

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Llangunnor Community Council held at Babel Zion Newydd at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday 18th January 2024

PRESENT: Cllr J Slate, G P Bevan, P Totterdale, M Williams, G Slate,

C. Cllrs Elwyn Williams, S Bowen joined remotely.

1. Apologies – Cllrs L Whatley, J Evans

One elector joined virtually in addition Howard Davies Clerk

2. Declaration of Interest – To be recorded during agenda items.

3. Thursday 18th January 2024 – Chair’s Announcements

The Chair had no announcements to make.

4. Members of the Public Present – 12 minutes for questions –

No questions were asked.

5. Minutes of meetings – i) it was agreed and **RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the monthly Council Meeting held on the 14th of December 2023 (**Minute 01/24 -5**)**

6. To approve the schedule of Accounts for January 2024. Resolved that the undermentioned accounts be paid as indicated below: (Minute 01/24 – 6**)**

Expenditure/Income January 2024

Payee	Description	Amount £
Emrys Williams	Park £97.	£97.00
Howard Davies	Clerical Duties –Gross new salary £944.03 plus 1 meeting £50.Total Gross £994.03, Net Salary £795.23 Allowances – Home Office £100, Internet allowance £40 total £140 Zoom Monthly Payment £15.59,	£950.82
Cllr Joan Evans	Reimbursement for cupcakes, cake toppers, serving trays, and cake sprinkles for Christmas party following light switch on.	£22.56

City Loo Hire	Toilet Service £30 plus £6 Vat – 9 th November 12 th December 10 th January	£108.00
Barclaycard via Direct Debit	Stamps Ryman -Plastic Document holders Aldi- Purchase of Mulled Wine/mince pies/sundries for Xmas Events	£20.50 £10.78 £145.85
JRB Enterprise Ltd	Dog gloves for park.	£42.84
Carms C C	Repayment of Lighting Ln Instalment to convert lanterns to LED. £1424.75 plus VAT £284.95. Loan will be fully repaid in 2029.	£1709.70
Dragon Play & Sports	Operational Inspections for Llangunnor Park as per agreement at £75 Plus VAT per Inspection.	£90.00
Income	Precept 3 rd Payment Transfer per 106 Monies re Park Electric connection. Cheque per National Grid to reimburse Council for connection charge at Park £828.94, purchase of main electric pillar £683.75, and compensation payment of £487.31 to round up to £2000. Funds from sales of mulled wine at Carol Service. Cash Sum Up	£12666.67 £3410.50 £2000 £165.70 £16.71

Extra Meetings

1 X £50 = £ this equates to £40.00 after tax.

(Extra meetings - @ £50 meeting – salary includes 11 meetings + AGM, all others treated as extra meetings over 4 hours will be paid at £100. **(Minute 0920 – F4)**)

Extra Meetings held.

Finance meeting 10.1.24

For information -Expenditure on S137 Donation Requests Agreed - December

(Minute 12/23 -)

Payee	Description	Amount £
Carms Youth Opera	Donation	£60
Urdd Gobaith Cymru	Donation Re Fund for All Appeal for 2 children from Llangunnor School	£360
Urdd Gobaith Cymru	Donation Re Maldwyn	£60

For Information payments issued for Christmas Lights Switch on within agreed Budget. – (Minute 11/23 - 12)

Payee	Description	Amount £
Barclaycard	Aldi Mulled wine, mince pies, cream, food sundries	£145.85
R P Hire Ready Tool Hire	Hire of lights/cabling etc	£81.60
Proprint	Posters for Carol Service	£28.00

7. Following a brief discussion it was **Resolved** to accept the recommendation Of The Finance Committee to increase the Precept to £41000 for the next financial year. **(Minute 01/24 – 7)**

8 Following a brief discussion it was unanimously **Resolved** to add Cllr S Bowen to the signatory panel at Barclays Bank. **(Minute 01/24 – 8)**

9. Following a brief discussion it was **Resolved** not to place another bench within the upper play area, based on cost, and the availability of sufficient existing seating nearby. **(Minute 01/24 -9)**

10. Cllr Jenny Slate introduced her motion “To consider purchasing a new “all in one printer” for the Clerks work, to reduce printing costs significantly, given existing printer is aged, and Is no longer efficient, at a cost of £220, which will see repayment within three years based on envisaged savings to ink costs”.

The motion was seconded by Geraint Bevan.

After a brief discussion the motion was adopted (Minute 01/24 -10)

11. Cllr Jenny Slate introduced her motion “during these unprecedented times many are suffering, this is particularly true with regard to the poorest in our community, with this in mind I would like to propose that the Council consider donating a with this in mind I would like to propose that the Council consider donating

The motion was discussed, and C Cllr Elwyn Williams said he would support if the motion was amended to give £500 to Christ Church Food Bank, based at Christ Church Carmarthen, and £500 to Carmarthen Food Bank based in Johnstown, as he felt that we needed to donate locally to ensure maximum benefit for the resident of Llangunnor notwithstanding that some of our residents do attend the Johnstown facility.

Cllr Slate was happy to amend her motion to give £500 to each Foodbank, and this was then seconded by C. Cllr Elwyn Williams.

After a brief discussion the motion was adopted (Minute 01/24 – 11)

12. Council Committees:

i) Finance committee – Meeting took place on the 10th of January, where the minutes are being circulated.

ii) Park & Environment - Noted the minutes of the meeting which took place on the 7th of November where minutes have been circulated electronically and uploaded to our web page. Next meeting will be arranged for early next month.

iii) Web & Media – Last meeting took place on the 7th of June. No recent meetings. Meeting to be arranged March 2024.

iv) Events Committee- Meeting of the Events Committee took place on the 22nd of November where minutes have been circulated electronically and uploaded to our web page. Next meeting to take place February 2024.

13. Appointment of a new Governor representative to Llangunnor School. It was decided to move this point onto next month’s agenda given that 3 Councillors were unable to attend this month’s meeting and had tendered their apologies.

14. Cllr G Slate was unanimously elected to fill the current vacancy on The Web And Media Committee. **(Minute 01/24 – 14)**

15 In order to discuss the salary increases now due to the clerk, the clerk and a member of the Public were asked to leave the room whilst this discussion took place.

Following completion of their discussions the Council agreed to award the clerk the two spine increases now due to his salary which will now place him on spine 26 of the National Association of Local Council's pay scales at an annual salary of £34834 pro rata. It was noted that a further two future increments would be due under his "contract of employment" subject to a satisfactory performance review and approval by the Council. The increases are to be backdated to April 2022. **(Minute 01/24 – 15)**

The Clerk and a member of the Public were re admitted.

16. Clerks Allowances. It was decided to move this point onto next month's agenda given that 3 Councillors were unable to attend this month's meeting and had tendered their apologies, and to allow time to review what the payment covered. The Clerk's Terms Of Employment clearly state that "The council pays an allowance for working from home currently £100/ month".

17. It was resolved to adopt the calendar of meetings as presented, and to provisionally hold the fun run on May 19th, and the Community Event on the 23rd of June. Chair to approach Llangunnor School to agree Christmas dates for our planned events to ensure that they do not clash with end of term activities at the school. **(Minute 01/24-17)**

18. C. Cllr Elwyn Williams advised that Cllr Edward Thomas had advised him that the scheme was in the final stages of appraisal and was being costed. Carms C C were looking to proceed subject to funding, which was encouraging news.

Secondly, he advised that much discussion was going on at County Hall to agree next years financial budgets given funding constraints and the need to make 20 Million of savings, where Council Tax increases will be inevitable, and certain front-line services reduced to save money. He will keep us advised, but there are tough decisions to be made at County level.

19. Due to Cllr Whatley's inability to attend due to prior commitments it was decided to receive his report on the Work of The Task and Finnish Group at next month's Council meeting. **(Minute 01/24 – 19)**

20. Members representing Council on other bodies.

One Voice Wales – No report

School Governor's - No meetings had taken place.

Town Forum – There is currently a vacancy for a representative following. The resignation of Cllr C Evans. It was agreed to revisit at next months. Council meeting.

21. Schedule of Correspondence Received for Monthly meeting – January 2024.

No	Nature of Correspondence	Agreed Action
1.	Road Closure C2070 Capel Dewi	Circulated
2.	Update -Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales's draft report online form (survey)	Circulated
3.	Determinations agreed last year	Circulated
4.	Thank you letter YFC	Circulated
5.	Vision ICT Newsletter	Circulated
6.	OPCC Bulletin	Circulated
7.	No requirement for an election following resignation of C Evans	Circulated
8.	Planning Consultation PL06974	Circulated
9.	Road Closure PL06974	Circulated
10.	Future spending purposes for dormant asset funding in Wales.	Circulated
11.	Response from Carms C C re Power Outage at site of Pensarn Xmas tree.	Circulated
12.	Resignation of Cllr A Wadeward	Circulated
13.	Training Dates Feb & March 2024 1VW.	Circulated
14.	Lamp Light of Peace.	Circulated

15.	Digital Training available from 1VW	Circulated
16.	Community Speed Watch	Circulated
17.	Community and Town Councils Liaison forum.	Circulated
18.	Planning Applications PL/07000 & PL 07026	Circulated
19.	Thank you "email" received from The Welsh Air Ambulance Charity following our recent donation.	Circulated
20.	1VW Training modules – Jan, Feb & March.	Circulated

22. Local issues brought up by Councillors.

No Councillor had any issues that required discussion.

18. Date of next meeting: meeting -Thursday 15th February 2024 at Babell Zion Newydd Vestry.

Meeting closed at 7.55 p.m

Signed:

Date:

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