

Cyngor Cymuned Llannon Community Council



Minutes of the Finance Committee of Llannon Community Council

Monday 10th February 2025 at 6.00pm

Held via Teams

Meeting commenced at 6.00pm

The Chair, Cllr. Ll. Davies presided over the meeting.

Minute No. 50 – Members Present.

Cllr. J. Owen (JO)
Cllr. S. Stewart (SS)
Cllr. Ll. Davies (LD)
Cllr. R. Lloyd Davies (RD)
Cllr. T. Stillman (TS)
Cllr. N. Thomas (NT)

Also Present:

Mrs C Hope – Chief Officer (CH)
Miss Ff Davies – Deputy Chief Officer & RFO (FD)
Cllr. S. Blackmore (SB)

Minute No. 51 – Apologies and reasons for absence.

Cllr. S. Eldridge (SE) – Work commitments.

Minute No. 52 – Declarations of Interests.

There were no new declarations of interests.

Minute No. 53 – To ratify payments to be made in February 2025.

The RFO previously circulated the bank transfer payments to be made during February 2025 for ratification to all members of the Finance Committee via email. The members present discussed the payments that need to be made.

SS proposed to ratify the payments to be made in February 2025. NT seconded the proposal. All members present in favour.

Resolved payments to be made in February 2025 are ratified.

Minute No. 54 – To review the Council’s Cashbooks.

The RFO previously circulated the following Cashbooks to all members of the Finance Committee via email:

- Council Account Cashbook January 2025.
- Hall Account Cashbook January 2025.
- Precept Account Cashbook January 2025.
- Reserves Account Cashbook January 2025.
- Soldo Account Cashbook January 2025.
- Y Cwtsh Cashbook January 2025.
- Cinio a Chlonc Cashbook January 2025.

The Chair asked the members present if there were any questions with regards to the above Cashbooks. The members present discussed all the Cashbooks presented to them.

JO proposed that the Finance Committee ratify the above Cashbooks as previously circulated via email from the RFO. NT seconded the proposal. All members present in favour.

Resolved that the Council Account Cashbook for January 2025, Hall Account Cashbook for January 2025, Precept Account Cashbook for January 2025, Reserve Account Cashbook for January 2025, Soldo Cashbook for January 2025, Y Cwtsh Cashbook for January 2025, and Cinio a Chlonc Cashbook for January 2025 are ratified.

Minute No. 55 – To receive the Budget Monitoring Spreadsheet up to 31/01/2025.

The RFO previously circulated the Budget Monitoring Spreadsheet to all members of the Finance Committee via email.

RD proposed that the Finance Committee accept the Budgeting Monitoring Spreadsheet up to 31/01/2025 as previously circulated via email from the RFO. TS seconded the proposal. All in favour.

Resolved that the Budget Monitoring Spreadsheet up to 31/01/2025 has been received and verified by all members present.

Minute No. 56 – To consider a draft budget for 2025-26.

The RFO previously circulated the recommended draft budget for 2025-26 to all members of the Finance Committee via email.

The Chief Officer gave a line by line, in-depth explanation of the recommended budget to the Finance Committee. The Chair thanked the Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officer for their hard work. The Chair asked every member present if there were any questions and their views with regards to the recommended budget.

SS thanked the staff for the hard work that they have done to put the draft budget together. SS thanked the Chief Officer for the in-depth explanation.

RD stated that unfortunately there are constant increases in costs such as gas, electricity etc, which are out of LICC's control. RD also stated that she can't imagine how other Councils would be able to have a zero rise with these costs. RD thanked the Chief Officer and the Deputy Chief Officer for their excellent work in the preparation of the recommended budget.

JO stated that after looking at the recommended budget, this budget is extremely tight and can't see where cuts could be made. If the Council decided to reduce the recommended budget, it could leave LICC in a very vulnerable situation.

TS commended the staff on a great piece of work presented to the Council. The questions that he had written down prior to the meeting have already been answered by the Chief Officer's in-depth explanation.

NT felt like there was nothing more to add and that he felt the same as everyone else. NT thanked the staff for the remarkable job that they have been doing for LLCC.

The Chief Officer asked the Chair if it would be ok to ask SB for his view on the recommended budget. The Chair called SB into the discussion and asked if he would like to comment on this version of the budget.

SB thanked the Chair and expressed how concerned he was with many aspects of the recommended budget. SB stated that there has been an incredible amount of work to create this recommended budget and that he was worried about the lack of current reserves. SB stated that the Council need to look and consider the amount of work that is being done. SB also expressed his concerns about the fact that there are certain people within the community that are finding it hard to make ends meet.

The Chief Officer thanked everyone for their feedback and informed everyone that she will create a full report for the recommended budget and this report will be published on LICC's website.

SS proposed that the Finance Committee present the recommended draft budget for 2025-26 to the full council for consideration. NT seconded the proposal. All in favour.

Resolved that the recommended draft budget for 2025-26 is presented to full council for consideration.

Minute No. 57 – To consider the precept request for 2025-26.

SS proposed that the Finance Committee recommend that the Council request a precept value of £537,705.08. TS seconded the proposal. All in favour.

Resolved that the Finance Committee recommend a precept value of £537,705.08 for 2025-26 at the next full council meeting.

Minute No. 58 – To consider the reserve levels for 2025-26.

The Finance Committee discussed the consideration of the reserves levels for 2025-26 and were in agreement that careful consideration is needed as whether or not to raise the reserves levels.

Minute No. 59 – To agree the date of the next Finance Committee meeting.

It was agreed by all members present that the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on 17th March 2025.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.45pm

Signed

Date

(Chair)