

15th of February, 2024

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance Committee of Llandybie Community Council held at the Council offices , High street, Llandybie and on Microsoft Teams on Thursday, 15th of February, 2024 at 6.30 p.m.

Present

Councillors	P.H. Roberts	D. Thomas
	R. A. Davies	Mrs C. Thomas
Apologies	D. Hopkins	Mrs K.D.L Davies

Online: E. Davies

Absent I. Rh. Llewelyn

397.

Declaration of Interest

Cllr P. H. Roberts declared an interest on item 398 regarding a grant application for Penygroes Welfare Hall.

Cllr E. Davies declared an interest on item 398 regarding a grant application for Menter Dinefwr.

398.

Applications for Financial Assistance

The Clerk distributed detailed copies of the spreadsheet that summarised the applications received from community organisations. A list of application were discussed and the following decisions of note were discussed on applications were awards were not in total agreement and fell short of criteria.

It was felt as a consensus that the Urdd ‘Fund for all’ appeal application was an all Wales appeal on not of sufficient local focus and therefore was not awarded.

The application from Llandybie Social and Athletic Club it was felt as a consensus was a business and although trustees worked without remuneration it fell outside the volunteer run organisation, charity run, social enterprise and community interest company stipulation of the award.

The Urdd Eisteddfod Maldwyn 2024 was not awarded in terms of the lack of local focus on where the local precept payers money would be spent.

The Cancer Information and Support Services in South West Wales was not awarded due to the non-local focus of the on where the local precept payers money would be spent.

The application for Y Llofwr was not awarded due to the fact that after repeated request accounts were not forthcoming.

Chair

The award request from Ysgol Llandybie was turned down due to the fact that after repeated requests no acceptable letter from a school extra curriculum pupil Was received along with no evidence of where the fund would be deposited.

After much debate the award to Ammanford Netball Club was turned down as members felt there was a lack of Llandybie Community focus on what was an application from a club in the Ammanford Town area.

A special award was made to Penygroes Welfare Hall of £4,000 which was a 50% intervention towards the cost of a new boiler which was key to keeping the hall open as a key community hub for precept paying residents in Penygroes. It was debated and decided that this was in line with a president that been set for special awards to other community halls in the past.

Cllr P. H. Roberts who had declared an interest outlined that Penygroes Welfare Hall had exhausted all other grant avenues but had been successful in the past in attracting 'green grants' for more sustainable energy and energy saving such LED Lighting, new energy efficient windows and Solar Power Panels.

Discussion was had regarding future applications from similar community hubs and it was recognised by members that Llandybie Memorial Hall, Saron Hall, Caerbryn Hall and Penygroes Welfare Hall were examples of key community benefit organisations run by volunteers.

Cllr E. Davies intervened to say that he felt that better 'working together initiative' could be entered into with these identified organisations to realise a forward planning relationship where the need for support within the remit of the grant could identified as an ongoing asset management plan.

It was agreed that the Clerk consider this and include it as an agenda item at the next Ordinary Meeting.

It was agreed that the Clerk include it as an agenda item at the next Ordinary Meeting a formal statement to be adopted by the Council on award criteria to include reference to volunteer run organisation, charity run, social enterprise and community interest company in the stipulation of the criteria of the grant award. This was to make a clear differentiation between these and a formal 'business' or 'Commercial club or society'.

A summary of the decisions on award allocations are as follows;

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Enw'r Mudiad	Grant Ddiwethaf Last Award	Cyflwynwyd Cyfrifon Accounts Submitted	Swm a Ofynwyd Amount Requested	Argymhelliad Recommendation	Name of Organisation
Cyffredinol					General
Apêl Cronfa Cyfle i Bawb yr Urdd	Newydd	✓	No specific request	No award	The Urdd's Fund for All appeal
Crafty Baggers	Newydd	Have bank a/c	£300	£400	Crafty Baggers
Clwb Cymdeithasol Athletis Llandybie	Newydd	✓	No specific request	No award	Llandybie Social and Athletic Club
Cylch Meithrin Penygroes	£300 2.23	✓	No specific request	£300	Penygroes Nursery
Cylch Meithrin Saron a'r Hendre	Newydd	✓	No specific request	£300	Saron and Hendre Nursery
Cylch Meithryn Blaenau	£300	✓	No specific request	£300	Cilch Meithryn Blaenau
Cymdeithas Henoed Penygroes ar Cylch****	£300 2.23	✓	No specific request	£300	Penygroes and District OAP Association
Dawnsywyr Penrhyd	£200 2.23	✓	No specific request	£200	Dawnsywyr Penrhyd
Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Urdd Gobaith	Newydd	✓	No specific request	No award	Urdd National Eisteddfod Maldwyn 2024

Cymru Maldwyn 2024					
Ffederasiwn Clybiau Ffermwyr Ifanc Sir Gar	Nil 02.21	✓	No specific request	No award	Carmarthenshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs
Ffrindiau Tenovus Llandybie	Applied 03.20 but no a/c	✓	No specific request	£300	Friends of Tenovus Llandybie
Gardd Gymunedol Heol Spien	Applied 9.23But no a/c	Will open Bank a/c	£600	£500	
Glo Man	£200 2.22	✓	No specific request	£200	Glo Man
Gwasanaethau Gwybodaeth a Chymorth Cancer yn Ne-Orllewin Cymru	Nil 02.21	✓	No specific request	No award	Cancer Information and Support Services in the South West Wales
Menter Dinefwr	Newydd	✓	No specific request	£200	Menter Dinefwr
Y Lloffwr	Nil 9.20	Requested	No specific request	No award	Y Lloffwr
Ysgol Gynradd Blaenau	£200 2.23	✓	No specific request	£200	
Ysgol Gynradd Llandybie	£500 9.21	None	No specific request	No award	Llandybie Primary School
Teml Apostolaidd Penygroes	None	✓	No specific request	£200	Temple Apostolic Church

Neuaddau					Halls
Neuadd Caerbryn	£770 2.23	✓	No specific request	£770	Caerbryn Welfare Hall
Neuadd Leisant Penygroes	£990 2.23	✓	No specific request	£990	Penygroes Welfare Hall
Neuadd Leisant Penygroes	£8,000	✓	No specific request	£4,000	Penygroes Welfare Hall
Chwaraeon					Games
Clwb Pel Droed Caerbryn	£350 2.23	✓	£350	£350	Caerbryn AFC
Clwb Pel-rwyd Rhydaman	Newydd	✓	No specific request	No award	Ammanford Netball Club
Mynwentydd					Buriel Grounds
Capel y Bedyddwyr Saron	£300 9.22	✓	No specific request	£300	Saron Baptist Chapel
Teml Apostolaidd Penygroes	£300 2.23	✓	No specific request	£300	Temple Apostolic Church

It was agreed that the Clerk present these awards for ratification at the next Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 27th of February 2024.

399.

Discussion of Signatory Changes and Online Banking Arrangements.

The Clerk confirmed that the Council was now fully online in terms of its ability to make payments and transactions digitally and online. The three signatories were now Cllr E. Davies, Cllr K. D. L. Davies and Cllr S. Roberts. The Clerk further confirmed that payment schedules were being made weekly with emails pre notifying the signatories of the transactions were being sent out and his actions were then authorised through the online account by at least two of the three signatories.

400.

Update of External Audit for 2023/24.

The Clerk confirmed all questions were answered in the latest email from the Welsh Audit Office and he was expecting further notification and updates to report to the upcoming Ordinary Meeting

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To agree Budget for 2024/25.

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Cyngor Cymuned Llandybie - Cynnig y gyllideb 2024-25
Llandybie Community Council - Budget Proposal 2024-25

notes

	2023-24 £	Predicted 23-24	Proposal		
			2024 -2025 £		
Precept	180,000	180,000	180,000		Precept
Llog : Lloyds	800	800	800		Interest: Lloyds
Llog : cyfrifon buddsoddi	250	5,000	3,500		Interest: investment accounts
VAT	12,000	23,000	17,000		VAT
Section 106	0	31,480	20,000		Saron
Hawliau tramwy	3,000	3,000	3,000		Rights of way
Cytundebau llogi	4,700	4,700	4,700		Hire Agreements
	200,750	247,980	229,000		
Staff	51,225	48,656	61,864		Staffing
Adeiladau	20,050	21,728	22,000		Premises
Gwasanaethau swyddfa	5,300	11,728	6,000		Office Services
Costau Aelodau	13,800	13,800	15,875		Member costs
Gwasanaethau a Tanysgrifiadau	6,050	6,050	6,050		Services and Subscriptions
Adran 137			0		Section 137
Taliadau dan bwerau eraill			0		Payments under other powers
Mannau agored cyhoeddus			0		Public open spaces
Neuaddau pentref			0		Village halls
Mynwentydd	20,000	15,360	20,000		Burial grounds
Hawliau tramwy - cynnal			0		Rights of way - maintenance
Hawliau tramwy - gwella	10,000	6,400	10,000		Rights of way - improvement
Toori gwair/sbwriel / cyfleustarau	30,000	38,532	31,500		Grass cutting/ litter/ facilities
Atgyweirio a ailosod parciau	20,000	5,147	21,500		Park repairs and replacement
Goleuadau cyhoeddus - ynni			0		Public lighting - energy
Goleuadau cyhoeddus - gwella	6,000	3,900	6,000		Public lighting - improvement
Datblygiad cymunedol	42,000	35,731	15,000		Community development
Election costs	0	19,000	16,000		
Toiledau cyhoeddus	14,000	11,226	11,000		Public conveniences
Vat	12,000	23,000	17,000		
	250,425	260,258	259,789		

Llofnodwyd / Signed

Cadeirydd / Chair

Clerc / Clerk

Deficit for 2023/24; funding from reserves 30,789 *Last budget £50,075*

Additional Budget 2024/25 notes

Staffing;

Clerk going from point 29 to point 30 in April 2024	887
Admin Assitant going from point 5 national pay award	252
(Allowance for pay award @ 3%)	1500
Pension	8,000

Members costs;

Increase to annual allowance (was £150 now £153)	75
IT Tablets for meetings	2,000

Election Costs

8,000

Grass cutting;

5% Annual increase in Council Services 1,500

Parks and Repairs increase of 5% 1,500

Total 23,714

Predicted balance £271,000

1. Reserves 2022/23 Earmarked at £170.00

Parks and Play Areas x 11 parks	150,000
Legacy of Caerbryn refurbishment of Caerbryn park – agreed as a payment to Caerbryn Welfare Association once other grant funders had been found for the park refurbishment.	20,000

2. Reserve funding of deficite on budget to keep precep 30,789

3. General Reserves - £70,211 70,211

This equates to 4.7 months of precept or 3.2 months of gross budgeted expenditure.

Cllr R. A. Davies welcomed the budget but asked if the repair of the Cilrychen Clock had been considered, the Clerk confirmed that this was recognised in the Community Budget.

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Cllr E. Davies asked if the monies in the savings accounts could be best served in a fixed deposit account to give a better return for the public purse, Cllr R. A. Davies concurred but that this be considered carefully and a cap be put on the invested amount that this be ratified by full council. The Clerk asked that given that Cllr E. Davies had a professional knowledge in the finance and investment area that he meet to discuss the matter with Cllr E. Davies separately to the meeting to discuss advice and options to put to full council.

I was agreed that this be put as an agenda item at the next Ordinary Meeting for full council ratification.

Cllr Eifion Davies concurred with the Chair Cllr C. Thomas that the Clerk had worked in an exemplary manner in compiling the budget and in explaining the detail. Cllr E. Davies wanted it noted in the minutes that the Clerk except the committees thanks for the professional diligence he has shown in preparing the budget.

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As there was no further business to discuss, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.28 p.m.