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COWBRIDGE (ANCIENT BOROUGH) with
LLANBLETHIAN TOWN COUNCIL
CYNGOR TREF
Y BONTFAEN (Bwrdeistref Hynafol) gyda
LLANFLEIDDAN

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

held in the Council Chamber and remotely using Microsoft Teams at 8.00pm on
Tuesday, 9th January 2024

Present: Council Chamber: Chair Cllr Alec Trousdell, the Mayor Cllr Malcolm Wilson, the Deputy Mayor Cllr Heather Weddell, Deputy Town Clerk Clair Davis and Chief Officer/Town Clerk Cathy Kennedy

Microsoft Teams: There were no remote attendees

Committee Members: Chair Cllr Alec Trousdell, Deputy Chair Cllr Geraint Baty, Cllr Gwen Baty, the Mayor Cllr Malcolm Wilson, the Deputy Mayor Cllr Heather Weddell & Cllr Lianne Evans.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from Cllr Geraint Baty, Cllr Gwen Baty and Cllr Lianne Evans.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday; 5th December 2023 were considered.

RESOLVED

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday; 5th December 2023 were approved as a true and accurate record.

4. MATTERS ARISING/ACTION PLAN

The action plan was reviewed and the following relating to item 2023/9 was approved:

RESOLVED

In light of the recent passing of local celebrity JPR Williams, it was discussed that it would be fitting to lower the Welsh flag to half-mast on the day of his funeral.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report ending 31st December 2023 was considered.

RESOLVED

The Financial Report ending 31st December 2023 was approved.

7. BUDGET & PRECEPT

A comprehensive review of the draft budget and precept request took place, and agreed-upon amendments made in advance of their presentation at the extraordinary council meeting scheduled for 16 January.

8. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

RESOLVED

The invoices received from Christmas Light installer WGS Power Ltd were considered and approved for payment.

9. TOWN HALL SURVEY

The Town Clerk highlighted that despite the implementation of the survey, carried out by Hiraeth having been approved, there was no specific budget allocated to the costs.

RESOLVED

To fund the initial survey cost of £4,121 from general reserves.

10. SECTION 106 MONIES

Cllr Wilson informed members' that there was £20,000 in Section 106 monies to be used by 2025 and that he was having regular discussions with the Section 106 Team at the Vale Council with regards to project options.

11. GRANT APPLICATIONS

A grant application from Cylch Meithren Bontfaen was considered.

RESOLVED

To approve Grant Aid of £2,000 to contribute towards the overall expenses for external lighting and CCTV at the nursery, at a total of £7,000, subject to the following conditions:

- a. The outstanding £5,000 must be raised before disbursing the £2,000.
- b. Confirmation is required that Cylch Meithren BontFaen does not plan to relocate its premises within the next five years.

12. COOPTION POLICY

A second draft of the recommended Cooption Policy was considered.

RESOLVED

The cooption policy was approved.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 6th of February 2024.