

PEN-Y-FFORDD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance Meeting held in the War Memorial Institute on Wednesday 12th September 2018

Present: Councillors Mr A Wight (Chairman of the Committee) Mr J Priddin (Chairman of the Council), Ms C Hinds, Mr D Walker, Mrs M Jones, Mrs E Davies, Mr R Bestwick, Mr R Wakelam and Mr M Rothero

Absent:

In attendance: Mrs S Hughes, Clerk & RFO to the Council
1 x Visitor

121. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr D Williams & Dr J Smith-Bellis

122. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

123. Minutes of the meeting held 11th July 2018

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

124. Matters Arising

Min 94 – Colin Everett has responded by forwarding the request of making the school defibrillator available to the public to Damian Hughes asking him to consider whether this is possible, or indeed to install two. DH has also responded by advising the following: *A defibrillator is not being supplied as part of the construction project for the new school.*

Should the Community Council wish to considering funding or applying for a grant for a defibrillator (assuming grants are available) for community use, in principle the Council would look to support by way of making the necessary infrastructure arrangements for its placement.

The project team have checked with the school, whom have no issue in principle with a defibrillator being located externally on their site for community use.

The caveat to this principle, would be that ambulance service support its placement on this site and the location of the device does not present undue financial pressures on the contract.

Cllr Walker proposed that due to the above response the Council reconsiders a contribution towards enabling the defibrillator at the bowling club to be installed outside and accessible to the public.

RESOLVED: a contribution to the enable the defibrillator at the Bowling Club be installed outside and accessible to the public will be included on the October agenda.

125. Penyffordd War Memorial Refurbishment Project (Section 106 Agreement)

The Clerk had contacted the WMI for an update on their progress and Mr Guy has advised that it has been a quiet couple of months regarding progress due to holidays etc., with nothing substantive to report at this time. Cllr Davies reported that the WMI Committee had not met for a couple of months due to unforeseen circumstances. She also reported that two members had recently resigned.

Members expressed concerns that the project is no further forward despite the Councils attempt to push forward and also offer assistance.

Cllr Hinds suggested an option to assist with the build would be to liaise with Redrow to ascertain if they would be willing to offer assistance for the community.

Cllr Wight proposed that as many Councillors attend the September WMI Committee Meeting to establish their current position on this project.

RESOLVED: Councillors will attend the September WMI Committee Meeting and provide a report at the October meeting.

126. Village Grass Cutting

Cllr Williams co-ordinated a contractor to undertake a cut of the village entrances. As Cllr Williams was not present, this will be carried forward to October for further discussion.

RESOLVED: this will be included on the October agenda.

127. Village Scarecrow Competition

Cllr Priddin informed members that the all prizes had been donated personally by Cllr Hinds. The Council discussed and considered if it were appropriate to make a donation towards these prizes, in which Cllr Hinds refused to accept and was happy to have contributed.

Cllr Wight proposed for the Council to cover the costs of the flowers which were presented to the organiser as the event had benefited and brought the community together. The Clerk asked members to consider that this could set a precedent for other residents who undertake work/tasks for the benefit of the community. Cllr Davies advised that she personally would offer a contribution.

All members acknowledged that the event was well received within the village and look forward to future years.

RESOLVED: the Council would not make a financial contribution.

128. Flintshire County Council – Children’s Play Area Improvements Match Funding 2018/19

FCC have made budget provisions for the year 2018/19 for improvements to children’s play areas and are operating the match funding scheme again. They have asked the Council to consider if they wish to participate in this scheme and their agreed level of contribution to a maximum of £10,000.

The FCC Play Survey identified the following; There were no areas identified as ‘RED’ and there were two identified as ‘AMBER’: Melwood Close and Dobshill. Melwood Close is the play area they have identified as being most in need of investment.

RESOLVED: the Council will apply to FCC for £10,000 match funding which will be allocated towards improvements at Melwood Close play area.

129. Christmas Lights 2018

The Clerk had provided members with information and costings for the 2018 Christmas lighting with options of lights and Christmas trees. The budget for 2018 is £10,000 and the costs to install, remove and store the existing 40 bracket lights total approx. £3000+vat

Members considered all options and dismissed the idea of artificial Christmas trees due to the expense. Costings were considered for the installation of the usual trees in the three locations, however, it was felt that as the three villages now all have Christmas bracket lighting that no trees would be put up this year.

Cllr Wight proposed that no additional lighting or trees be purchased this year which was agreed by the council. Members did ask the Clerk to ensure that the Contractor installs a mix of the old and new lights in all three villages to ensure there is a fair mix between them.

RESOLVED: no additional lights or trees will be purchased this year. The Clerk will liaise with the contractors to ensure that all three villages get a fair mix of the old and new lights.

130. CCTV Cameras

Cllr Priddin requested members to consider additional cctv cameras for the village. Cllr Walker asked if money from the s106 maintenance money could not be used for this purpose. The Clerk advised that this question has previously been asked to FCC who advised it could not.

The location of a camera was considered and agreed as the area of the millennium clock. Advice will be sought as to the most appropriate type of camera eg 1 x 360° camera or 2 x 180° cameras.

Cllr Wakelam asked if enquires could be made with the Police for the installation of a temporary ASBO camera.

RESOLVED: as the council are not utilising the full Christmas light budget, the Council approved the purchase of 1 or 2 cameras to be installed in the area of the millennium clock. The Clerk will arrange a site meeting with the CCTV Contractors to ascertain the most appropriate camera(s), location and costs.

Enquires will be made with the police for the installation of a temporary ASBO cctv camera.

131. Bank Balances

Bank Balances as at 12th September 2018	Current	£ 12,936.50
	Deposit	£108,061.95
	Play Area	£ 21,044.00

Payments Received

31/08/2018	FCC	Precept	£29,409.00
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RESOLVED: the above be received and noted.

132. Accounts for Payment

i. Payments made during the summer recess:

Method	Payee	Details	Amount
Int	Flintshire County Council	Electricity & Repair Charges - May & June 2018	£93.72
Int	Staffing Costs	July	£1,577.45
Int	Mrs S Davies	Bin Bags and weedkiller	£10.98
Int	Mrs S Hughes	Stationery, General Admin etc	£1.59
			£1,683.74

ii. To authorise the following accounts for payment:

Method	Payee	Details	Amount
Int	Flintshire County Council	Electricity & Repair Charges - July 2018	£46.86 **
Int	Staffing Costs	August	£1,736.49
Int	Mrs S Hughes	Stationery, General Admin etc	£2.01
Chq	Information Commissioner	ICO Annual Renewal	£40.00
			£1,825.36

** FCC have confirmed the invoice amount, however, there is a delay in sending them out. Payment will not be made until the invoice is received.

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.

133. Members Items (AOB)

- The Chairman expressed his appreciation, thanks and concern to the policeman who was injured following the car accident at the millennium clock.
RESOLVED: the Council will write to the PCSO to express their appreciation, thanks and concern,
- Cllr Walker asked whether FCC would be offering the poppies for lamp posts this year?
RESOLVED: the Clerk will make enquires and this will be included on the October agenda.
- Cllr Wakelam advised that members of the village will be installed camouflage netting around the clock and inviting residents & school children to attach a poppy.
RESOLVED: this will be included on the main agenda for October.

The finance and ordinary meeting were closed at 9.50pm

Chair..... 10th October 2018