Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Finance and Development Committee Meeting held at Rhos Community Centre and via *Zoom*, on Tuesday 28 November 2023 at 6:30 pm

Presiding Councillor D Jones

Present Councillors N Jenkins, S Atkins (online), D Atkins (online)
Clerk N. Parr-Williams, Temporary Clerk L. Evans

Apologies Councillors L Rees

116 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None. RESOLVED.

117 QUOTES FOR RHOS PLAYING FIELD MAINTENANCE

Clerk reported that 3 quotes had not been received in time – this matter to be taken to full council in the next meeting. RESOLVED.

Chair suggested that looking into transferring the pitches as a community asset to Rhos FC could be looked at but this could raise concerns from residents. Cllr S Atkins suggested that other options also be looked at before making any decisions, she stated that Cllr M Spooner had tried to get fair income from Rhos FC for the use of pitches and changing rooms. She suggested raising charges in the short term. Chair agreed that there is a need to recoup as much money as possible. Cllr N Jenkins stated that if the club have no lease, then they cannot apply for funding. Cllr D Atkins stated that before any transfer is considered that an analysis of income and expenditure on the asset should be carried out. RESOLVED that Clerk prepare report on the last 5-10 years receipts and payments. Chair suggested that a separate meeting be held to discuss the results of the report and discuss options for a way forward. RESOLVED noted.

118 2023-24 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

Clerk presented a budget monitoring spreadsheet indicating income and expenditure to 30 September 2023 and estimated outturn to the end of the financial year. Clerk explained that spending had remained on budget for the most part, projections show a total underspend of approx. £1,025.55. RESOLVED noted.

Members decided that the Gas for Rhos Community Centre should be estimated at £14,000 for 2023 due to more use in Winter months. RESOLVED that Clerk amend this.

Members also wanted the £1,800 footpaths grant moved to Parks and Open Spaces from Staff Wages as it is a grant to cover works on footpaths. RESOLVED that Clerk amend this.

RESOLVED that with the above amendments, 2023-24 Budget Monitoring report be accepted.

119 CAPITAL PROJECT IDEAS 2024-25

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

Rhos BMX Track: course re-surfaced with stone and dust as per ROSPA recommendations: £7,500.00
This project may be funded by Section 106

Rhos Park Goal-end: £27,000.00
This project may be funded by Section 106

Rhos Park Children's cycle-safety learning site: £30,000.00
This project may be funded by Section 106

New roof for Rhos CC: £25,000.00
This project may be able to be funded by Section 106 – dependant on wording

Solar Panels for Rhos CC: £10,000.00
This project may be 75% funded

Interpretation Boards: £3,500.00
This project could be 75% funded by the next Mynydd y Betws Grant

General Playground Repair Works: £4,000.00

Meeting Room at Alltwen CC: £6,000.00
(Broadband, New tables, chairs, screen, hybrid meeting equipment etc)

Closing Unders at Alltwen CC: £30,000.00
(Bricking/UPVC with doors for access to storage – could be done in stages)

Upgrade of Heating system at Rhos CC: £3,000.00

All agreed that projects in Rhos Park could be funded by Section106 funding (dependent on S106 wording). RESOLVED.

Members agreed that Rhos BMX track should be looked at to meet ROSPA recommendations. RESOLVED noted.

Cllr N Jenkins stated that the goal-end in Lon Tanyrallt Park has lots of use and this could be a success in Rhos Park as well. RESOLVED noted.

Members agreed that the rood of Rhos CC was a priority and then solar panels. RESOLVED noted.

Cllr D Jones suggested checking again if there is any funding available for hybrid meeting equipment. RESOLVED that Clerk check again.

Members agreed that a new heating system for Rhos CC was also a priority as bills are very high. RESOLVED noted.

Chair suggested that Section 106 projects in Rhos Park go ahead so that funding can be used. RESOLVED noted.

120 CHARGES AT COUNCIL FACILITIES 2024-25

Members reviewed current hire charges. Cllr D Atkins stated that it is important to encourage community activities. Chair proposed not to increase hire charges for non-profit organisations. This was seconded. Cllr S Atkins suggested that Commercial Hall hire be increased to £17.50 per hour and Commercial use of Committee Rooms at £11.25 per hour. This was seconded. RESOLVED that full council be recommended to set charge as follows:

Alltwen Community Centre

	Community	**Commercial**
Main Hall	£10 per hour + £5 per hour thereafter	£17.50 per hour (20% discount for regular hirers)
Committee Room	£5 per hour + £2.50 per hour thereafter	£11.25 per hour (20% discount for regular hirers)
New Meeting Room	Charges were not set.	To be reviewed once room is completed.
Children's Parties	£40 + £20 refundable deposit	
Evening Parties	£60 + £20 refundable deposit	

Rhos Community Centre

	Community	**Commercial**
Main Hall	£10 per hour + £5 per hour thereafter	£17.50 per hour (20% discount for regular hirers)
Bronwen's Room	£5 per hour + £2.50 per hour thereafter	£11.25 per hour (20% discount for regular hirers)
Children's Parties	£40 + £20 refundable deposit	
Evening Parties	£60 + £20 refundable deposit	

121 BUDGET ESTIMATES AND PRECEPT FOR 2024-25

The Clerk reported on the 2024-25 budget estimates, based on the anticipated expenditure and income in 2023-24. Expenditure was considered.

RESOLVED that budget for Financial Assistance Grants remain at £3,000.

Clerk reported that Council reserves, based on projection for 2023-24 (i.e. approx. £67,714.18 expenditure in second half of year) would be approx. £61,195.05. If precept for 2024-25 remains at £115,000.00 and budget is

£145,250.00, then council reserves on 30th March 2025 would be approx. £30,945.05.

Clerk explained that it is recommended that council reserves cover 3 – 6 months council running costs. This means that the least council should ideally have in reserves is £36,312.50 (based on £145,250.00 budget).

Clerk presented Precept options sheet and explained the Council Tax Base for 2023-24 as 2024-25 figures had not yet been received. Expenditure options, precept options, council reserves and the implications for Council Tax were considered. Clerk/RFO recommended that precept for 2024-25 be set at £125,000.00 as this would leave approx. £40,945.05 in reserves which would fall within the recommended 3-6 month council running costs. Chair and Cllr N Jenkins agreed with this 9% rise. Cllr S Atkins disagreed and suggested recouping some of the money from Rhos FC and in other areas. Cllr D Atkins agreed with this and stated that there were one-off costs included within 2023-24 expenditure that will not be needed in 2024-25. He suggested that savings may be made in parts of the budget. Cllr D Atkins suggested that the precept stay at £115,000.00. After much discussion, Members decided to reject Clerk/RFO's recommendation and agreed not to raise the precept for 2024-25. The £30,945.05 reserves were deemed to be sufficient by Members as this figure only falls slightly under the recommended 3 months council running costs.

RESOLVED that Council be recommended to:

1. Agree the Clerk's report on estimates for 2024-25.
2. Levy a Precept in the sum of £115,000.00 for the financial year 2024-25.

The meeting ended at 8:20pm.

Signed Dated 05 December 2023