



GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD AT
BETTWS LIFE CENTRE ON MONDAY 4TH JULY 2017 AT 1.00 PM**

Present: Councillor J Davies (Finance Committee Chair)

Councillors: C G Andrews
H Griffiths (Council Chair)
R Stirman

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO

Apologies: None

A minute's silence was held at the start of the meeting to mark the passing of Councillor Derek Griffiths.

FR33/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED:

There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest.

FR34/17 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13TH FEBRUARY 2017

RESOLVED:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2017 were accepted as a true and accurate record; with this, the Chairman duly signed the Minute Book.

FR35/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE NOVEMBER 2016 MEETING

Parc Calon Lan - Footpath Work:

Repairs to the footpaths around the monument area in Parc Calon Lan were discussed. The Clerk showed the Members a photo of a resin type path which the Community Warden had recommended. The Clerk had contacted Neath Port Talbot Council for details of the contractor for information.

Debit Card:

Acquisition in progress. There had been a delay whilst signatories on the account were reviewed.

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to contact the Building Training College in Maesteg to see if they would be interested in taking on this work as part of a training programme and with the hope of achieving a reduced cost to the Community Council. The update re the debit card acquisition was noted.

FR36/17 TO REVIEW THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET AND ANY POTENTIAL RISKS TO THE BUDGET

Risks to date:

Training budget - £250 had been place in the budget for Councillor and Clerk training for the year. Up to June 2017 £200 had already been spent on New Councillor Training. The Community Council had also agreed that all Councillors would receive Code of Conduct training and this had been carried out on 13th June 2017. This would result in a training overspend with 8 months left in the financial year.

Elections - £2,089 had been placed in the budget but the local election costs for the May 2017 elections is £3,984.95. There is the possibility of a by-election in the Bettws Ward and this will result in a further election overspend.

Christmas Lighting - £5,000 had been placed in the budget for Christmas 2017. The invoice for Christmas Lighting 2016 had been received late in the financial year 2017/18 and not 2016/17 and so there is an over spend of £968.64 already in the budget.

Resolved: The potential risks were noted.

FR37/17 TO REVIEW THE COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Resolved: The Financial Regulations had been reviewed by Members and all agreed that at present no changes were required.

FR38/17 APPROVAL OF INCREMENT TO CLERK'S SALARY DUE 1ST MARCH 2017

Resolved: Following a successful appraisal with the Chair on 13th April 2017 it was agreed that the increment due to the Clerk should be paid and backdated to its due date of 1st March 2017.

FR39/17 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

Resolved: There were no items suggested for the agenda of the next meeting, therefore it was agreed to keep this open to include anything that may arise in the time between meetings, with the Chair's agreement.

FR40/17 TO AGREE THE DATE AND LOCATION FOR THE NEXT FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

Resolved: The Committee will next meet on Tuesday 5th September 2017 at 1.00 pm at Bettws Life Centre if available.

With there being no further matters to discuss the Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 1.55 pm