



Llangattock Community Council CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGATWG

The following are the minutes of a meeting of Llangattock Community Council's **Finance Committee**, held online on **6th December 1:00pm (Monday)**

Attendance: Cllr S Ady, Cllr T Jones, Cllr G Jones, Cllr R Jones

Clerk – Kay Bailey

Public Participation:

None

48/21	Apologies for absence	Cllr G Jones joined 1:12pm
49/21	Members' declarations of interest	None
50/21	Approve minutes from the meeting in 15th of November & matters arising: Proposed: Cllr R Jones Seconded: Cllr T Jones Resolved: to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record Matters arising: RFO confirmed that the audit is yet to be received	
51/21	To receive and vote on the All Wales Play Opportunities Grant and agree to submit. Cllr T Jones introduced the item, all the paperwork had already been seen by all Councillors. He ran through the reasoning behind the grant and the work that had been undertaken. Priority one was to try and relieve pressure on the central services department and two was to relieve the pressure on new items for next year's plan. He asked if there were any questions. Cllr S Ady wondered when the grant approval would be, as this might impact the budget that will be presented to full council. Cllr T Jones and the Clerk will enquire but there is no answer on the paperwork so that the repairs should remain in the budget paperwork for the time being. Cllr T Jones felt that the response should be relatively quick, but he is unsure. The RFO confirmed that the quote for the Zipwire mound is currently not included in the 2022-2023 budget now. Cllr S Ady required that this is talked about under 52/21. Cllr R Jones stated that there is minimum maintenance that could be done on the mound if the grant money is not received.	

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	<p>He confirmed that if this is agreed then this application will not go to full council.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr T Jones Seconded: Cllr R Jones Resolved: to accept this grant application and send to Powys</p> <p>Cllr S Ady requested that thanks be relayed to the Community Committee for their efforts.</p>
52/21	<p>To analyse the proposed budget as requested by the Full Council</p> <p>Cllr S Ady confirmed she had resent the documents this morning, which was also shared onscreen. She also confirmed that the tax band document (with thanks to a younger residents help), has also been updated to show each of the tax bands. She would like to discuss the documents so that this can be sent either later today or tomorrow to allow for the Councillors to have it well in time for the next full council.</p> <p>Cllr T Jones thanks Cllr S Ady and the Clerk for their hard work on the spreadsheet. He felt that the Council have a real understanding of where the costs are and what the costs are, the fixed costs are approximately 87% of the total, the margin for movement is therefore very small. With rising costs, the precept will also have to rise. The presentation of the figures should show clearly what the impact will be each tax bracket with a figure rather than percentage raises as it shows more clearly what the costs to residents will be. It would also need stating that those on benefits or council tax reductions will not pay the full costs. He felt that if Councillors wished to increase the precept at a lower account that Councillors should state what they want to take out of it. Cllr S Ady felt similarly and felt that this committee should recommend an increase to the full council, with two and half week notice this should give them time to respond to the next meeting with suggestions.</p> <p>Cllr G Jones and Cllr R Jones agreed with the suggestion and sending paper copies within good time. Cllr G Jones commented on the added assets which people have requested and enjoyed, there is maintenance involved in this.</p> <p>Cllr T Jones noted that it should be that Councillors should not feel pressured to decide, but that it would be helpful for them to be guided to look at the information before the next meeting so that a decision could potentially be made, and multiple extra meetings be avoided.</p> <p>Cllr S Ady will re-present the documents to all Councillors.</p> <p>Cllrs requested that the Clerk formulate a forecast for the next meeting and also information on the costs involved in changing the Clerk's contract.</p>
53/21	<p>To receive a report into the tax bands and the potential budget expenditure</p> <p>The Committee noted the information therein, and thanked Cllr T Jones and his daughter for their assistance with this item.</p>
54/21	<p>Date of next committee meeting to be confirmed when required</p>