

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING 7th November 2024 – HELD AT LLANBADARN FAWR & DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE at 7.00pm.

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| 0624/01 | <p>Present: Mike Phillips, (Chairing), Martin Lawrence, James Griffiths, Phil Knill, Jenifer Le Mesurier. Cllr G Morgan Apologies: None - all members attended.</p> <p>There had been no requests to join the meeting remotely. MP opened the meeting at 7.08 pm</p> | | | | |
| 0624/02 | <p>Declarations of Interest: none.</p> | | | | |
| 0624/03 | <p>Minutes of the Previous Meetings: The minutes of Ordinary Meetings held on 3rd October 2024. were agreed and signed as a true record. (ML/PK).</p> | | | | |
| 0624/04 | <p>Matters arising: from minutes of the previous meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pen-y-Bryn Play area - No progress has been made in respect of information requested from PPCC. Cllr GM to be sent details of correspondence and would follow up with PCC officers. • Remembrance Sunday. The Remembrance Figures had been replaced in the Church yard. Cllr PK laid a wreath on behalf of the community at the Royal British Legion Service in St. Padarn's Church. The service was also attended by Cllr MP. | | | | |
| 0624/05 | <p>Village and Community Issues.</p> <p>Electrical works at Crossgates Community Centre – an email request for financial support towards electrical upgrades had been received from the Chairman of the Community Centre Management Committee. The email advised that there was much in need of attention in and around the premises, safety being the priority. An electrical safety report had been commissioned from a local electrician, the systems within the Centre had been tested with a view to ensuring safety and efficiency. The report confirmed that whilst there are no 'C1 issues, there are some C2 and C3 issues which should be addressed without undue delay'. An estimate for remedial works indicated a cost of £7,500 plus VAT. Members discussed the correspondence raising the following: A request for an explanation of the terms C1,C2 and C3. A short overview of Section 133 of the Local Government Act 1972 in the UK provides local authorities (like councils) was circulated. Under this section, local authorities are empowered to acquire, adapt, and maintain buildings for community use, such as village halls, recreation centres, or other similar facilities that benefit local residents. Members agreed that this provision is particularly important for rural or small communities that need spaces for events, gatherings, or recreational activities, supporting local engagement and enhancing community life. Support for the funding request was agreed in principle subject to the applicant providing evidence of further quotes. Committed funds within the current budget were discussed with a view to the potential virement of unspent monies. There was also a short discussion about the impact on the precept of a non-specific funding award being made to the hall as a budgeted spend in 2025-26. Cllr MP had received information that the Wi-fi connection for the hall was approximately £269.00. It was agreed that an award of £275 be made specifically for Wi-Fi provision to the Community Centre from the general community support fund.</p> | | | | |
| 0624/06 | <p>Finance:</p> <p>a) A bank reconciliation showed the following balances in hand which were noted and, with bank statements, agreed (ML/JG):</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 2074.22</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Savings Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 17,281.60</td> </tr> </table> | Current Account | £ 2074.22 | Savings Account | £ 17,281.60 |
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| | <p>Invoices for payment to approve: (ML/JLM)</p> <p>Royal British Legion – Remembrance Wreath (refund Clerk) 20.00 (ib)</p> <p>Cheque issued for payment to Llandewi Hall for room hire as their online account could not be accessed.</p> <p>b) There had been a general request for funding from the Air Ambulance and National Eisteddford 2025 Deferred until year end. Request for support towards electrical repairs at Crossgates Community Centre (see 0624/05 above). An award of £275 was made to the Community Centre for annual Wi-fi – as this was important for remote access to community council meetings held in the hall (MP/PK)</p> <p>c) Members received a statement of accounts showing total spend by budget.</p> <p>d) External Audit – no correspondence or queries had been received from Audit Wales.</p> <p>e) Budget Priorities 2025-26: a budget review to date for 2024-25 was discussed, this included estimated spend and income to the end of the financial year suggested a potential carry forward of between £2K and £3K. members noted the 2025-26 Tax base iro of the potential raised precept had not yet been issued by PCC but based on the 2024-25 tax base a £1000 budget increase would increase individual household tax by £2.81.</p> <p>f) Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2025-26 - a short briefing note i.r.o. Section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 was circulated and explained by the Clerk. The appropriate sum for the financial year 2025- 26 was noted to have increased from £10.81 to £11.10 per elector.</p> | |
| 0624/07 | Planning Applications: There were no new planning applications. | |
| 0624/08 | <p>Correspondence: Additional to previous email updates a summary document was circulated and the following noted:</p> <p>a) Coomunity Tranport Toolkit</p> <p>b) One voice Wales Meals that matter webinar – 28/11/24</p> <p>c) Welsh Government Safe and Warm Hubs</p> | |
| 0624/09 | Local Member Update: GM gave a short update of recent Powys CC meetings. He advised that the County Council still required to make budget savings. A recent consultation and review of county car parks was to be revisited. | |
| 0624/10 | Member discussions and items on the Agenda to be raised at the next meeting: None | |
| 0624/11 | Exclusion of public and press due to the confidential nature of the following business items: None | |
| 0624/12 | The next scheduled meeting was set for 5 th December 2024 | |
| | Meeting Closed 8.30 pm | |
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