

Cyngor Cymuned COEDPOETH Community Council

Minutes of the Finance and Planning Meeting held in The Old Carnegie Library at 19.30 on Tuesday 1 December 2009

Present: Cllr Michael Dixon (Chair), Karl Woodward (Vice Chair), Beatrice Williams, Mark Davies, George Price, Mike Whitby, Mandy Bostwick, Carol Williams, George Williams, Carol Edwards, Derek Unwin

In attendance: PC Scott Duncan, Jeanette Blackford, Van Griffiths – Executive Director, Groundwork North Wales

		Action
1	<p>Van Griffiths gave a detailed presentation and briefing into the background, objectives and purpose of Groundwork North Wales. Van then fielded a varied range of questions from Councillors.</p> <p>Jeanette Blackford outlined the proposals for attaining Carbon Neutral Status for Coedpoeth (aiming to be the first village in Wales to be carbon neutral). The Launch date for “Canslo Carbon Coedpoeth” (Carbon Neutral Group for Coedpoeth) was Thursday 14 January @ 18.30 in Plas Pentwyn.</p>	
2	<p>PC Duncan presented the crime statistics for the month of November 2009. Statistics attached to these minutes. PC Duncan then answered all questions relating to policing issues in Coedpoeth and gave assurances that the issues raised by Councillors would be dealt with a.s.a.p.</p>	SD
3	<p>Apologies Madge Nelson and Steve Lee</p>	
4	<p>Chairman’s Report Mark Davies raised the issue of Business Rates within Coedpoeth and explained the current position.</p> <p>Michael Dixon explained that it might be possible to reduce the Business Rates on Council Premises. Mark Davies explained that he could provide the name of business consultants, with regard to this issue (which had been tried and tested), which may be able to save the Council money. The Chair accepted Cllr Davies’ offer to provide information.</p>	MDavies Chairman
5	<p>Action Points The action points from previous meetings would be brought forward for a future meeting.</p>	
6	<p>Bills To Be Paid The Chairman identified and outlined the bills requiring payment and asked for the authority of the Council to pay the bills a.s.a.p. Proposed by Cllr Mike Whitby and seconded by Cllr George Williams</p>	Chairman

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<p>7</p>	<p>The Council gave authority for the bills to be paid as listed in the attached schedule.</p> <p>A discussion then ensued in relation to the payment of taxation in respect of Council Employees. Council to verify from Customs and Revenue (in writing) that the tax liability can be paid quarterly, rather than monthly.</p> <p>Unity Trust Bank The Chairman explained the benefits of moving to a bank offering a much more effective system of secure Internet Banking and also: (i) Supporting the Local Post Office (ii) Saving £20.00:- per month in Bank Charges.</p> <p>Cllr Mark Davies advised caution in moving the Bank A/C from HSBC at this time and requested that his cautionary stance be recorded.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Karl Woodward, seconded by Cllr George Price "That an account be opened with Unity Trust Bank, ready for use as and when (and only when) formally authorised by the full Council 9 for the proposal 2 against the proposal.</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>Chairman</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Insurance Service Review The chair explained the position in relation to Council Insurances and requested assistance to undertake a review of insurances. This review to be conducted by the admin team.</p>	<p>MB/MN/CW</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Precept The Chairman explained the financial position to 30/11/09 and the financial forecast to the end of March 2010. Discussions ensued relating to the Accounts which were presented to Council Cllr Mark Davies proposed with Cllr Carol Edwards seconding:</p> <p>Original Proposal "That the precept for 2010/2011 be retained at the level of 2009/2010 £142K and further that the precept should be reduced by 2% based on the 2009/2010 precept value".</p> <p>Amendment Proposed by Cllr George Williams – seconded by Cllr Mandy Bostwick "That the precept is retained at 2009/2010 precept values." For amendment 4 Against amendment 6</p> <p>Decision: That the amendment is not carried</p>	<p>Chairman</p>

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	<p>The Original Proposal was the voted on by Members and it was decided that the Original Proposal is carried For amendment 6 Against amendment 4</p> <p>Finance Report The Chair distributed the Financial Report to Councillors. Discussions then ensued relating to the detail of the accounts presented; with the Chairman answering questions and engaging in discussions with Councillors.</p> <p>The Chairman requested authority to respond by e-mail to address the concerns of the external auditor. Proposed by Cllr Karl Woodward Seconded by Mandy Bostwick For 7 Against 2 Email attached, together with internal auditor's report and notes.</p> <p>Cllr Mark Davies:- Requested it to be recorded that the previous Chairman's position of suspecting that issues were not in order with the Council's systems, processes and way of working had been borne out.</p> <p>Service Change And Efficiency Plan – SCEP Cllr Karl Woodward explained the SCEP for December 2009 and fielded questions from Councillors.</p> <p>Planning Applications P/2009/0941 4 flats Not supported by Council on grounds of Access (pedestrian and vehicular) and heritage.</p> <p>P/2009/0960 Tabernacle Chapel Conversion No objection. Comment re: Full Immersion Baptist Pool being preserved.</p> <p>The Chair was commended by the Council for the detailed work which he had undertaken.</p> <p>Date and Time of the next (Full Council) meeting Tuesday 15 December 2009 at 19.00 in The Old Carnegie Library. The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>KW</p> <p>Chairman</p>
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