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Minutes of the December 2024 Meeting of Llanddarog Community Council held at Porthyrhyd Village Hall on 11/12/2024 at 19.00.

149/2024-2025 Present.

Councilors: K Waters (Chair), R Owen, R Jones, M Rees, R McFarlane.

Clerk.

Translator: H Glenister.

150/2024-2025 To receive apologies.

Councilors: County Cllr A Davies, County Cllr H Jones, J Williams O.B.E, A Aldridge, Z Bryan.

151/2024-2025 To receive declarations of interest.

Cllr R Jones – Minute **161/2023-2024** – Porthyrhyd Welfare.

152/2024-2025 Opportunity for the public to address the Council on agenda items.

None.

153/2024-2025 County Council matters - County Cllr A Davies.

None.

154/2024-2025 Chairman's Report.

The Chair thanked all council members for their support throughout the year and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

155/2024-2025 Confirmation and signing of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 13/11/2024.

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes for 13/11/2024. **Proposed** by Cllr R Jones and seconded by Cllr R Owen.

156/2024-2025 Matters arising from the above minutes.

The Clerk reported that no updates had been received from Mr Richard Davies (Welsh Water) regarding ongoing works.

The Clerk reported that no updates had been received from County Cllr A Davies regarding the reinstatement of the playground at Is Y Llan.

The Clerk reported that he had spoken with PACH regarding the website and there would be no issues in transferring the platform to PACH. There would be a cost associated with any additional work in preparing a bilingual website. **Resolved** to note.

The Clerk reported that the seating benches had been dismantled and sent for engraving.

157/2024-2025 To note correspondence or to list for consideration at a forthcoming council meeting.

(All relevant correspondence is emailed to council members at the time of receipt and only brought before the meeting if necessary or specifically requested by members or the Clerk).

None.

158/2024-2025 Planning.

None.

159/2024-2025 Payments.

The below payments were certified in the October meeting and **ratified** in the November meeting. Copies of invoices sent to all members electronically prior to payment for authorization. Proposed by Cllr R Jones and seconded by Cllr K Waters.

Method of Payment	Date	Suppliers & Details	Sum £ inc VAT
Online	26/11/2024	J.G Evans November Payroll	421.09
Online	26/11/2024	HMRC PAYE – Period 8	110.40
Online	26/11/2024	Catrin Llwyd – CCLL26	542.00
Online	26/11/2024	Radio Glangwili - Donation	50.00
Online	26/11/2024	Carmarthen & District Youth Opera - Donation	50.00
Online	26/11/2024	Christmas Toybox - Donation	50.00
Online	26/11/2024	Wales Air Ambulance - Donation	50.00
Online	26/11/2024	St John Ambulance Cymru Donation	50.00
Online	26/11/2024	Royal British Legion - Donation	20.00
Online	27/11/2024	Screwfix – A19871761685	10.38
Online	29/11/2024	Nest	40.06

160/2024-2025 Receipts.

None.

161/2023-2024 To discuss budget proposal 2025-2026.

Community Council members discussed the budget proposal in preparation for the January precept application. The Clerk shared the 2024-2025 budget format with members and discussed each heading individually. Each member had the opportunity to propose specific requirements needed for the 2025-2026 expenditure. The Clerk suggested that the community council cancel the Zoom subscription as Microsoft Teams offer the same facilities free of charge. The saving would be approx. £265.00. Council members agreed. The Clerk stated that there was an increase in ground maintenance to facilitate the cleaning of the shelters in the community as numerous comments had been received from community members in the past and Carmarthenshire County Council no longer offers the service. All council members present discussed the financial assistance revenue grants given on an annual basis. It was decided to increase the grant funding to the following amounts –

Llanddarog Village Hall – £650.00

Porthyrhyd Welfare – £650.00 (Cllr R Jones left the meeting during this discussion)

Mynyddcerrig Welfare – £650.00

Llanddarog Village Show - £300.00

Council members also decided to increase Section 137 by £200.00 to £1100.00. Council members stated that it was important for the community council to assist the community where possible and decided to keep the precept budget figure the same as 2024-2025 and increase the figure for special projects and reserves to fund any unforeseen issues in the future. **Resolved** to note.

The following table shows the proposed budget requirements for 2025-2026, which will be finalised by the Internal Financial Examiner Cllr A Isaac and the Clerk prior to the January 2025 meeting for approval.

HEADING	PREVIOUS BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET	REASON
Ground Maintenance	1800.00	2200.00	Shelter Cleaning
Staff Salary & PAYE	7200.00	8000.00	-
Admin, Inc Audit Fees	3000.00	3000.00	-
Insurance	1000.00	1000.00	-
Financial Assistance – Inc Standing Revenue Grants	2000.00	2250.00	Increase
Seating & Asset Maintenance	1500.00	1350.00	-
Street Lighting Estimate	7400.00	5500.00	-
Misc – Inc Subscriptions	650.00	650.00	-
Members Allowance	468.00	468.00	-
Election Cost	0.00	0.00	-
Section 137	900.00	1100.00	Increase
Allocation to Special Projects & Reserve From Precept	600.00	1000.00	-
TOTAL	26,518.00	26,518.00	

Council members thanked the Clerk for formatting the budget proposal.

162/2024-2025 To receive update on Porthyrhyd memorial stone.

None.

163/2024-2025 Forum in order for Members to raise reports / questions through the Chair.

Cllr R Owen thanked the Chair for attending the Remembrance Service in Mynyddcerrig on 10/11/2024.

164/2024-2025 In camera 20.48.

Those who were not Community Council members or the Clerk departed the meeting – not to return. The exclusion is due to personnel / staffing matters being discussed.

165/2024-2025 Staff pay run December 2024.

The Clerk reported the payroll amounts verbally to all council members. It was **resolved** to accept the report and ratify the payment of the sums as presented.

Proposed by R Jones and seconded by Cllr M Rees.

Cllr R Jones asked if the December payroll included the NALC increase as discussed in the November Meeting, minute **147/2024-2025**. The Clerk stated that it had not been included as MJBBS had issued the payroll early due to the Christmas period and they were unable to alter. The NALC increase will be included in the January payroll. It was also asked if the Clerk had received an incremental increase in his payroll. The Clerk responded that no incremental increase had been received since he had been employed by the community council. The Chair and Cllr R Jones asked the Clerk to include the topic in the January 2025 agenda. **Resolved** to note.

166/2024-2025 The meeting finished at 19.53.

Chairman

Date
