

CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Finance Committee

Minutes of Meeting

Old Library

Monday 17 March 2025, at 6.30 pm

Register of Members Present:

Cllr K Hatton (Chair)

Cllr J Cowpe

Cllr C Mirza-Davies

Cllr C Franks

Cllr MCowpe

Cllr J Fanshaw

81. Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs V Driscoll & R Grigg

82. Declaration of Interests:

The Chair & Cllrs C Franks and J Fanshaw declared an interest in Item Number 84 (Matters Arising Item 85g)

83. To Confirm Minutes of meeting held on 6 January 2025

Minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2025 were taken as read, and on the Motion of Cllr M Cowpe, seconded by Cllr J Cowpe, it was resolved that the Minutes be **APPROVED** as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

84. To consider Matters Arising from Minutes

Item 85 – Finances – Item 85g – To consider rentals for the Highways Units

Clerk advised Members two quotes for a Commercial Evaluation on the Highways Units had been sought

Company 1 - £1100 + VAT (email)

Company 2 - £750 + VAT (verbal – no follow up email).

third company was approached but no longer undertook this type of work.

The quotes were **NOTED** – however Members **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** the Council do not proceed.

85. Finances

a) To Approve Cashflow and Forecast as at 28 February 2025

Having previously circulated the Cashflow as at 28 February and on the motion of Cllr K Hatton, seconded by Cllr J Fanshaw it was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the Cashflow and forecast.

b) Schedule of Accounts for February 2025

The information was **NOTED**

c) To consider the Council's current financial position

The Financial position of the Council as at 28 February was **NOTED**

86. To consider reviewing and approving the Council's Amended Financial Regulations

The Chair proposed, seconded by Cllr J Fanshaw and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** by Members to **RECOMMEND** adopting the Amended Financial Regulations.

87. To consider the Clerk's annual subscription to Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC)

It was **RESOLVED** the Clerk could apply for the annual subscription of SLCC. The annual fee is based on the Clerk's annual salary.

88. To consider repairing the hydraulic gate into Caerleon Road Play area

The Clerk advised members that one of the gates at Caerleon Road Play area had been seriously vandalised. As the damaged gate opens out onto the adopted highway and presented a risk to children it was necessary to repair the gate as soon as possible. Clerk has been in communication with the VOG Playground Officer, who was able to find a company able to repair the gate, (rather than replace it) at a cost of £649.75. As a good will gesture, the company have repaired the damaged spinning cup roundabout free of charge. Members **UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED** the repair works to the gate

89. To consider increasing the frequency of emptying the litter bins managed by the Community Council

Cllr M Cowpe proposed, seconded by Cllr K Hatton and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** by Members to **RECOMMEND** the Council request a second weekly litter bin collection for 6 months, to commence in April 2025. The weekly cost to empty the bins is currently £72.16. Clerk advised the fee may increase slightly in April

90. To consider requests for financial support / donations

Members unanimously **AGREED** to **RECOMMENDED** that Council **APPROVES** the following requests, in pursuance of the power conferred by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, a donation of:-

a) Wildly Creative – CIC - £75 (to sponsor the Art exhibition)

Action: Clerk to advise the organisation the Council with sponsor the Art Exhibition

b) Tenage Cancer Trust – Clerk to advise the charity of local organisations/events in Dinas Powys who may be able to assist in **promoting their services and community fund raising initiatives and collaboration on local events and initiatives**. Clerk was advised to contact the charity, suggesting they write again after April, when there may be more scope to make a donation.

Action: Clerk to Contact Tenage Cancer Trust and Wildly Creative

91. To receive thanks for previously awarded donations

Letters of thanks were received from

a) Dinas Powys Women's Institute

b) Wales Air Ambulance

c) Urdd – Margam Park 2025

92. Any items which the Chairman has decided are urgent

There were no matters the Chairman decided were urgent.

93. Other items members would like to bring to the attention of Committee

There were no matters that members wanted to bring to the attention of Committee

Date of Next Meeting – 12 May 2025 – 6.30pm
Dinas Powys Library & Activity Centre

Signature Date