Wednesday, 15th October 2025

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 Wednesday, 15th October, 2025 at 6.30 p.m.

Present

Councillors ; P.H. Roberts, R. A. Davies, J.W. Tandy, A. J. Evans, D. W. Hopkins, C. R. Thomas.

Online ;, D. Thomas, E. J. Davies

Apologies ; Cllr Lynne Wilkins, Cllr K.D.L Davies

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Declarations of Interest.

There were none.

To receive apologies for absence.

Councillors L. Wilkins and K. D. L Davies offered apologies.

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Deferred item on Applications for financial assistance, Penybanc Welfare Hall.

a) The Committee, in accordance with Minute 693/95, considered the following applications for financial assistance and agreed to recommend to Council as in the table at the end of this minute item.

The Clerk offer updated information received on email from the applicants and tat the cost of the works to repair wear and tear damage was now £3,150, it was agreed that as per previous special power applications that 50% be awarded, this was proposed by Cllr C. Thomas and seconded by Cllr D. W. Hopkins, The Chair asked for a vote and this was carried unanimously.

It was recommended to ask the Ordinary Meeting of October 29th to ratify the decision of a payment of £1,575.

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Six Month Budget Review of 2025/26

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Llandybie Community Council - monitoring budget 2025-26
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	2025-26 Budget £	Incwm a gwariant gwirioneddol 01.04.25-10.10.25 Actual Income and expenditure £	Incwm a gwariant gwirioneddol 31.03.26 Predicted Income and expenditure	Cyllideb 01.04.26-31.03.27 Budget	
Praesept gyda codiad o 3.8%	193,860	129,240	193860	200,645	Precept plus 3.5%
Llog : Lloyds	800	212	800	800	Interest: Lloyds
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Vat	24,000	16,118	24,000	24000	Vat
Section 106	0	0	0	26000	106
Grants	15,000	17,500	17,500	15000	Grants
Hawliau tramwy	3,000	3,000	3000	3000	Rights of way
Cytundebau llogi	5,000	5,500	5500	5500	Hire Agreements
	245,160	171,570	**248760**	**279,045**	
Staff	57,252	31,137	62300	68261	Staffing
Adeiladau	37,945	19,906	32735	61750	Premises
Gwasanaethau swyddfa	7,500	6,535	7000	10000	Office Services
Insurance	3,600	3,295	3295	4000	Insurance
Costau Aelodau	15,000	1,216	9000	9000	Member costs
Gwasanaetyhau a Tanysgrifiadau	6,050	4,906	4906	5000	Services and Subscriptions
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Mannau agored cyhoeddus		0			Public open spaces
Neuaddau pentref		0			Village halls
Mynwentydd	20,000	15,562	23772	20000	Burial grounds
Hawliau tramwy - cynnal		0			Rights of way - maintenanc
Hawliau tramwy - gwella	5,000	4,354	4600		Rights of way - improveme
Torri gwair/sbwriel / cyfleustarau	31,500	9,170	27000	32000	Grass cutting/ litter/ faciliti
Atgyweirio a ailosod parciau	5,295	1,187	1787	4500	Park repairs and replaceme
Goleuadau cyhoeddus - ynni		0	0		Public lighting - energy
Goleuadau cyhoeddus - gwella	4,000	6,207	6207	6500	Public lighting - improvem
Datblygiad cymunedol	61,000	62,951	77991	33600	Community development
Etholiadau	8,000	7,011	7011	8000	Elections
Toiledau cyhoeddus	11,200	5,288	11200	11200	Public conveniences
	273,342	178,725	**278804**	**283811**	
Reserves for Offices and gates			13500		
			292304		

Budget as 31st March 2026	292,304	
Income	248,760	
Predicted Balance;	**Balance at 2026**	**Balance 2027**
Balance on Mach 2025	**203,806**	**240267**
Income that may come in		
Also grants pending	4,500	
106 Pending	26,000	

Budget Items for discussion	**Addition/Increase**
Precept increase of 3.5%	6785

General Reserves calculation
4.4 months of Precept or at leasst 2.8 — 73,567

months 0f gross budget (£61,474)

Reserves consideration on asssets — 136,363
10 park plus two public conveniences
not 11 as previous years

Balance needed — **209,930**

Balance predited at March 2027 — **239,686**

The Acting Chair Cllr A. J. Evans explained that the Clerk had met with her and the Chair Cllr J. W. Tandy to discuss look at a budget review in detail and agree a budget proposal and asked the Clerk to talk through the review of budget performance.

He Clerk explained that whilst the budget was performing well anomalies were evident through overspill of outgoings that were budgeted to be paid in the financial year 2024/25 but were invoiced or presented for payment in this financial year.

The previous year was also cash rich due to 106 and Grant payments of £29,000 and a grant payment towards the Tennis Courts of £3,500 received and banked in the previous year for the project that was completed this year.

Unexpected payments this year for Saron Changing Rooms for Electrical Compliance Work along with Welsh Water Compliance work at Llandybie Bowls Pavilion and the additional office move and fencing at Penygroes Park had also impacted, however the budget was only in his six-month forecast only going to be overspent by circa £6,000.

The Clerk further explained that this close performance to the budget was helped by the fact that the heating system at the Llandybie Tennis and Bowls Pavilion could not now go ahead in this financial year due to the grant scheme expected not now being available and the failure to attract Mynydd Y Betws Funding earlier in the year. This position was further impacted by the need to re issue a tender for the work as it's been more than 6 months the process of tendering was concluded in March 2025.

The Clerk concluded by explaining the reasoning behind the General Reserves amount was lower as the reserves held on assets for the 10 parks that had been 11 parks in 2024/25 was now in place for 2026/27.

It was **recommended** that the Budget Review for 2025/26 accepted for ratification by the Ordinary Meeting of October 29th.

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Discussion on the Budget Proposal for 2026/27

The Clerk went through each heading in detailed and discussed observations by Cllr K. D. L. Davies who could not attend the meeting but had asked for explanation of the premises budget increase and office services budget items.

The Clerk explained that he had added items in in lieu of the Office Move and work that maybe needed in terms of the decorating of the Pavilion at Llandybie once the heating system is completed and had identified increase costs such as Water Testing at £3k per annum that will fall within office services.

The Precept increase in line with the Finance Meeting recommendation of the previous year that instead of raising the precept sporadically the figures followed inflation at the time of the recommendation.

The Clerk explained that the current inflation rate was 3.8% as asked for discussion

Cllr D. Thomas proposed that the figure be set below at 3.6%, a counter proposal was tabled by Cllr C. R. Thomas to set the increase at 3.5%, this was seconded by Cllr D. Thomas and carried unanimously. The Clerk will not amend this figure in the Budget Proposal in the minutes.

It was recommended to ask the Ordinary Meeting of October 29th to ratify the raise the Precept by 3.5%.

Councillor Expenses and Chairs Expenses were discussed, and it was recommended that the rates stay the same at £156 per annum per Councillor and £15 per meeting attended with the Chair and V. Chairs receiving an extra £500 annually respectively.

It was recommended that the Budget Proposal for 2026/27 be passed to the Ordinary Meeting on 29th of October for ratification.

813.

Update on External Audit for 2024-25

The Clerk confirmed he had now started dialogue via email with Audit Wales and would report progress on completion.

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As there was no further business to discuss, the Chair declared the meeting closed at

7.22 p.m.

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