

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LLANSTADWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
10TH DECEMBER 2019 AT NEWTON HALL, WATERSTON AT 7.00PM.**

PRESENT: Cllr G Wilson (Chair)
Cllr H Dyer *
Cllr B Evans
Cllr M Howells
Cllr Mrs J Howell
Cllr Mrs J Lloyd
Cllr P Roberts
Cllr Mrs J Wilson

Also in attendance: Cty Cllr Paul Miller *

The clerk was in attendance (Mrs J Clark)

*Present for part of the meeting only.

APOLOGIES: None

136/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

137/19 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chair had attended the Dragon LNG Carol Service in Newton Hall recently and Neyland's Christmas Miscellany service during which he did a reading.

138/19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2019 were proposed and seconded. They were agreed as a true record.

139/19 MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were raised:

- a) Minute 128/19 The clerk advised that NTC has agreed to pay 50% of the costs of the storage of BB legal documents and she would find out if they were happy to pay 50% of the costs of the registration of Burial Board land.
- b) Minute 134/19 The clerk advised that a PCC officer was looking into this matter.
- c) The clerk advised that the cost of inspections only at the playparks was £147.16 per park which included the Annual Inspection plus 3 quarterly inspections. The public liability insurance cover is already in place.

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REPORT OF CTY CLLR PAUL MILLERS

Cty Cllr Miller reported on the following issues:

- a) He had been dealing with general housing enquiries, particularly empty units not being filled and was pushing this matter with PCC officers.
- b) The new waste recycling scheme was going reasonably well with only a few problems reported to him. He advised that help is available from PCC for elderly and vulnerable people.
- c) Unfortunately fly-tipping was still occurring in the area which could partially be attributed to the new waste recycling regulations.
- d) There is to be an increase of 3.1% in funding from Welsh Govt but this still leaves £8m to be saved. Therefore the increase in the precept should be only approx. 5%.
- e) Members referred to the continued problem with running water on Church Road near the Vicarage which has been going on for many years. It was agreed a site meeting would be held in January.
- f) Also raised was the non-stop running water coming out from fields opposite Mill Farm. More drains are required on the Waterston Road towards Harbour View.
- g) The unsightly mess at the Old School in Waterston was raised and Cllr B Evans advised that NRW had contacted him to say that they were having problems contacting the owner of the building but would persevere.
- h) Members stated that they were not happy with the response from PCC regarding the speed tables at Waterston and that they were very noisy. Cllr Miller would look into this.
- i) The churned up verges near the Sinclair Garage were raised and C Miller agreed to have a discussion with the management.

*Cty Cllr Miller left the meeting at 7.45pm after wishing every a Happy Christmas.

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UPDATE ON BANK BALANCES TO 30TH NOVEMBER 2019

The following financial documents had been circulated:

- a) The Bank Acct Reconciliation Summary with the current account balance of £653.97 the Saver Acct as £8,861.30 and the United Trust Acct of £10,297.99.
- b) The Financial Statement- Cashbook showing income of £10,590.25 (gross) and expenditure of £6,454.29(gross).
- c) The Financial Statement – Budget Comparison showing the budget, actual income and expenditure and the balance remaining under each budget heading.

It was agreed that the Clerk should transfer £1,000 from the Saver Acct to the Current Acct.

RESOLVED: **That the above financial information be agreed and accepted.**

142/19 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

a) Mrs J Clark November salary	£206.20
b) PAYE for November	£51.60
c) Society of Local Council Clerks (subs)	£30.75
d) Mrs J Clark – reimb for postages and printer ink	£16.33

*Cllr H Dyer arrived at 8.00pm

143/19 **TO SET DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2020-21**

The County Council had advised that the Council Tax base for the year 2020-2021 would be 402.50 slightly up on last year's 396.22. The clerk and Members then drew up a Draft Budget with a total income of £ 14,186.50 and expenditure of £15,670.00 as per Appendix 1.

It was therefore recommended that there be a standstill precept and that it be set at £33.00 per household which would bring in a precept of £13,282.50 which meant a shortfall of income over expenditure of £1,483.50. This precept to be finalised at the January meeting when additional financial information will be available.

RESOLVED: That a draft precept be set of £33.00 per household which equates to an annual Precept of £13,282.50 which will be finalised at the January meeting.

144/19 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence had been received:

- a) United Trust Bank re Depositor Protection FSCS Eligibility – agreed.
- b) Board of Community Health Councils in Wales: Representing the Interests of People in the NHS in Wales: Our Plans and Priorities 2020-21 – noted.
- c) Darren Thomas: Response on 'Quiet Lanes' – well received by everyone.
- d) Welsh Govt Local Govt & Elections (Wales) Bill – noted.
- e) Pembs Coastal Forum News – noted.
- f) Welsh Govt – Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2020-21 v- noted.
- g) Welsh Govt Consultation: A More Equal Wales – Commencing the Socio-economic duty – noted.
- h) Welsh Govt: Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD) 2019 – noted.
- i) Paul Davies AM – newsletter – noted.
- j) OVW: News Bulletin – noted.
- k) Welsh Govt: S6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 – The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty – Overview – to be actioned.

145/19 **ANY OTHER INFORMATION**

The following matters were raised:

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- a) Cllr Dyer advised that there were ten new posts being advertised at Dragon LNG and that he had noticed a lot more fly-tipping in the area.
- b) Cllr Mrs J Howell also remarked on the increase in fly-tipping and advised that the bench on Hazelbeach Hill was broken. Cllr P Roberts offered to repair this.
- c) Cllr M Howells advised that there were sustained complaints from members of the Burial Board regarding the costs of maintenance of the cemetery and the time the groundsman is present at the cemetery. There is currently a shortfall of income over expenditure and it would therefore, be necessary to charge a Precept next year. He added that it would not be possible to keep the cemetery in good order without the support of both councils.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th January 2020 at 7.00pm at the Mission Hall, Hazelbeach.

Signed.....Chair.....Date

Signed.....Clerk