



GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD AT
BLAENGARW WORKMEN'S HALL ON THURSDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2019 AT 5.00PM**

Present: Councillor H Griffiths (Finance Committee Chair)

Councillors: C G Andrews
R Stirman

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO

No Apologies: Councillor R Jones

FR31/18 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

Councillor Roz Stirman declared an interest as a Member of BCBC.

FR32/18 TO RECORD THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16TH JANUARY 2019

Resolved: The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2019 were accepted as a true and accurate record; with this, the Chairman duly signed the minutes.

FR033/18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JANUARY 2019 MEETING

Noted: There were no Matters Arising.

FR34/18 TO REVIEW THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET AND IDENTIFY ANY POTENTIAL RISKS

The Clerk presented the up-to-date budget monitoring figures and updated Members on some of the figures in the budget lines and these were discussed.

Resolved: There were no risks to the budget identified.

FR35/18 TO REVIEW THE COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Clerk had distributed new draft Financial Regulations to Members which were based on the OVW model.

Resolved: It was agreed that the recommendation to Full Council would be to approve and adopt the new model Financial Regulations which bring the Council's regulations up to date with legislative changes.

FR36/18 To DISCUSS A POLICY FOR COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES 2019/20

This was discussed in some detail and suggestions made and considered. It was noted that there was no policy in place at the time of the Chair's resignation in January and therefore no attempt could be made to recover any money.

Resolved: It was agreed to recommend to Full Council to draw up a Councillor Allowances policy to include the following points:

- Chair - the Chair's allowance is split into two payments, one in May following the AGM and the second payment on the 1st of November.
- Chair or Councillor Death in Service - no attempt will be made to recover allowances paid.

- Chair retirement or resignation after 3 months or is sick for over 3 months, a proportionate allowance is made.
- Councillor disqualification through lack of attendance for 6 months or resignation mid-way through the year, the Council will request a proportionate amount of the allowance paid to them to be returned.

In addition, the Clerk was asked to prepare a breakdown of councillors' attendance for the year and include committee attendance for the April 2019 Ordinary Meeting and the recommendation to Full Council would be to publish the figures.

FR37/18 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

There were no items suggested for the next meeting.

Resolved: With the Chair's agreement it was agreed to keep this open to include anything that may arise in the time between meetings.

FR38/18 TO AGREE THE DATE AND LOCATION FOR THE NEXT FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

Resolved: The Committee would be called by the Clerk in the spring when there were sufficient items for an agenda or earlier if there was an urgent matter that needed to be resolved.

With there being no further matters to discuss the Chair thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 5.51pm