Coychurch Higher Community Council

Minutes of the Annual Finance

meeting held on

Monday 8th November 2021

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| Present: |  |  |
| Chairman: |  John Powson | JP |
| Vice Chairman: |  |  |
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| Councillors: | Cath Mathias-Reape | CMR |
|  | Alicia Ingham | AI |
|  | Judy McCarthy | JMcC |
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| Clerk/RFO | Karyl Carter | KC |
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Time:1835

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| 1 |  | Apologies: offered by LD (still poorly) and RB |  |
| 2 |  | Budget sheets/Reserves: in advance of the meeting, the Clerk had sent out balance sheet as at October 2021 and a reserves/forward work plan document. No questions arose.  |  |
| 3 |  | Projects in hand/ongoing: the Clerk went through the forward work plan/reserves sheet item by item:* Items in green are ring-fenced and must be held in reserve - £6189.39
* With regard to the reserves for the cycle track, it was suggested that, in view of BCBC promoting active travel and the safe routes to school initiatives, they should be contacted with regard to the lack of pavements out of Heol y Cyw and agreed to allocate the cycle track money, plus £100 to this project - £2K. The Clerk also to contact the conservators to ask whether the old miners path could be completed. It was also suggested that the old railway track could be used as a safe walkway, if it were to be upgraded.
* With regard to the Christmas lights on the wooden lampposts, the Clerk had spoken to Western Power on this who confirmed CHCC are not allowed to put anything on the lamp-posts as work may need to be carried out on the lighting.
* It was agreed to go ahead with the Christmas Lights competition with a £100 prize to the winners charity, and the Clerk was requested to ask BC AW to judge this as previous years.
* CMR will source a Christmas tree and add lights as necessary. The budget for this is £300 and this amount will be carried forward for 22/23. It was also agreed to arrange for an outside electric box to be installed - £200 allocated for this work.
* Fireworks: following on from discussions in the last two meetings, Members agreed that they will no longer finance the fireworks events, as it is too big a chunk of money from the precept. They did agree to pay the cost of a bus to the Pencoed Firework Event, it there was enough uptake.
* The allocation of £500 for the allotments will remain and the Clerk is to contact the secretary accordingly.
* Newsletter – the amount allocated has been reduced to £200.
* Events – window painting – this has been very well liked by residents and £250 to be allocated for 22/23.
* Poppies for lamp-post – it was agreed to allocated £150 in 22/23.
* Welcome signage – this is ongoing and the £2K allocated in 21/22 will be rolled over to 22/23.
* Landscaping project – the project has been on hold due to COVID, but meetings have now restarted and it is hoped the allocation of £2K will be used in financial year 21/22. It was agreed a further allocation of £2K will be made for 22/23.
* Love it don’t trash it - £300 allocated 21/22 will be rolled forward to 22/23.
* Noticeboard – the current noticeboard is in a poor state of repair. It was agreed to renew in 22/23 and £850 was allocated for this project. JMcC will find out where Pencoed had theirs.
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| 4 | 4:i4:ii | New projects: Digital Hub: Members agreed to allocate £1L to the Digital Hub project. Bus to The Pines: JP felt putting on a bus to the Pines would be a good idea and will look into how this is done in Pencoed. KC to agenda for the December meeting. | KC |
| 5 |  | Precept 22/23: JP proposed the precept remain the same for 22/23 - £11K. All agreed.  |  |
| 6 |  | Any other business: None – meeting closed.  |  |
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|  |  | Meeting closed: 1910. |  |
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