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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LLANSTADWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 9TH JANUARY 2024 AT HAZELBEACH MISSION HALL AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT: Cllr R Diggle (chair)
Cllr B Evans
Cllr Mrs J Lloyd
Cllr G Wilson
Cllr S Thomas

APOLOGIES: Cllr H Dyer
Cllr P Roberts

The clerk was in attendance (Mrs J Clark-Davies)

01/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr S Thomas declared that he was also a member of Neyland Town Council.

02/24 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chair had not attended any events since the last meeting.

03/24 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2023 were proposed and seconded. They were agreed as a true record.

04/24 MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were raised:

- a) Minute 147/23 Cllr G Wilson has the perspecx to repair the shelter at Hazelbeach.
- b) Minute 152/23 No response from PCC . Clerk to follow up.

05/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no Members of the public present.

06/24 UPDATE ON ACCOUNTS TO 31ST DECEMBER 2023

- a) Bank account reconciliations summary showing a balance of £1,211.88 in the Current Acct, £20,224.44 in the Saver Acct and £10,894.92 in the United Trust Bank acct.
- b) The Financial Statement – Cashbook showing income of £14,913.89 (gross) and expenditure of £20,691.31 (gross).
- c) The Financial Budget Comparison showing the Budget set, the actual income and expenditure figures and the balance remaining under each heading.

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The Clerk was asked to add a new heading of 'Contingency' in Reserves.

RESOLVED: **That the above financial information be accepted and that the requested reports be circulated.**

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ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were approved for payment:

a) Mrs J Clark Jan salary	£260.60
b) PAYE for January	£68.80
d) Cleaner's wages for December (4 weeks)	£305.20
e) Simon Safety – blue paper rolls for toilets	£13.20

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TO DISCUSS DEFIBRILLATOR AT HAZELBEACH

The existing defibrillator located on the side of the public conveniences at Hazelbeach, which was approximately 5 years old was not currently in working order as the battery and pads were out of date. A quote had been obtained for a new battery and pads and also for a new defibrillator which would be supplied and fitted by the Tenby & Saundersfoot First Responders and would be regularly checked and maintained by them free of charge.

After some debate it was agreed that it would be more cost effective to purchase a new defibrillator that would be regularly checked and restocked along with the other two defibrillators we have located within the community. The cost of a new defibrillator would be approximately £1,350.00. Cllr S. Thomas asked if he could purchase the old defibrillator. It was agreed in principle that he could, subject to agreeing a suitable purchase price and Cllr Thomas confirming he wants it.

RESOLVED: **That a new defibrillator be purchased at a cost of £1,350.00.**

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TO CONFIRM DRAFT BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2024-25

The Council Tax Base for this area has been estimated by PCC to be 431.37 as opposed to 405.66 for the current year and based on a £7.00 increase in the precept, as agreed at the December meeting, this would bring in a precept income of £17,258.48 which, added to the other income, made a total of £19,198.48 in income.

Proposed expenditure was £28,744 which was brought about mainly by the increase in costs of managing the public conveniences at Hazelbeach. This left a shortfall between income and expenditure of £9,545.52, which would be met from reserves if necessary. Members agreed to carefully monitor expenditure from April 2024 to ensure that where possible only budgeted purchases were made.

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RESOLVED: That the precept be increased by £7.00 per household to £40.00 per household per year equating to an income of £17,258.48.

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PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORTS FOR DECEMBER

The inspection reports for December had been received and circulated. Most of the items were of low or medium risk and the following more urgent matters were discussed:

- a) A quote has been received for a new aerial slide at Jordanston at a cost of £626.00 plus VAT which will require six monthly inspections at £50.00 per visit. It was agreed to accept this quote and to place the order as soon as possible. This amount to be taken from Play area Reserves.
- b) Quotes had been received for four flat swing seats from Infinity Play and GL Jones which were very similar. It was therefore agreed to purchase the seats from Infinity Play at a cost of £200.09 plus VAT.
- c) Some additional items were required for Waterston ie a swing seat and a repair kit for the basket swing. It was agreed that these be ordered.

RESOLVED: That the above items be purchased and that the low and medium risk items be dealt with in-house by Members if possible.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no plans to discuss.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received:

- a) OVW Cost of Living Town & Community Council activity in Wales – noted.
- b) OPCC News Bulletin – noted.
- c) Dyfed Powys Police Newsletter – noted.
- d) Older People's Commissioner for Wales newsletter – noted.
- e) PCC Planning dept – withdrawal of application for Church Road – noted.
- f) Welsh Govt - Future spending purposes for dormant assets funding in Wales – noted.
- g) Welsh Parliament - Consultation: Fiscal Intergovernmental relations – noted.
- h) OVW – The Lamp Light of Peace to commemorate 80 years since D-Day – noted.

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ANY OTHER INFORMATION

The following matters were raised:

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- a) Why are there no repeater signs for the new 20mph speed limit?
- b) Due to holidays by Members, it was requested that the March meeting be held on 5th instead of the 12th and this was agreed.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th February 2024 at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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

Signed.....Clerk