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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD VIA A VIRTUAL
ZOOM MEETING AT 7.00 PM ON WEDNESDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2020 AT 7.00 PM**

Present: Councillor M Williams

Councillors: B Tiltman
A Wathan (Chair of Council ex officio member)

Apologies: Cllr A Hughes

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO
MR P Ley, Asst. Clerk & FO

FR36/20: As above

FR37/20 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

- Councillor B Tiltman - Allotment Gardens

FR38/20 TO RECORD THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10TH NOVEMBER 2020

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th November 2020 were accepted as a true and accurate record and the Chair signed the Minutes.

FR39/20 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE NOVEMBER 2020 MINUTES

Minute FR27/20 Matters Arising from the September Minutes

Minute FR17/20 Requests Following Summer Newsletter:

The Clerk had emailed the Bridgend Ramblers to ask for their assistance, she had also read that they have a funding pot for T&CCs so have asked if they'd consider funding the leaflet at a cost of £576.

Minute FR29/20 Projects Update 2020/21

Roadway Allotment Gardens:

The Clerk gave an update on when the work was being carried out and what work is planned.

Footpath Heol Hopcyn John:

The Clerk gave an update and asked for the Committee's agreement for the original chosen contractor to be given the work following the allotment roadway issues.

Tree Work Litchard Park Play Area:

The Clerk was waiting for a start date from the contractor.

Noticeboards:

The Clerk's informed Members that the funding application to Taylor Wimpey for a noticeboard for Gerddi'r Castell has been successful and they've offered £500 towards the purchase cost.

Coity Playing Field: The Clerk informed Members that the funding application for the 2 picnic tables is still being considered by Wales & West.

Oakwood View: The Clerk informed Members that she had made a request to Persimmon for permission in principle to place a noticeboard and defibrillator on the development and is awaiting a reply. An application for funding for the noticeboard had been made to Persimmon but had not been successful in December, the Clerk would apply again next month.

Minute FR30/20 Draft a Precept

Quotes had been obtained and would be discussed during item 6.

Minute FR31/20 Community Asset Transfers

A meeting with the football clubs would be held in January 2021.

FR32/20 Clerk's Report

Town & Community Council Fund:

Two quotes had been obtained by the Clerk for the refurbishment of Heol Mair play area equipment, 2 new bins, 2 new benches, play area management signs, gate painting and surface cleaning. These were discussed.

Chair's Roll of Honour:

Quotes had been obtained for a traditional and a contemporary roll of honour board which were discussed.

Resolved: The information was noted. It was agreed to recommend to full council to:

- that Innovation Build can go ahead with the footpath 52/52a work Heol Spencer/Heol Hopcyn John
- to accept the offer from Taylor Wimpey of a £500 grant towards the installation of a Community Council noticeboard at Gerddi'r Castell
- It was agreed that the Finance Committee would meet with the football team representatives on 21st January 2021.
- it was agreed that if it were not possible to refurbish the Heol Mair play area within 1 year if match funding from the T&CC was not granted, the council would earmark the £15,000 allocated in the precept budget to add to funding in 2022/23 budget for refurbishment in 2022/23.
- to not go ahead with the Chair's Roll of Honour in the coming year or the short film for the website and reconsider for the 2022/23 budget

FR40/20 **TO REVIEW THE 2020/21 BUDGET**

The current budget monitoring document was discussed and it was noted that there were no threats or concerns regarding the 2020/21 budget.

Resolved: The information was noted.

FR41/20 RoSPA PLAY AREA SAFETY TRAINING

In addition to the fortnightly visual inspections of play areas the Clerk informed Members that quarterly operational inspections and annual inspections were needed. The Clerk had obtained information from RoSPA about their training and this was discussed.

Resolved: The information was noted and it would be recommended to Full Council that RoSPA Safety Training for one member of staff would be considered in a year's time and in the meantime a contractor would be employed to carry out the quarterly operational inspections.

FR42/20 TO FINALISE A DRAFT PRECEPT BUDGET FOR 2021/22

A first draft precept budget had been discussed at the last Finance & Resources Committee Meeting. The Clerk had now obtained some additional quotes and these were presented to Members for discussion. A second draft precept budget was discussed and the recommendations to Full Council were agreed.

Resolved: The information was noted and it was agreed to recommend the second draft budget to Full Council requesting a precept of £111.200 and to make the following recommendations too:

- that the quote for the footpath at Heol Simonston of £1,150 be accepted and the work carried out if consent is granted by BCBC.
- to publish an Annual Report in late Spring 2021 at a cost of £1,395
- to install a noticeboard and defibrillator on the Oakwood View development in Pendre
- to research the blue plaque scheme over the next year for inclusion in the 2022/23 precept budget
- to review the terms of reference for the Finance Committee

FR43/20 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk had received a notification from the Welsh Government that the Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4)(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2019-20 This is to notify you that the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for Community and Town Councils in Wales for 2019-20 is £8.12 and will be increased to £8.41 per elector in 2021/22.

Resolved: The information was noted.

FR44/20 **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING**

The meeting would focus on meeting the two football clubs who have expressed interest in talking to the council regarding use of the two football fields in Pendre and Litchard.

FR45/20 **TO AGREE THE DATE AND LOCATION FOR THE NEXT FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING**

Resolved: The Committee will next meet on 21st January 2021 at 7.00 pm via Zoom.

With there being no further matters to discuss the Chair thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.36 pm