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Minutes of the 3.1.19 Finance meeting to establish the amount of precept to charge for 2019/20

Presence

Kevin Titley, Gruffydd Price, Eirwyn Thomas, Goronwy Davies, Robin Ward, Caroline Evans, Helen Johns, Iolyn Jones.

Apologies

Annwen Hughes (does not need to be present for finance committee).

Received the minutes of the previous meeting with some alterations needed. With reference to the Beer Festival and giving thanks to all the volunteers as well. Coedwigoedd Glaw Celtaidd will be the Welsh version of Celtic Rain Forest.

No personal interest to declare.

1. Budget – it was also noted that some items in the budget are also relevant to the Risk Assessment which will be discussed more in the February meeting.

2. Arrangement with Huchenfeld subcommittee – decision that representatives from the Community Council are on the subcommittee. Need to keep both parties apart since there are members of the public also helping with this subcommittee. Meeting arranged 10.1.19. Need to keep finance apart as well, and that the CC allocate a sum in the budget for the Huchenfeld twinning exchange. The subcommittee will need funding for hire charge of the Village Hall for its meetings (£1000). That they approach the CC in order to release the funds accordingly.

3. Salt Bins. These have been changed at Allt Goch and Hendre Waelod sites. Not entirely pleased with the one at Hendre Waelod. The Chairman noted that the bin at Bryn Hyfryd site is also faulty. Thus send a report to the Gwynedd Council. (Allocated £200 in budget)

4. Audit of Accounts. Raise this to £700. There is a need to establish a fixed price for this. Still no reply as to why the charge was so high from BDO for last year's audited account. One Voice Wales are also making enquiries regarding the action of BDO. The Clerk is not to pay this until an explanation has been received.

5. Monitoring the play area – can pay an annual charge for inspection from G.L.Jones, Bethesda, or from other companies. But it is also the Council's responsibility to check on the equipment on a regular basis. This must be recorded in the minutes. Who will take on this responsibility?

In the meeting from One Voice Wales the speaker advised to get a professional inspection every year and also volunteers to keep an eye on equipment.

6. HAL – the need to separate this item from the 137 clause. So that everyone can see the exact amount given to HAL. This at the moment includes £100 for the North Wales Sheep Dog Trials at Talsarnau.

7. The Gwynedd Council are in favour of carrying on with the contract for jointly looking after the toilets in the Village. Need to have a contract for 2 years. This is fine as long as the cost is still £2000 per annum, according to Councillors at Llanbedr

8. Paths Project - £2000 - for pamphlets, moving the sculpture, web page, seating. Caroline noted that Jodie Gun would construct the seats for Coed Crafnant. Need a sign and seat by the Victoria. Caroline has also made some enquiries to the cost of re locating the present sculpture.

From the spread sheet it is noted that –

The funeral costs are high

Allocated £1000 for work on footpaths – the need to do more work than what we are doing at the moment in order to keep paths open.

The cost in ground work on the cemetery – wall and path through the Vic car park. On Risk Assessment?

Playing Field – complete any work – again Risk assessment (nets and goal posts as well)

Public Toilets – keep in the contract. (£2000 per annum)

Election – note no money allocated. Do not foresee an election!!!

Salt bins - £200 the same as last year.

Parking Area for Village Hall – have not allocated any money for this project. In the future.

With £7000 brought forward, which is half the precept. Very difficult to justify any increase in it.

Therefore it was agreed to keep the precept the same as 2017/18 (5 for and 2 voted against)

It was noted that there will be a possibility that the sum will have to be increased for 2021.

One Planning Application was received – the temporary use of 12 Maes Artro as a dwelling for 12 months. A lot of discussions took place and voted 4 to 2 to refuse permission. Need to ask the national Park about the various rates that are due on tourism sites versus private dwellings.

Next Council Meeting 7.2.19

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