

**6<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Canolfan Dewi Sant and via Zoom 6pm Finance Meeting**

**1. Ymddiheuriadau /Present:** Paul Burkhill (Chair), Martyn Holland, Susan Jones, Dave White, Rod Elms, Norma Wright (Clerk). **Apologies:**

**2. Meeting Open to the Public and Press:** (Zoom code available from the Clerk to join the meetings).

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**3. Declaration of Interest & Gifts: none**

**4. Council Annual Report 2021-2022:** Following receipt of the internal auditor's report on accounts year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022; the Annual Report will be present to full council. Prop: P Burkhill Sec: D White

**5. Confirmation of Minutes:** The Minutes of the Finance Meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022.

Prop. M Holland Sec: D White **Resolve:** Confirmed and accepted as a true and correct record by the Committee.

**6. Matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda: none**

**7. Graianrhyd Community Field & Llanarmon Playing Field:**

Hopefully a new fund raising committee along with a new council after May, will be able to take forward the Refurbishing plans for both playing fields.

**8. CCTV:** MFS Systems had given a presentation on 9<sup>th</sup> March to the Council. DCC Conservation Officer had confirmed that the installation of CCTV cameras on the community shop, being in the AONB village of Llanarmon were acceptable. **Resolve:** The quotation, quality of goods and service had been considered and accepted; the contract will be recommended to be awarded to MFS for Llanarmon. After the re-evaluation of both the equipment and if CCTV, is of value to the community; further cameras should be installed in Eryrys.

**9. Finance & Accounts:**

**a. Internal Audit Report stated**

*'Audit opinion – Unqualified On the basis of my review, in my opinion no matters have come to my attention giving cause for concern that in any material respect, the information reported in this Annual Return:*

- has not been prepared in accordance with proper practices;
- that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met;
- is not consistent with the Council's/Committee's governance arrangements; and
- that the Council/Committee does not have proper arrangements in place to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources. Other matters arising and recommendations;- The Council has carried forward reserves of £36,548, compared to its annual precept of £22,440. The closing balances have been steadily increasing for a number of years. The LG Finance Act only allows the Council to set a precept to fund planned expenditure and requires it to take its reserves into account when setting the precept. To ensure that it sets a lawful precept, we recommend that the Council reviews its reserves and its plans to apply these reserves when setting its 2022-23 budget and precept. There are no further matters I wish to draw to the Council's attention'

The Committee had reviewed its budget, monitoring and controls of the accounts, with the carried forward reserves from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 and 2022. It was agreed (as stated in March meeting), that the closing balances had been steadily increasing; although the precept had not. This was the result of planned expenditure, and ear-marked reserves not being spent due to unforeseen Covid restrictions. Getting projects underway had been very difficult. Fund raising events for the playing fields – were not allowed. Gaining sufficient CCTV quotes from contractors to meet audit requirements, had taken a long time. LCC are waiting for legal/land registry invoices for Graianrhyd and Llanarmon land. The DCC had just not supplied the ordered Speed Awareness Camera. The dry stone walling workshop in Eryrys was postponed.

As Covid restrictions are reduced; this will enable the planned ear-marked carried forward reserves to be used, for the good of the community. Committee had no desire to just accumulate funds when setting the precept.

**10. Asset Register valuations had been updated.**

**11. A new bank mandate will be arranged in May.**

**12. Clerk should look around again for banks that do not have bank charges. Overall daily/ bill payments limits should remain at £5,000**

**13.** DCC had just confirmed they have ordered the new Speed Awareness Camera to be installed in Eryrys.

**14.** Informed that the Fireworks Committee of volunteers and fund raisers felt it was time to end, along with their Chair and Founder Rod Elms. The Fireworks Committee had voted to donate now £100 to the Graianrhyd Playing Field Project and £400 to the Llanarmon Playing Field refurbishment. To keep £500 in the Fireworks account for 5 years for support if a new Committee should be formed. If no Fireworks Committee is formed then the remaining balance should all be divided between the two field's projects.

**15. Maintenance & Biodiversity Issues**

- i. Clerk will gain quotes for the removal/ re-fitting after repainting gates and railings, at Dewi Sant graveyard.
- ii. White Oak Services had completed repairing the Eryrys kiosk. Quotation for the repairs to the Llanarmon shelter was requested and the painting of the Eryrys kiosk.

**16. Biodiversity:**

'Bird and bat boxes' workshop will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 10am-1pm, in Dewi Sant. Committee to recommend that the council agree to hold and fund the (£350) workshop with refreshments to make replacement bird and bat boxes; these will then be installed in all three communities.

**17.** The Officer from AONB confirmed the Dry Stone Walling Course, at Dewi Sant with Cadwyn Clwyd will be held Friday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 10am-3pm. Recommended that the Council should provide refreshments; £500 already precepted, plus £50 donation from the Conservation Society to purchase more stone when required.

**18. Meetings: All minutes are 'draft' until signed off by the Chair.**

The next Finance Meeting will be held 6th July 2022, at 6pm (and via zoom)

Meeting ended 7pm

Signed Chair ..... 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022