Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Finance and Development Committee Meeting held Remotely via *Zoom*, on Thursday 28 July 2022 at 6:00 pm

Presiding Councillor D Jones

Present Councillors A Melen, C Jones, S Atkins, M Spooner

Apologies Councillors L Rees, D Atkins, M Hutchings

63 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None. RESOLVED.

64 REVIEW OF COMMUNITY CENTRE HIRE CHARGES

Clerk presented hire charges from other local facilities run by other Community Councils in the area. Members discussed the charges in comparison to those charged by council for Rhos and Alltwen Community Centres.

Cllr S Atkins stated that charges for Cilybebyll's facilities were lower than other similar facilities in the area. She stated that to hire Pontardawe Leisure Centre for a children's party is approx. £120 therefore the £42 charged by other local community centres seems fair. Cllr M Spooner asked if a surcharge could be charged for a cleaning company to come in to clean after a children's party which would mean that Rhos Community Centre could be hired out on a Saturday afternoon or Sunday. Clerk stated that Pink Cleaning would be willing to do this for £18 + VAT per hour.

Cllr C Jones suggested raising the charge by £5 due to the increased utility costs for the centres.

Cllr M Spooner asked if Rhos FC use the shower facilities when they train or are these only used during football matches. Cllr D Jones stated that in Merthyr Tydfil, the council charges £300 per match for use of their pitches. All agreed that this was a ridiculous charge, but it is understandable due to the amount spent on pitch maintenance and sand-banding costs. RESOLVED that Clerk contact Rhos FC to find out and Pitch Hire charges be considered at a later date once more information is received.

Cllr D Jones stated that the SW Woodturners have sole use of a room at Alltwen Community Centre therefore a continued/sole usage charge should be levied for every single day, plus energy usage should be metered. Cllr S Atkins raised the point that the room is currently in an untidy state due to woodcuttings, rubbish etc. She suggested making sure that SW Woodturners have an up-to-date risk assessment for the room. Cllr M Spooner suggested that the SW Woodturners need to sort out and clean the room and then a fire safety test should be carried out. It was also stated that the equipment needs PAT testing. Cllr D Jones stated

that if the 'Unders' project was to go ahead, and if the S Woodturners and Pottery Group could get funding for this project, then they could use the room for free for a number of years as they funded the room improvements. Cllr S Atkins stated that in order to obtain National Lottery funding, a lease agreement could be drawn up and a peppercorn rent agreed. RESOLVED that Clerk speak to SW Woodturners about all issues before new charges are discussed for their current room and that the 'Unders' project be looked into further.

Cllr D Jones stated that part of the precept is used to run the community centres, and this comes from the additional annual charge on the local resident's council tax bill. He explained that in that context, the local residents already contribute some money towards the community centres, so council needs to make sure that costs are covered but that no profit is made. Cllr D Jones also stated that council would not like to lose any groups from any of the centres if the charges became too high.

Cllr A Melen suggested putting the charges up slightly for everyone to make sure that the increased costs of utility bills are covered.

It was RESOLVED that council be recommended to trial the following charges and review after a 6-month period:

Main Hall: £10 for first hour, then £5 for every hour following

Small Room: £5 for first hour, then £2.50 for every hour following

Children's Parties: £20 (£40 also suggested)

Evening Parties: £40 (£60 also suggested)

Commercial Hire: £12.50 per hour or £100 per full day with 20% discount on full day charge for weekly hirers.

65 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Clerk reported that she had completed and submitted the Mynydd Y Betws Wind Farm funding application for bins and a picnic table for Gwynfryn Park, Alltwen. Members were pleased with this.

RESOLVED that a picnic bench be purchased for Lon Tanyrallt Park at a cost of £558 + VAT.

BMX track project at Rhos Park will be funded by Section 106 funding. RESOLVED.

66 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr A Melen reported that the footpath from Derwen Road to Ynysymond Road is in a dire state. She has had numerous complaints about it. Also, a property

has left all of their hedge cuttings on the path. RESOLVED that Clerk ask Handyperson to look at this as soon as possible.

It was stated that Rhos Park bins are overflowing. RESOLVED that Clerk ask Handyperson to look at this as soon as possible.

The meeting ended at 7:20pm.

Signed Dated 06 September 2022