Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Finance and Development Committee Meeting held Remotely via *Zoom*, on Tuesday 30 November 2021 at 6:30 pm

Presiding Councillor M Spooner

Present Councillors A Melen, I Jones, C Jones, D Atkins

Apologies Councillors A Threlfall, L Rees

101 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None. RESOLVED.

102 2021-22 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

Clerk presented a budget monitoring spreadsheet indicating income and expenditure to 30 September 2021 and estimated outturn to the end of the financial year. Clerk explained that spending had remained within budget for the most part and projections show a total underspend of £10,310.95. The ongoing Covid-19 situation had an impact on income from Community Centres and Playing Fields in the first few months of the year, but the situation is improving well since restrictions eased and the Community Centres are now making an acceptable income. RESOLVED noted.

Clerk stated that the Chair's allowance of £400 is still available for use and there is £1,700 available for Section 137 financial support. RESOLVED noted.

RESOLVED that the 2021-22 Budget Monitoring report be accepted.

103 CAPITAL PROJECTS 2022-23

Members discussed the following potential projects and approx. costs were discussed:

Rhos BMX Track options

New tarmac corners and raised course:	£25,000.00
New poly-compound BMX track (medium):	£40,000.00
New poly-compound BMX track (large):	£70,000.00

Rhos Park Gazebo: £25,000.00

Dog Mess signs & bins at Rhos Park: £1,000.00

General Playground Repair Works: £3,000.00

Refurbishment of Pool Room at Alltwen CC: £4,000.00
(Wall, doors, new tables, painting & decorating)

Electrics for Woodturners at Alltwen CC: £2,000.00

Interpretation Boards at Alltwen Triangle: £2,000.00

New footpaths maps: £3,000.00

Wheelchair Swing at Lon Tanyrallt Park: £12,000.00
(£6,000 of this could come from Cllr C. Jones' Members Fund and/or Mynydd Y Betws Fund)

Christmas tree for Rhos & lamp-post lights: £10,000.00
(Purchase of the lights could be covered by Cllr M. Spooner's Members Fund)

All agreed that projects in Rhos Park could be funded by Section106 funding. RESOLVED.

Members agreed that room alteration and electrical works at Alltwen Community Centre would be funded by council. RESOLVED.

Members agreed that further discussion with full council would be needed with regards to a Wheelchair Swing at Lon Tanyrallt Park and lamp-post Christmas lights for Rhos. RESOLVED noted.

It was stated that the creation of Interpretation boards and new footpaths maps would be a time-consuming project and could be completed over the duration of the year. RESOLVED noted.

104 CHARGES AT COUNCIL FACILITIES 2022-23

Members agreed not to increase charges levied for use of Alltwen or Rhos Community Centres due to continued pressures on users caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. This to be reviewed next year. RESOLVED.

RESOLVED that there be no increase for the hire of Rhos Playing Fields 2022-23 and that charges should remain the same as previous year.

Cllr D. Atkins suggested finding out how often the playing fields are used for training purposes. All agreed that the fields should be booked for training sessions as the fields cannot be used by members of the public when training is taking place. RESOLVED.

105 BUDGET ESTIMATES AND PRECEPT FOR 2022-23

The Clerk reported on the 2022-23 budget estimates, based on the anticipated expenditure and income in 2021-22. Expenditure was considered.

Clerk reported that expected reserves at the end of year, based on projection for 2021-22, would be in the region of £87,000.00. It is suggested that reserves

should equate to 6 months council running costs, therefore, some reserves could be used during the next financial year. Clerk went on to explain that if the budget for 2022-23 was £111,650.00 as projected, then keeping the Precept at £100,000.00 would mean that £11,650 of the reserves could be used. This would reduce reserves to a figure closer to 6 months council running costs whilst still allowing for sand-banding costs at Rhos Playing Fields when necessary (approx. £20,000.00). RESOLVED noted.

Clerk presented Precept options sheet and explained the Council Tax Base for 2022-23. Expenditure options, precept options, council reserves and the implications for Council Tax were considered. Due to Covid-19 and increased financial pressure on local families with energy bills increasing, as well as healthy council reserves, it was agreed that the Precept not be increased for 2022-23.

RESOLVED that Council be recommended to:

1. Agree the Clerk's report on estimates for 2022-23.
2. Levy a Precept in the sum of £100,000.00 for the financial year 2022-23.

The meeting ended at 7:40pm.

Signed Dated 07 December 2021