



CYNGOR CYMUNED **CWARTER BACH** COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE 'EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING' OF THE COUNCIL HELD
REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 30th JANUARY 2023 AT 7.00PM**

PRESENT

Cllr. T. Addey, Cllr. S. Thomas, Cllr. Zena Llewelyn, Cllr. M. Thomas, Cllr. H. Taylor,
Cllr. R. Jones, Cllr. S. Davies, Cllr. R. Pearce-Higginson, Cllr. J. Griffiths

1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr. S. Hopkin, Cllr. B. Griffiths

2. Declarations of Interest

None noted

3. To agree remuneration amounts for the current year.

Whilst remuneration had been discussed at a number of meetings, no final decision had been by the council on the amount to be offered to The Chair of the Council and whether the Deputy Chair and Committee Chairs would be offered an allowance.

RESOLVED: It was proposed, seconded and agreed that an allowance of £1000 be offered to the chair of the council and that this year there would be no allowance for the Deputy or Chairs of Committees.

It was also requested that the matter be revisited at the Annual Council Meeting for a decision of the coming year.

4. Discuss purchasing more Warm Packs

Members were informed that Ystradowen Community Centre had handed out all 12 of the Warm Packs provided by the council to members of the community and that they were now having to turn people away as there were non left. The Black Mountain Centre currently had 4 left.

RESOLVED: To purchase a further 24 to be divided between the two community centres. Members were reminded the funding would have to come out of their Section 137 allowance.

5. To discuss purchasing Christmas Lights.

Members discussed purchasing new Christmas lights for the Cwarter Bach Community. Some members wanted new garlands whilst others wanted something different, like the lamp post motifs previously circulated via email. There was also a discussion about replacing the tree removed by C.C.C. opposite the Bridgend Inn and planting a tree in Cefnbrynbrain. Keith, KDY electrics had made a note for the council that there are 19 lampposts across the wards that currently have an electrical supply.

RESOLVED: To purchase 20 of the lamppost motifs while they are still on sale (8 Cllr.'s in agreement, 1 abstained) and to look in to purchasing trees for the two locations discussed.

6. To discuss and agree the Budget for 2023-2024

The Finance Committee had previously met to discuss the budget for 2023-2024, it was recommended that to carry out work needed doing on the assets and to continue operating as they had previously, the council would need a budget of approximately £214,282 for 2023-2024.

RESOLVED: On examination of the figures the Full Council were in agreement of the amount needed for the Budget for 2023-2024

7. To decide the Precept for 2023-2024

With the budget set at £214,282 for the coming year and with expected reserves of £185,000 in the deposit account at the end of March, it was recommended by the Finance Committee that funds be used from the deposit account towards the budget. By earmarking a total of £95,350 for various expenditures a total of £118,932 was left to fund.

It was recommended that by increasing the precept from last year's figure of £109,382.29 to £114,851.40 the difference would then come from the general reserves.

This increase is a total of £5.65 per annum or 11p per week for a Band D household.

PROPOSED: To keep the Precept the same as the previous year.

SECOND PROPOSAL: To accept the Finance Committees recommendations of a precept figure of £114,851.40

7 councillors were in agreement with the second proposal with 2 disagreeing, the motion was carried.

8. To Earmark Funds for 2023-2024

As per budget sheet (see below), it was proposed to earmark the following reserve amounts from the deposit account.

Benches	£2,400
Kids Club Wall	£2,000
Kids Club Roof	£24,000
Parks Upgrade	£20,000
Ystradowen Perimeter Wall	£16,000
Ystradowen Pavillion Roof	£10,000
Christmas Lights etc	£6,000
Election Costs	£4,950
Grants & Donations	<u>£10,000</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£95,350</u>

RESOLVED: All councillors agreed to Earmarking Reserves for the expenditures above.

9. A.O.B.

Nothing Noted

10. Date of next meeting

8th February 2023, 6.30pm at the Black Mountain Centre

SignedChair

Date

Cwarter Bach Community Council
Accounts to 31st Dec 2022
Summary Statement

Payments						
Establishment Charges	59,847	86,168	78,675	7,493	166,182	85,350
Administration - Salary	11,683	15,733	13,000	2,733	17,000	
Administration - HMRC PAYE/NIC	1,703	2,327	1,000	1,327	2,500	
Administration - Pensions	4,084	5,200	3,000	2,200	5,500	
Administration - Clerk's Expenses	172	202		202	200	
Administration - Honorarium		2,600	2,600		2,600	
Administration - Office Costs	741	1,403	1,000	403	1,200	
Administration - Room Hire	93	179		179	350	
Administration - Insurance	1,703	1,703	2,500	(797)	2,100	
Administration - Audit	150	150	400	(250)	400	
Administration - Training	479	879	1,500	(621)	1,500	
Administration - Subscriptions Open Spaces	45	45	45		50	
Administration - Subscriptions OVW	497	497	500	(3)	520	
Administration - Subscriptions SLCC		183		183	200	
Administration - Subscriptions Zoom	120	120	130	(10)	130	
Administration - Job Advert			300	(300)		
Administration - Bookbinding						
Amenities - Benches					2,400	2,400
Amenities - Defibrillators	120	120	1,000	(880)	1,500	
Amenities - Flowers	3,097	4,969	3,500	1,469	5,200	
Amenities - Kids Club Wall						2,000
Amenities - Maes Elwyn	395	395		395		
Amenities - Park Upgrade					20,000	20,000
Amenities - Perimeter Wall	395	395		395	16,000	16,000
Amenities - Roof Kids Club					24,000	24,000
Amenities - Roof Pavillion					10,000	10,000

Amenities - Skateboard Surface						
Amenities - Swing Gate						
Amenities - Tar Path Maes Elwyn	2,790	2,790		2,790		
Amenities - Tar Path Ystradowen	8,275	8,275		8,275		
Amenities - Ystradowen	30	30		30		
Amenities - Ystradowen List	847	847		847		
Amenities - Pitch Compost			2,000	(2,000)	2,000	
Amenities - Pitch Drainage	550	550	800	(250)	1,100	
Amenities - Pitch Netting		6,121		6,121		
Amenities - Christmas Lights		4,293	3,000	1,293	6,000	6,000
Maintenance - Buildings	3,608	3,758	20,000	(16,242)	20,000	
Maintenance - Park Equipment	560	2,160	5,000	(2,840)	2,000	
Maintenance - Park Grass	5,920	5,920	8,000	(2,080)	5,000	
Maintenance - Playing Fields	6,520	7,960	7,000	960	8,000	
Maintenance - Trees	3,000	3,900		3,900	1,000	
Maintenance - Weedspray	30	30	300	(270)	1,000	
Survey - Trees	1,200	1,200		1,200		
Water - Bryn Avenue	79	179	250	(71)		
Water - Ystradowen	53	133	250	(117)	200	
Carmarthenshire CC - Election			1,500	(1,500)	4,950	4,950
Miscellaneous	841	841		841	1,500	
Finance - Bank Charges	67	82	100	(18)	82	
Footpaths & Seats		2,400	2,300	100	600	
Amenities - Footpaths		2,400	2,300	100	600	
Amenities - Miscellaneous						
Donations	32,299	32,299	23,080	9,219	40,000	10,000
Grants & Donations - S19	1,750	1,750		1,750		
Grants & Donations - S133	18,000	18,000		18,000	19,590	
Grants & Donations - S137	12,549	12,549	23,080	(10,531)	20,410	10,000
Lighting	6,180	6,930	11,000	(4,070)	7,500	
Amenities - Changing Rooms	1,364	1,964	6,000	(4,036)	2,000	
Amenities - Street Lighting	4,706	4,706	5,000	(294)	5,000	
Amenities - Christmas Lighting	109	259		259	500	
VAT Paid on Invoices						

Misc Payments						
Total	98,325	127,797	115,055	12,742	214,282	95,350
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214282 Budget
-95350 Reserves
118932 Precept