changes to routes and frequencies in recent months.

While it is disappointing that Arriva Buses Wales have withdrawn their service through Penyffordd, I note that M & H Coaches still operate the service 29 - linking Penyffordd five times daily on weekday and Saturdays to both Mold and Wrexham. As Flintshire County Council have the responsibility for co-ordinating local bus services in your area, they have an important role in determining if additional bus services should be provided through your community.

As you will be aware, we are developing a new model for bus services in Wales that will allow us to work with local authorities to design the bus networks our communities need and put contracts in place to deliver them. Transport for Wales is currently working with local authorities across Wales to develop new regional bus plans. We have asked them to consider your suggestion as part of this work.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Whilst legislation takes time, and this doesn't give us an immediate answer to the challenges we're facing, the situation in Penyffordd shows that despite the industry's reliance on public funding, we have limited power to protect bus services and design a better network for the future. By reversing the damage of deregulation, the Welsh Government wants to make sure people have a bus service they can rely on, which is easy to use, and puts people before profit.

I hope this is a helpful response. Please get in touch if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,



Julie James AS/MS
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14th November 2023

Dear Sarah

Support for better bus services to Penyffordd/ Casework reference JS3593

Thank you for your recent email on behalf of the Penyffordd Community Council in its efforts to bring about a resumption of a direct bus service for the residents.

Your case for a direct service is one I am keen to support. I have written to Lee Waters in his role as Deputy Minister for Climate Change asking him to support your case going forward. A copy of that letter is included in this correspondence.

I will be back in touch as soon as I hear back from the Deputy Minister.

BEST WISHES,
JACK SARGEANT.

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14th November 2023

Dear Deputy Minister

Resumption of Bus Service to Penyffordd village in Alyn & Deeside / Casework ref JS3593

I am writing to you on behalf of Penyffordd Community Council and its residents in after being recently contacted by the Clerk to the Council. The members of the Council are trying to re-establish a permanent bus route through the village to go direct to the nearby border city of Chester.

The Service was taken off by Arriva in 2019 despite compelling evidence provided by the council to Arriva to reintroduce this much missed service.

Deputy Minister can you please advise what help the Welsh Government can provide to the Community Council in Penyffordd to help its residents in their quest to get a vital and much needed service back to a village of over 5000 people.

Please see the attached information provided by the Council which outlines why the service should be reintroduced as soon as is possible.

I look forward to your reply on the matters raised above.

BEST WISHES,
JACK SARGEANT.

Jack Sargeant MS/AS

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Our Ref: MT38243

8 November 2023

Dear Mrs Hughes

Re: Bus Service

Thank you for your letter regarding the bus service in Penyffordd.

I have long had concerns regarding the level of provision of public transport in Penyffordd, Penymynydd and Dobshell, and have written to bus companies and Flintshire County Council regarding this matter.

I am glad that following a period without any direct connection to Chester, the Community Council area now has had bus service restored thanks to the Traws Cymru route from Transport for Wales. These long distance, direct services offer competitive journey times compared with cars, and indeed the T8 service offers direct connections further into Wales than Penyffordd and Penymynydd has previously had, while also restoring a connection similar to the former X55 service to Chester. However, with more direct, long distance services, ensuring connectivity to stops from the wider area is vital and I am aware of concerns regarding this service stopping in Penymynydd and not Penyffordd.

Public transport in Wales is currently in a state of significant change, and I believe a long term view is needed to ensure the best possible outcome for Penyffordd, Penymynydd and Dobshell at the end of this process. At present, a number of commercial services are at risk of withdrawal when additional Welsh Government subsidy to support services to rebuild ridership after the pandemic ends. There is also s63(5) of the Transport Act 1985 which would mean that the T8 service would likely need to be withdrawn from Broughton and Penyffordd communities, which may result in the loss of the service altogether, if a commercial service was to be extended from Broughton to Penyffordd. I am keen that we don't lose the T8, only to then subsequently lose the commercial service which forced its cancellation soon afterwards.

Instead, I believe that calling for a diversion of the T8 service, such that it serves the centre of Penyffordd, as an interim measure, is the most sensible option. Over the medium term, the focus should be on ensuring the community council's case for strategic transport links is as strong as possible when this power is taken over by the CJC. Penyffordd's place plan is one of the most impressive in North Wales, and a similarly well presented approach to transport planning will be vital at this next stage of strategic transport planning.

However, most important of all is ensuring that the basis of any case, however well presented, is sound. I firmly support the proposals to upgrade Penyffordd railway station into a

multimodal transport hub, which would advantage not only Penyffordd but all of Southern Flintshire. At present, the area between Wrexham and Mold lacks a strategic hub and interchange. Fixing this would dramatically increase the number of bus routes through Penyffordd, as well as improving bus connections between other communities and the railway network.

Cllr Alasdair Ibbotson has pressed for this to be included in the council's integrated transport strategy, which I fully support, and I would encourage Penyffordd Community Council to add the council's weight to this request as well. I have enclosed a copy of his letter. I have consistently supported this proposal, including in multiple rounds of leveling up bids, and I believe that this is key to unlocking sustainable, long term public transport improvements.

The experience of communities like Penyffordd during the last 13 years of austerity has shown how risky relying on commercial services is, with their sudden withdrawal leaving people isolated. Instead I firmly support the development of a joined up network, operated for people, not profit, in place of sticking plaster solutions. I will continue to press for this in Penyffordd, Penymynydd and Dobshell, and I would welcome the Community Council's support in this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Tami', written in a cursive style.

Mark Tami MP

Cllr Alasdair Ibbotson

Penyffordd, Penymynydd & Dobshell



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22nd October 2023

Dear Mrs Wilby,

Re: Integrated Transport Strategy & Penyffordd Station

I am writing following the integrated transport strategy meeting, and further to the presentation. Firstly, I would like to note my appreciation of the work that has already gone in to the review of the strategy, and my firm support for an ambitious expansion of Flintshire's public transport network.

As you are aware, development of Penyffordd station as a transport hub has long been backed as a priority scheme to both enhance transport links within Penyffordd, creating a strategic bus hub, connect rural communities such as Leeswood, Higher Kinnerton and Pontblyddyn into the rail network via bus, and create a park and ride rail service for outlying communities, especially with the planned Deeside Parkway station.

I welcome the bids which have been submitted to the levelling up fund to carry out this improvement, and I know you share my disappointment that the UK Government has chosen not to invest in Flintshire. I am keen to see this project taken forwards, and so I am concerned that the project was not listed as being amongst the "Station Aspirations & Improvements" in the initial stages of the strategy.

I would be grateful if you would reaffirm Flintshire's commitment to working with partners to deliver the upgrades at Penyffordd, which, in my view, offer a potential for greater return on investment than others listed. At present the South of the county is without any integrated transport hub, which is a significant barrier to increasing ridership on public transport both in my community and further afield. Connecting the bus services presently operating in Southern Flintshire together, and with rail services, will lead to a virtuous cycle of better connectivity leading to greater usage, and greater usage allowing expansion of services, with more and better services again driving increased uptake.

I look forward to receiving your reassurance on this point.

Yours Sincerely,

Alasdair
Cllr Alasdair Ibbotson

Standing up for our village on Flintshire Council

 **Penyffordd Labour**
Llafur Penyffordd





Proforma for Councillors to add items to the Agenda.

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| Name of Councillor | Cllr Alasdair Ibbotson |
| Title of Proposal | <i>Strategic Response to local flooding</i> |
| Purpose and details of the Proposal | <p><i>For the council to agree a desired outcome to pursue in relation to flooding. There are a number of options that the council could choose to press for. Choosing a more ambitious option would require us to identify a suitable funding stream, or face the prospect of no action. However, choosing a less ambitious option may fail to fully resolve the problem.</i></p> <p><i>In order to achieve action, rather than simply pushing other agencies with limited capacity and resources to look at the problem, the council should settle on a preferred approach, establish costs and produce a reasoned case to present together with palatable budgetary options, as undertaking this in advance is significantly more likely to secure the changes necessary.</i></p> |
| Background to this request | <p>Broadly, there are six options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A complete revamp of the drainage system in the village. This would segregate surface water drainage and sewerage fully, and mean we never again have sewage bubbling up. It would also mean adequate drainage for surface water is put in, ending all types of flooding locally. This would need to be a combined FCC / Welsh Water project and would take years of digging up the village to complete. It would also cost approximately millions of pounds, with an annual cost per household in the village in the four figures for a decade. Given the relative severity of flooding in other communities in Flintshire and across Wales, it seems highly unlikely that funding for this could be secured by means of reallocation from other areas, and so we would need to identify suitable alternative funding schemes if we were to choose to pursue this option. 2) Widening the drain from the junction of Hawarden Road and Chester Road for a distance past the Scout Hut and Youth Club. This would prevent the burst manhole and the flooding of the centre of the village. However, it would just move the problem somewhere else, unless we replaced the drain all the way to the sewage works on Lower Mountain Road, which would cost millions. 3) Install a bolted down manhole cover at the Clock Tower. Welsh Water are willing to look at this, but all this will do will move the problem backwards in the system, up Chester Road and Hawarden Road. It may lead to a reduction in total sewage leaked by better distributing pressure, but any leakage will be spread over a wider area. 4) Attempt to maximise capacity of existing systems through more frequent cleaning. FCC and DCWW budget for regular upkeep, but this doesn't keep the systems at 100% capacity all the time; rather, work is carried out when capacity is estimated to be below a certain level (realistically, on a regular schedule). In other words, they wait for a certain degree of built-up waste before removing it. We could, as a community council, raise funds through the precept to, for example, double the amount of cleans of the system. This would mean when extreme weather hits, the system is better able to cope, less likely to flood, and if it does flood, it floods less badly. However, we would have to be willing to pay. |

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| | <p>5) Encourage householders with surface water drainage into sewers to remove this. We could look to fund a grant scheme to pay some or all of the cost of alternative measures such as soakaways or water butts. A significant proportion of the water that causes flooding comes from residents' own properties discharging drains from rooves, driveways and patios straight into the sewer, or running off their properties onto the road and into highway drains. If that water was diverted from the sewers altogether, or even held back and released after the storm, then this would likely be enough to solve the problem altogether. This would cost money and would need the participation of residents.</p> <p>6) A public information campaign on emergency measures people can take when extreme weather hits. When we get heavy rain, people stay indoors and do housework. They have a shower, put the dishwasher on, or do some laundry that will go in the tumble dryer. That water drains into the sewers which adds to the problem caused by the surface water. If we managed to build an understanding that you minimise your water usage in heavy rain, that could help reduce the scale of the problem, although not solve it altogether. This is the cheapest option, but is not a fix, and may well have limited impact on people's behaviour and be unpopular.</p> |
| Financial Implications | <i>There are no financial implications to the council in determining a preferred course of action. If the council's decision was to promote an option including a financial contribution from the Community Council, a separate decision would be required to authorise any spending after agreement</i> |
| Environmental Implications | There are no direct environmental implications to making a determination on preferred course of action. Depending on the outcome of the determination, once a strategy has been developed a full environmental impact assessment may be necessary in a subsequent decision to implement a fully developed policy. |
| Equality Implications | In making a decision there is a need to balance competing interests. The community council does not have detailed demographic information on affected residents to be able to conduct a full equality assessment with regards to protected characteristics however councillors should ensure compliance with equality provisions in the code of conduct in coming to a decision. |
| Advantages of this proposal | Without making this decision, there is likely to be limited progress on securing a viable flood strategy for the community. Pursuing any option fully is vastly more likely to deliver progress than the 'do nothing' option from the community council, or the pursuit of improvements without a preferred strategy and a costed proposal with identified funds simply by lobbying for a unspecified decision to be taken and funded elsewhere. |
| Disadvantages of this proposal | Council capacity in developing the chosen option(s), with potentially no return on investment if unsuccessful |
| Date submitted | 8/12/23 |

****Please note that this proposal will be included with the Supporting Papers and will be made available to the Public****



Proforma for Councillors to add items to the Agenda.

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| Name of Councillor | Andy Sloan |
| Title of Proposal | <i>Proposal for Members payments to be made direct and not via payroll</i> |
| Purpose and details of the Proposal | <p>The proposal is for council members to receive payments directly and not through payroll to avoid taxation issues for PAYE individuals in their main jobs.</p> <p>It would be the responsibility of members who receive payment to inform HMRC of any income received in lieu of council activities thus avoiding tax coding errors and inconvenience caused. There will also be a small savings not processing through payroll.</p> |
| Background to this request | <p>To help with the background section of the form:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. March 2023 – Min 205, the council resolved that Payments will be processed via payroll where appropriate tax and ni will be deducted and payments will then be made via cheque or bacs. 2. Nov 2023 – Min 120, It was reported The Panel has received guidance from HMRC, regarding the treatment of tax on councillor allowances. The exemption to the £156 payment made under the Determination of the Independent Remuneration Panel and the flat rate consumables payment of £52. 3. Nov 2023 – Min 120, I had made the suggestion that payments should not be paid via payroll and it should be members responsibility to inform HMRC |
| Financial Implications | There will be a small saving on not processing via payroll (approx. £30-40) No budget implications |
| Environmental Implications | N/A |
| Equality Implications | N/A |
| Advantages of this proposal | Fair treatment of taxation regardless of employment status |
| Disadvantages of this proposal | Councillors would need to declare income via self assessment |
| Date submitted | 22/11/23 |

****Please note that this proposal will be included with the Supporting Papers and will be made available to the Public****