

6th June, 2022

Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee of Llandybie Community Council held on Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 6th June, 2022 at 6.30 p.m.

Present

Councillors P. H. Roberts Mrs A. Evans D. Hopkins

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Declarations of Interest

There were none.

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Member's Attendance Allowance

The Independent Remuneration for Wales had asked each council to consider introducing this optional allowance for Councillors. Payments for attendance must be in respect of official business or approved duty, and all members will be entitled to the payment for identified events. Any individual member may decline to receive payment by informing the Clerk in writing.

The Committee **recommended** that the scheme to be considered for approval at Full council should be subject to the following criteria :-

a) An attendance allowance of £15 per member for certain approved duties should be introduced. This figure should never exceed the annual maximum recommended by the IPRW, currently £30 per event.

b) Approved duties in this instance should be restricted to attendance at Full council and committee meetings. The entitlement should be restricted to one claim per day/ evening, irrespective of the number of meetings attended.

c) In recommending the rate of £15, it was recognised that there would potentially be additional expenditure of 3000 as member's expenses, based on 80% attendance and 10% contingency for ad hoc meetings.

d) The rate of £15 was formulated using the real living wage of £9.90 per hour and an average council meeting of 1.5 hours (rounded up). It should be frozen at £15 and any future uplift to the allowance should only be considered if there was an uplift in the national living wage correlating to a rate of £17.50. This rate would serve as the next trigger point for determining any potential further uplift and any subsequent freeze that may be applied

e) Any future change should be determined by the Finance committee.

f) Details of the scheme should be published on the council's website

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As there was no further business to discuss, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.50 p.m.

Chair