

## PENLLERGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017

#### **PRESENT.** Councillor W Morgan (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs G Richards,

Mr T John, Mrs R A Talbot, Mr N Bolt, Mr K Evans Mrs W Fitzgerald Mrs C Pugh,

#### **APOLOGIES**

Councillors Mr M Daniels, Mrs M Morgan, Mr D Oakley, Mr W Meredith

#### **09.16.01 PUBLIC MEETING**

None

#### **09.16.02 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

None

#### **09.16.03 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 were approved

#### **09.16.04 MATTERS ARISING**

##### **(a) Defibrillator update**

The Clerk reported that the equipment is now ready for commissioning and it was agreed that Cariad be requested to assist with installation and training

##### **(b) Complaint Mr N Veck**

The Chairman reported that a meeting has been held with Mr Veck and an appropriate course of action agreed to deal with the problem.

##### **© Recycling of Christmas Trees**

The facility was available on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January on the Sports Field and was a limited success due to the inclement weather and a lack of notice of the event.

#### **09.16.05 CORRESPONDENCE**

None

#### **09.16.06 NEWSLETTER**

Councillor Pugh reported that the next Newsletter will be published in the Spring.

#### **09.16.07 FINANCE REPORT**

##### **(a) Invoices for Payment**

D L Hoskins	Clerks Exps Oct/ Dec	£154.48
Councillor Tom John	Reimb V Hall gutters	£50.00
Eaton Fencing	New fencing Sports Field	£3516.00

##### **(b) Budget, Precept and Band “D” Council Tax 2017/18**

**Noted** Details of the proposed Budget, Precept and indicative Band “D” Council Tax for 2017/18 and that

(a) For the current year the main variances in the projected income and expenditure for the current year compared to the original budget are set out in the draft budget. In the case of the Village Hall the refurbishment of the Kitchen area resulted in additional expenditure due in part to unexpected problems with dry rot which did not become apparent until work commenced. In other areas the cost of consultants to advise on the LDP transport issues resulted in urgent payments of £2850. This was partly offset by savings in the environmental budget due to a reduction in the number of floral baskets provided by the City and County of Swansea. The cost of the Defibrillator and Cabinet was funded by a transfer of funds from the Jubilee Fund and a donation from the Old Inn. In overall terms at this stage the projected income and expenditure for the current year will require a contribution of £3050 **from** the General Reserve compared to a planned contribution of £1500 **to** the General Reserve in the original budget.

(b) The draft budget proposals for 2017/18 assume the normal levels of income and expenditure over the range of the Council's services facilitating the day to day maintenance and running costs of

the Village Hall, Sports Field and Pavilion together with provision for environmental projects and a small contribution of £750 to the Reserve Fund. Also included is a contingency sum of £3000 in relation to the forthcoming council elections in May 2017, the precise cost of which cannot be quantified at this stage.

© On the basis of the draft budget proposals as set out therefore it is proposed that the Precept be maintained at the present level of £20,000 for 2017/18 resulting in a virtual standstill in the Band “D” Council Tax of £14.71 (£14.76 2016/17).

(d) The draft Budget proposals for 2017/18 as outlined above will result in a reduction in the current level of Reserves for the current year from an opening balance £128,718, and are estimated to be £127,168 at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 and estimated to be £127,918 at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

**Resolved that**

a) On the basis of the draft budget proposals as set out the Precept be maintained at the present level of £20,000 for 2017/18 resulting in a virtual standstill in the Band “D” Council Tax of £14.71 (£14.76 2015/16).

(b) the Clerks salary for 2017/18 be approved and the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the forthcoming year be confirmed

#### **09.16.08 REPORT OF THE SUB COMMITTEES.**

##### **Sports Field**

Councillor John reported that the weather has disrupted a number of football matches on the sports field.

##### **Village Hall**

Councillor Pugh reported that the cot room is scheduled for redecoration on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January as previously agreed. It was also agreed that an urgent payment be made subject to the work being completed satisfactorily. It was also noted that the contractor appointed to resurface the footpath has failed to carry out the work on a number of occasions and in the circumstances it was agreed to seek an alternative quotation.

##### **Environment**

Councillor Fitzgerald reported wooden posts have been placed on the verge on Pontardulais Road in order to restrict illegal car parking. Concern was also expressed at the extent of cars parked along the A48 for dropping off and picking up during school hours. This is considered a risk to children and also a cause of congestion at busy times. It was agreed that the matter be taken up with the City and County of Swansea Highways Dept.

##### **Police**

It was pleasing to note the presence of the PCSO in the area.

#### **09.16.09 CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

**None**

#### **09.16.10 RESIDENTS QUERIES**

**Councillor Mrs Morgan** expressed concern that the provision of one dog bin on Parc Penllergaer is inadequate and also the bin situated at the entrance to the woods is not in a suitable position due to the area being unlit. In addition the dog bin on Elm Crescent has been broken. Councillor Fitzgerald agreed to investigate.

#### **09.16.11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING. 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**D.L.Hoskins CPFA**

**Clerk to the Council**