

**SULLY AND LAVERNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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**Finance Committee Meeting of the Council
6.30pm Monday 30th October 2023**

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Coronavirus)(Meetings)(Wales) Regulations 2020, the meeting was held by way of the remote participation (Zoom) of the members of the Council and public.

Minutes 46/23

Present

- Steve Oaten (Proper Officer)
- Robin Lynn (RL)
- Nicky Parry (NP)
- Vicki Judd (VJ)
- Kay Bowring (KB)

Apologies 47/23

- David Cannon (DC)
- Jackie Payne (JP)
- No communication from Lino Scaglioni (LS) or Martyn James (MJ)

PART ONE

Declarations of interest 48/23

- There were no declarations relevant to the items on the agenda to be discussed.

To approve the minutes of previous meeting 49/23

- The councillors present approved the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of the 4TH September 2023.

To approve the schedule of payments 50/23

- The councillors of the finance committee approved the schedule of payments as provided by the proper officer. The list provided to councillors gave details of the salaries of staff, but we have yet to receive the invoice from Sarah Francis. Details of that and any other outstanding invoices will be provided at a later meeting.

Democratic Half Hour 51/23

- There were no members of the public present at the meeting. The meeting was moved to the next agenda item.

To receive any updates from councillors and discuss and resolve upon any further actions required 52/23

- The councillors present provided updates where appropriate. There had been a scoping meeting organised by the VOGC regarding the allocation of Section 106 funding. It appears that a number of projects have already been put forward and were subject of the meeting. There appeared to be limited opportunity to discuss any other avenues for the use of the money available. This is disappointing considering the money generated by the new

development in the community is supposed to be spent locally. Councillors will be seeking answers to questions that were raised on the night and will provide further updates.

To discuss arrangements in respect of the D Day celebrations 6.6.24 53/23

- The Community Council agreed that a similar event to that of the Kings Coronation be organised. A working group will be set up to discuss any arrangements with details provided to the full council for resolution.

To discuss the financial implications of the new recycling rules and next actions 54/23

- The Proper Officer had been asked to provide quotes in respect of new recycling bins to ensure that the Community Council could try to regulate and comply with the new legislation. He had been in contact with the VOGC and was waiting on guidance from them. There will need to be discussions with the regular users of the Councils facilities to ensure compliance with the new regulations. It is uncertain at this time what sort of collection service will be offered by the VOGC, or what they will cost, and to what end the Community Council will be responsible for compliance.

To discuss and resolve upon the award of grants and donations, by the Community Council, and set a figure for next year's budget 55/23

- This item was remitted to the next full meeting where it will be discussed in conjunction with the preparation of next year's budget.

To discuss and resolve upon a maintenance budget for Jubilee Hall and the Pavilion 56/23

- This item was remitted to the next full meeting of the Community Council where it will be discussed in conjunction with the preparation of next year's budget. Councillor Parry updated the meeting that there could be money available from the shared prosperity fund especially for refurbishment work that was muted for the Hall and the Pavilion.

To discuss next years budget and precept requirements 57/23

- This item was remitted to the next full meeting of the Community Council, where it will be discussed, and provisional budget arrangements made.

AOB 58/23

- Councillor Judd updated the meeting with a number of youth related matters. This included exploring a movie night for the young people in Sully and Lavernock. The Old School already hosted movie nights for an adult audience, so the idea is to show a film and provide facilities for younger people. The idea is in its infancy and further work is being done on this. The local PCSO is also looking at the possibility of a youth club being provided and run by the Police for local children. There would be two age group categories, one day a month. This will be an agenda item for the next full meeting of the Community Council in order that funding aspects for the Council can be resolved upon.

The date of the next meeting of the council is a full council meeting on the 6th November 2023 59/23

PART 2

There were no members of the public present at the meeting so there was no need to make any declaration to exclude anyone.

To discuss and resolve upon issues of employment and the future use and maintenance of the playing fields, including the cricket square and bowling green and associated costs and training needs 60/23

- The councillors present discussed a number of issues. These will become agenda items at future meetings.
- It was agreed that the personnel committee would need to meet regarding the latest matters of employment. It was agreed that the Proper Officer look at alternative arrangements for when the cleaner is absent whether through sickness or leave.
- Arrangements to be made for meetings with the Cricket club and a response formulated for the bowls club. It was noted with regret by the Community Council that the Bowls club had recently disbanded. They had been struggling with a dwindling membership for some time. The Proper Officer had worked on the costs of the maintenance of the Cricket Square and Bowling Green, providing details to the Community Council. He will engage with all stakeholders in order to pass on his findings with a view to establishing arrangements for next season. In light of the disbanding of the Bowls club and the fact that they had one of their members providing maintenance throughout the season the Community Council agreed to waive any fees that would be due for the 2023 season.
- Regarding the issue of fees for users of the council facilities this was remitted to another meeting.
- The Chair had sought advice regarding a number of e mails that related to a VOGC Councillor, and this matter was still being progressed

AOB 61/23

- Councillor Lynn gave an update to the Community Council regarding Hayes Road and a planning application that they have an interest in. He will carry out some further enquiries and provide a report when able.

The meeting concluded at 8.45pm

Steven Oaten – Proper Officer

.....Chair