

# CYNGOR CYMUNED GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of an online meeting of the Sub Committee

held on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> January,2021, at 19.00 hrs.

## 1.0 Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/Apologies

- Members: Iestyn Llwyd (Chair), Andrew King (Vice Chair) Tina Butler, Terry Jones
- Others: Llew Thomas, Clerk to the Council.
- Apologies for absence: Cllrs Nick Beckett and Nia Lewis.

## 1.1 General.

- The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting which was declared open at 19:00hrs.

## 2.0 Declaration of Interests.

- There were no declarations made under this heading.
- **Resolved:** To note and record.

## 3.0 Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting.

- Members considered and approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> November,2021.
- **Resolved:** To approve as being a correct record of discussions and decisions made at the meeting.

## 4.0 Precept and Draft Budgets.

### 4.1 General

- As part of the budget setting process members considered a report which provided draft budgets for the next 5-year period – to align with the strategic document.
- The report provided detail relating to individual financial years as well as an overview of the Council's financial position should the budgets be adopted.
- An explanation as to the basis for each budget was also provided together with existing and new commitments, inflation provision and the levels of reserves.
- The effects of setting the precept at different levels was also provided as well as comparisons with the level of precepts of other Carmarthenshire Community/Town Councils.

### 4.2 Recommendations for the 2021/22 Budget and Precept.

- Members considered each budget heading in detail with particular emphasis on the examination of any new provision, the effect of decisions on reserves and on the Council Tax payable by the public,
- Resolved:
  - (i) To reduce the budget by £1k in respect of the transfer of old data on the website and a further £1k for the hire of a consultant for a Visioning day.
  - (ii) Recommend acceptance of the amended draft budget for 2021/22 to the Council.
  - (iii) Recommend the precept level be set at 54.23p for the 2021/22 financial year.
  - (iv) To ask the Council to progress the Management Agreement relating to the New School as soon as possible in order to firm up the financial impact on the 2021/22 and subsequent budgets.

#### 4.3 Draft Budgets for the period 2022/23 to 25/26

- As with the 2021/22 budget consideration was given by members to each budget heading, any variances, levels of reserves and the likely effect on the future precept levels.
- **Resolved:** To recommend to Council the acceptance of the draft budgets.

#### 5.0 Reserves: Allocation for provision of Play Equipment

- The Sub Committee had been asked to make a recommendation in relation to the possible allocation of resources from reserves for the purchase of new play equipment.
- Members considered in detail a report which provided an overview of the current position relating equipment and likely future demand for replacement/new equipment, including the wishes of the ward members for their area. The levels of historic investment at each site over the last 5 years was provided. Detail of section 106 monies which could be used to purchase equipment was included.
- **Resolved:**
- To recommend
  - (i) That no additional funds be provided from reserves currently.
  - (ii) That a full meeting of the Council be held to discuss the level of provision required, and funding mechanism, for the replacement of equipment in future.
  - (iii) That an application for all available section 106 funds be made asap.
  - (iv) Clarification be sought on the funding arrangements i.e., re-imburement or up-front allocation.
  - (v) That permission be sought from full Council to proceed to tender based on section 106 funds.
  - (vi) Any unallocated operational reserves at year end be allocated to the replacement equipment fund

#### 6.0 Clerks Appraisal.

- Discussion took place in relation to the process and documentation provided for the appraisal.
- **Resolved:** That the Chair and Vice Chair meet to discuss and review the process and documentation.

#### 7.0 Due Diligence Report.

- The views of members was sought on the format and content of a due diligence report related to grass cutting contractor.
- **Resolved:** That the report and content would be helpful to members and that it place before members at the February meeting of the Council.

#### Closure of Meeting.

- Next Meeting Tuesday 26.01.21
- Agenda to include discussion on possible revision to organisational structure.
- There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21.10hrs.