

CYNGOR CYMUNED GORS-LAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of an online meeting of the Gors-las Community Council Sub-Committee

Held on Thursday 27th January,2022 at 19:00 hrs.

1.0 Agenda Item 1: Record of those Present/Apologies

- Cllrs: Andrew King (Chair), Nia Lewis (Vice Chair) Iestyn Llwyd, Tina Butler, N Beckett and Simon Martin.
- Others: Llew Thomas, Clerk to the Council.
- Apologies for absence: None.

1.1 General.

- The Chair welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open at 19:00hrs.

2.0 Agenda Item 2 Declaration of Interest

- There were no declarations of interest.
- **Resolved:** To note and record accordingly.

3.0 Agenda Item 3 Minutes of Previous Meetings.

- **Resolved:** That the minutes of the meetings of the Sub Committee held on 17.12 .21 and 06.01.22 and were a correct and accurate record of discussions and decisions.

4.0 Agenda Item 4 Precept 2022/23- and Five-Year Draft Budgets

4.1 General

- The Chair reminded members that the Council had tasked the Sub Committee with making recommendations in respect of: -
- Individual Service Area Budgets for the financial years 2022/23 to 2026/27.
- The level of Precept the Council should set for the 2022/23 financial year.

4.2 Consideration

- As part of the budget setting process members considered a report which provided draft budgets for the next 5-year period.
- The report provided detail relating to individual financial years, inflationary and service level enhancements and an overview of the Council's financial position should the budgets be adopted.
- The effects of setting the precept at different levels was also provided together with an outline of the effects on the Council's reserves for each level of precept.
- A comparison of the level of precepts for the 2021 22 of neighbouring and other relevant Carmarthenshire Community/Town Councils was provided.
- The Sub Committee examined each service area budget individually. The requirement for that provision, any proposed changes and if there were any alternative options.

- Members were also acutely aware of the financial pressures’ families were experiencing and the effect any increase in the precept would have. That pressure had to be balanced against the increased demand for the services provided by the Council, such as the increased use of parks and play areas.

4.4 Recommendations

4.4.1 Precept and Service Budgets 2022/23.

- **Resolved Precept:** That the precept be increased by one of the following percentages: -
 - (i) 3%
 - (ii) 4%
 - (iii) 5%
- **Resolved Service Budget:** The draft budgets, as outlined in the report, be adopted by the Council subject to a revision by the Clerk to ensure that there would not be a call on reserves at the 5% level.

4.4.2 Budgets for the Financial Years 2023/24 to 2026/27

- As with the 2022/23 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 as detailed in the report subject to the incorporation of the effects of the decisions made in 4.4.1 above.

5.0 Closure of Meeting.

- The Chair thanked members for their attendance and for their work in undertaking this difficult task.
- There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:40 hrs.