

SULLY AND LAVERNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING NOTE

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ON THE 4th DECEMBER 2023

Part 1. Agenda item 1 Councillors who attended the meeting	Parry, Lynn, Judd, Bowring (Chair) James, Cannon, Payne
Apologies for Absence	(No communication from Scaglioni)
Agenda item 2 Declarations of Interest	Councillors Judd and Parry expressed an interest regarding agenda item 8 as they are trustees at the Library, as is the Proper Officer.
Decisions taken at the meeting. (See below agenda items and the relevant resolution)	
Agenda item 3	The community councillors present approved the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of the 30 th October 2023, accepting them as accurate record of the meeting that took place
Agenda items 4	The community councillors present approved the schedule of payments as provided by the Clerk. Explanations were given where appropriate.
Agenda items 5	There were no members of the public in attendance. The meeting then moved to the next item on the agenda.
Agenda items 6	The councillors present provided updates where appropriate. Councillor Judd provided an update regarding the children's film night at The Old School. It was reasonably well attended with positive feed back and was held at minimal cost to the council. It was agreed that further events will be held on a similar format. The feedback from the youth forum held by the councillor was minimal. The survey revealed a number of activities that the young people in the village would like to have. It is very much work in progress with further engagement needed. Councillor Payne has indicated that the VOGC representative, Councillor Mahoney was taking forward the possibility of a bus shelter at Cog Road for the school buses. He was also looking at the Culvert issues at the rear of Conybeare Road. There had been work to improve the drainage but did not involve the culvert at the extremity of the field. Councillor Lynn reported that the Big Garden Bird watch

	<p>organised by the RSPB was due to take place at the end of January 2024. The RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch has already started. The councillor is keen to involve the whole community and is looking to combine all of them into a Big Village Birdwatch which the RSPB have shown an interest in. There will be further information and advertising following the holiday period, but the councillor is looking to organise a meeting after the event for people to share their sightings and thoughts on the event. Councillor Lynn also reported on a meeting he had with VOGC councillor, Wendy Gilligan regarding the idea of a linear park in Sully. This was discussed at the recent section 106 meeting in the village. The community council have agreed that a working group meet next week to discuss the subject of 106 monies and their distribution. The Proper Officer will make arrangements with the VOGC Section 106 officer for a meeting.</p>
Agenda item 7	<p>The Finance Committee agreed in principal but suggested some amendments to the Grants and Donations policy which will then be distributed for ratification.</p>
Agenda item 8	<p>The Councillors present agreed to the request from the Library Trust that the community council seek an extension to the lease for the library from the BP. This to be done on the terms that they have suggested regarding the costs, advice and assistance involved.</p>
Agenda item 9	<p>The councillors discussed the issue and agreed that the idea was sound and have asked the Proper Officer to identify a suitable location for the bench. It can then be agreed whether a new bench is purchased or an old one painted. The Proper Officer advised there is a need to replace the picnic table in the play park and this will be looked into.</p>
Agenda item 10	<p>The councillors present agreed that an amount of £200 be donated to Calon Hearts. This as a result of two successful De Fibrillator training sessions that they ran on behalf of the community council.</p>
Agenda item 11	<p>The Proper Officer outlined to the council determinations 6 and 8 of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft report. This outlines various mandatory allowances that are payable to community councillors unless they opt out in writing. The Proper Officer advised that he would comply and make</p>

	arrangements for payment unless he was advised, in writing, that a particular councillor did not wish to receive this mandatory payment.
Agenda item 12	The councillors present, agreed to recommend to full council that next year's precept would be set at £99400.00. This as a result of the budget prepared by the Proper Officer, and previously agreed and accepted by the full council in November.
Agenda item 13 AOB	The councillors agreed a poster prepared by the Proper Officer regarding the Carol Service at The Old School. There are some amendments required but it can then be distributed. Councillors agreed that there needs to be a notice board sited at the new estate at Gwel Yr Ynys, Cog Road. Councillor Cannon will explore areas where it can be put and seek the relevant permissions whereas the Proper Officer will look at the costs involved. The councillors agreed that the SLCC need to explore options for the bowling green now that the club have vacated it. In the first instance the Proper Officer will make enquiries to establish whether there is an appetite from another club to rent/hire it. The council can then meet to discuss any further options. The Proper Officer provided updates regarding various house keeping issues. He is waiting on a quote for a new kitchen at the Pavilion. The new French doors have been ordered and he was also waiting on a quote for flooring in the hall. Quotes had also been received in respect of additional cladding at Jubilee Hall and Solar Panels for the Pavilion.
Agenda items 14	The date of the next meeting of the Community Council is a full council meeting on the 8 th January 2024
Part 2 Item 1 There was no need for a declaration to exclude the public as there were none present at the meeting.	The personnel Working group had met and there was further work to be completed regarding employment matters. The full council would be updated in due course.
Item 2	The councillors present agreed on this year's recipient of the Millenium shield which be announced, and the shield presented at the carol service in December.
Item 3	The Proper Officer will make arrangements with the cricket club for a meeting in the new year.

Item 4 AOB	There were no items raised under any other business
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