

# PEN-Y-FFORDD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Finance Meeting held in the War Memorial Institute on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Present:** Councillors Mr J Priddin (Chairman), Mr D Williams, Ms C Hinds, Mr D Walker, Mrs M Jones, Mr M Rothero, Mrs E Davies, Mrs L Vidamour, Mr A Wight, Mr R Wakelam and Mrs S Kenworthy

**Absent:**

**In attendance:** Mrs S Hughes, Clerk & RFO to the Council  
6 x Members of the Public

### 188. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Mr R Bestwick.

### 189. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

### 190. Minutes of the meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**RESOLVED:** these were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 191. Matters Arising

**Min 155** – Cllr Williams informed the Council that Mr & Mrs Weeks has kindly offered to donate to the council their 9ftx5ft normand fir tree which is being removed. Cllr Williams advised this could either be used for Dobshill or to replace the smaller tree in Penyffordd. Concerns were raised as to whether the tree would survive once being removed.

Cllr Williams will make enquiries as to where the tree could be located and whether permission would be required from FCC in respect of highways.

Cllr Hinds advised that she had received requests from residents of Penyffordd that the christmas lights extend further up the Vounog Hill and asked the council if this could be actioned this year. The Clerk advised that the surplus lights from Dobshill that are being installed in Penyffordd have already had the electrical supply fitted.

**RESOLVED:** the Council appreciated the kind donation of Mr & Mrs Weeks and Cllr Williams will ascertain the best location of the tree.

Consideration will be made in 2018/19 for additional christmas lights to be installed on the Vounog Hill.

**Min 161** – The Clerk informed members that it has been brought to her attention that if the mandated payments were approved in the final report from the IRPW, this would affect the council by way of payroll and HMRC as all payments would have to be paid via payroll.

**RESOLVED:** this was received and noted.

### 192. Section 106 Agreement

The Council had received a letter of objection from Penyffordd Scouts with the action that the Community Council has taken with the transfer of the S106 money. Also a number of letters were received from residents wishing to express their support on the decision of the Council investing the money in the Institute.

Cllrs Williams and Hinds met with Officers from FCC; Neal Cockerton, Alan Roberts and Glyn D Jones to discuss the S106. They reported that they had been advised that the Council should focus on one build project and to forward think with the consideration of retention of £10k to assist with costs such as

architects/surveys for future builds and extra funding for clubs such as football, scouts etc could be received from the future S106 monies.

Cllr Williams requested that the Council consider retaining a sum of money from the S106 and referred to letters received from the Scouts and Football clubs which stated their unhappiness of the council's decision to invest in the Institute. He had previously suggested a split of 50/50, however feels that a split of £140k to the Institute and £60k to the Scouts, thus enabling them to apply for match funding. He produced drawing plans of the proposals for the Scouts building for the council to view. Cllr Priddin asked why it was only now that the Scouts have written to the Council this week? Cllr Walker stated that any changing rooms provided would have to accommodate boys and girls. Cllr Wakelam advised that previously the Scouts were unable to obtain grants due to them not actually owning the building.

It was commented that the Scouts wished to retain the sole use of the building whilst the Institute is open and used by 30+ organisations and clubs.

Cllr Walker asked whether the £100k retained by FCC could be used to assist with the repairs for the Scout Building which Cllr Williams replied both himself and Cllr Hinds had previously made requests unsuccessfully.

Cllr Wight stated that the decision has been voted on by the council with the majority vote being the money should be invested in the Institute, he proposed for the Council to create a Sub-Committee to progress the project and to work with local groups, clubs and organisations to how the Council may assist in the future needs of the village. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Walker and agreed by the Council. The following members agreed to sit on the Committee; Cllrs Priddin, Williams, Wakelam, Kenworthy, Wight, Walker and Hinds. It was proposed by Cllr Williams for Cllr Wight to Chair the Committee which was unanimously agreed.

The Clerk reported that she had sought information from Alan Roberts, FCC as to the process of the S106.

- County Council Members Williams and Hinds need to agree and identify the project and submitted their support to FCC in writing.
- The amendment to the S106, although agreed by Taylor Wimpey to the Community Council, would probably have to be passed through the FCC legal services as the original agreement is between FCC and TW.
- Normally FCC would retain the money and normally manage all the finances
- FCC would have to put the work out to tender
- Realistically it would be far better for FCC to manage the project as they have the skills and experience required.
- Once the project has been agreed and the Council are more aware of realistic timescales they could write to TW advising of the project and estimated timescales and request an extension of the 5 year term.

Cllr Wight summarised the Councils decision:

1. The Council will be supporting Phase 1 of the Penyffordd War Memorial Institute refurbishment up to the value of £190k
2. £10k will be retained with a view to this being used for architects/surveys on future builds for other clubs in the village
3. If there are any surplus money, this will be reviewed and considered at that time.
4. Both County Councillors are in agreement.

Cllr Williams advised the Council that although he had voted against the Institute as the decision has now been made he will be committed, fully support and assist with the Institute. He is however disappointed that the Council has been unable to help other groups.

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. The Council will be supporting Phase 1 of the Penyffordd War Memorial Institute refurbishment up to the value of £190k.
2. £10k will be retained with a view to this being used for architects/surveys on future builds for other clubs in the village.
3. If there is any surplus money, this will be reviewed and considered at that time.

4. A Sub-Committee will be set up to assist with this project and will work with groups, clubs and organisations to establish how the Council may assist with the future needs of the village.
5. The Clerk will officially write to Flintshire County Council informing them of the above resolution.
6. Both County Councillors will write to Flintshire County Councillor expressing their support in the proposal.

### **193. Welsh Border Community Transport**

Welsh Border Community Transport have written to the Council requesting financial support for 2018/19. They advise that the cost per journey has increased from £1.00 to £1.50 and have estimated the usage by Penyffordd residents for the year to be in the region of 1464, therefore asking for support of £2,196.

**RESOLVED:** the Council requested that this be included on the December agenda for consideration.

### **194. Annual Grant Applications**

The Clerk prepared and issued a report for the Council detailing applications received, it was noted that there were a number of clubs/committees that had applied in previous years that had not applied this year.

Cllr Davies proposed which was seconded by Cllr Williams to extend the closing date for the applications to Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

**RESOLVED:** the Council approved the closing date to be extended to Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December and all applications will be reviewed at the December Meeting.

### **195. Noticeboards**

Cllrs Williams and Walker will arrange a site meeting with Mike Eastwood – FCC to establish the location of the new Penyffordd Noticeboard and whether a Planning Application will be required.

Cllr Wight reported that the noticeboard outside of Jemoleys is now leaking and not water tight and whether the council could consider purchasing a wall mounted board. Cllr Williams advised that he will be undertaking minor repairs to the board.

**RESOLVED:** Cllrs Williams and Walker will meet with Mike Eastwood and report at the December meeting. Cllr Williams will make the minor repairs to the noticeboard located outside of Jemoleys and the Council will considered purchasing a wall mounted board in the next financial year.

### **196. Ceremonial Poppies**

The poppies have been received and installed by Cllrs Williams and Walker.

Flintshire County Council were unable to obtain the poppies free of charge and are asking for a donation to cover half of the costs which will be £33.75.

The Remembrance Parade will commence at 2.30pm from the Penyffordd War Memorial Institute on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November followed by a service at 3.00pm

**RESOLVED:** the Council approved the donation of £33.75 and members thanked Cllrs Williams and Walker.

### **197. Electrical Costs for the CCTV Camera**

Cllr Hinds advised she has yet been able to obtain this costings.

**RESOLVED:** this will be included on the December agenda.

### **198. Bank Balances**

Bank Balances as at 8th November 2017	Current	£6,686.15
	Deposit	£72,060.40
	Play Area	£17,754.33
		£96,500.88

**RESOLVED:** the above be received and noted.

**199. Accounts for Payment****CURRENT ACCOUNT**

<b>Payment Method</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Int	Flintshire County Council	Street Light Electricity & Repairs Aug 17	£115.81
Int	Flintshire County Council	Street Light Electricity & Repairs Sept 17	£258.81
Int	Staffing Costs	Oct-17	£1,452.70
Int - Internet Banking			<b>£1,827.32</b>

**PLAY AREA ACCOUNT**

<b>Payment Method</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Int = Internet Banking			<b>£0.00</b>

**RESOLVED:**

The above accounts be processed for payment and was signed by the Chairman of Council and/or the Chairman of Finance. Payments were also countersigned by two bank signatories.

**200. Members Items (AOB)**

Chair..... 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017