

English minutes for 8.1.26

Finance meeting draft minutes 8.1.26

All present via zoom due to poor weather conditions.

Absence John Evans, and Cllr Gwynfor Owen.

A word wishing a Happy New Year from the Chairman Jane Taylor Williams, and thanking the Vice Chairman Eirwyn Thomas and the Clerk for spending many hours compiling this spread sheet.

It was also noted that Luise and Robin wished to question certain aspects of the budget , and to try and keep at £29000.

Tried to keep the precept as last year of £29000. This year the figure under consideration is £31000

The spread sheet only for discussion

The zoom service with translation by Arfon Hughes has worked well (all stayed at home).

Asked about the microphone that RW has purchased. Works in the Hall, but not always. Having sent one back to the company, and received another.

The Clerk notes that it is possible to get a grant for this from Gwynedd Ni. It was passed to try this out again in the Village Hall next Wednesday night. 14.1.26

Band D Housing Tax in the area =

Llanbedr = £385.11

Harlech = £904.83

Llanfair £379.49

Talsarnau 394.32

Explanation . By raising £29000 on the precept it is necessary to divide this with £38511 which makes £75.30 per house (To the Community Council).

If we claim £31000 on the precept it will mean £80.49 per house

Which means a £5.19 rise in the precept/household.

Also remember that the fire service, Gwynedd Council and the Police will need funding.

### **Budget Matters**

Primary School	25/26	26/27
	£1000	£3000

Not spent/submitted **mmmm**

Passed To keep this for now.

Important to help the Local School. A number of them are closing. Fund-raising work from the Friends of the School - eg. Bus cost To swimming lessons, pantomime, trips. Also that the

School has to look for funding towards renovation - a cupboard, a gate, a New notice board is needed.

Hall 1500              to              £3000

The situation is the same with the Village Hall. Keep the cost of hiring low so that everyone can benefit from it. As the Hall and Community Council Committee is the same, the property must be protected. Other Councils contribute –

Dyffryn £6000 – or pay for any work required

Talsarnau £2000

Harlech - £2000 towards the Memorial Hall, and £2000 for the Library

Indeed, there is endless costs regarding hall - Doors forever needing changing, issues with heating especially underfloor, parking area

Eirwyn and Helen report that there is a problem with acoustic in Rhinog Fawr – and people are threatening to leave and look for another site. This is no help in keeping the Hall open.

Disabled parking problem – one person fell out of their wheelchair before Christmas. This needs to be addressed urgently. It was noted that Nia Jones had referred to this problem about 2 years ago.

Need to consider lifting the slabs in the disability part / hazard area. Estimated cost £2000. JTW noted – The Community Council should provide support for this. The acoustics are poor – people are complaining in the 'warm welcome' group. AH is supportive of these two things, the School and the Hall. Two completely important things for a Successful Community and Village. Kevin, Nia, Jane, Annwen, and Eirwyn are supportive. Robin and Luise agree with this, but point out that the Hall Committee should lead on this, as well as raise funds and also look for grants. Eirwyn noted that not many people come to the Hall Committee.

JTW – so there is a need to re-scrutinize the members, remove some and elect some new ones who will participate more. The next Hall committee will be around the end of January.

Question why CCTV has gone from £2400 to £7000 while we haven't spent the £2400 in the budget for 2 years. IT WAS AGREED TO reduce this back to £5000, hoping this will be enough to carry out the necessary work if we go ahead with the development. Clerk is still investigating the possibility of grants. This was RJElectrics' estimate (£7000) and also to bring expenditure down in the bank but also thus adding to the precept.

JTW noted that she had secured a site for the HYB in the centre of the Village, which would be suitable.

LV – as the site is private, he is concerned about privacy issues and would need to be sure that this is justified.

KT – need to confirm arrangements with the site provider.

JTW – notes that there will be 2 keys to the site. The CCTV cameras would not interfere with the privacy of the Village – they cannot look into buildings.

ETH – there is no need to attend the site to view the videos; this can be done from any site on a phone. Access to the recording cameras could be obtained from the Hall.

AH – notes that Councillor Dina Fisher has done a lot of work in Barmouth regarding CCTV. AH and Councillor RW have attended meetings in Barmouth regarding this.

Another issue that arises is the allowance available for Councillors.

The following noted that they did not wish to claim the 2026/27 allowance:

Annwen Hughes, Robin Ward, Nia Jones, Helen Johns.

That Councillors Jane Taylor Williams and Eirwyn Thomas intended to take the allowance money and give it to the Hall.

Kevin Titley, Luise Vassey, and John Evans have not decided on this.

The Clerk noted that it was necessary to know before the end of January in order to send a precept form back to Gwynedd Council.

TRYING TO BRING THE PRECEPT DOWN BACK TO £29,000 (around this figure)!!!

### **Other Council Matters**

1. The Clerk noted about the Arduwy forum. This is losing momentum. AH agreed. It was passed that the Clerk should contact the Arduwy Councils to see if they want to continue with this every 3 months.

2. JTW noted that a word of thanks is needed to the residents of No. 1 Plas Newydd – helps in tidying up around the Village.

3. Van parking near the Hall is now creating an issue with parking at Bryn Deiliog.

4. Eirwyn Thomas – pleased to see the salt bins have been re filled.

The Clerk has contacted Gwynedd Council requesting a supply.

5. AH noted that the leaf-sweeping machine had been cleaning the sides of the roads before Christmas. From Pont Beser down to the Village. Much improvement.

6. Kevin Titley – That a number of areas need to be swept within the Village – debris – to prevent the sites from freezing and causing accidents.

a) Top Never Cut

b) Property Terrance Hughes opposite

c) Leaves and mud on the pavement from the Bridge down Mochras Road.

d) Near Talwrn Bach Station – on the pavement

KT to send photos to Gwynedd Council.

7. Eirwyn Thomas notes that John Thomas has done the work on the clearing of ivy and brambles in the cemetery.

That Hywel Wyn has done a very tidy job clearing the stones, soil, and grass cuttings - waste from the combustible area.

9. Need to test the microphone for hybrid meetings. Arrange meeting

Wednesday 14 some in the hall, others at home. At 7.30

Eirwyn, Robin, Luise and Helen. And Morfudd the Clerk.