

Cyngor Cymuned Trefriw Community Council

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Cofnodion Ionawr 15 2019 Cwrdd y Cyngor / Minutes 15th January 2019 Meeting of Council

Present / Bresennol Chair Cllr A Minton

Cllr D Sandham, Cllr L Williams, Cllr M Jehu, Cllr J Pritchard Cllr M Lees, Cllr L Porter

In attendance : Sandra Jehu, Clerk / RFO County Cllr Jones and 2 members of the public

1. To confirm that a Quorum of elected members is present

Cadarnhau bod yr aelodau etholedig sy'n bresennol yn ffurfio cworwm

A quorum was confirmed by the chair

2. Apologies / Ymddiheuriadau LG Act 1972 Sch12 par 40

Derbyn ymddiheuriadau ac ystyried cymeradwyo rhesymau dros absenoiddeb

To accept apologies and consider approving reasons for absence

All Councillors present

3. Declarations of Interest / Datgan Buddiannau LG Act 2000 s50 Local Authorities (Wales) Order 2008/788

Datgan diddordeb personol ac ariannol yn y materion wedi eu rhestru isod

To disclose personal and financial interest in items of business listed below

All councillors signed the appropriate document and declared no interests

4. Financial / Cyllid : LGA 1972 Sch 12 par 41(1)

Council to review and agree Council budget for financial year 2019-20

Councillors referred to draft budget previously circulated which detailed actual expenditure and income for the first nine months of the current financial year, estimated expenditure and income for the full 12 months of the current financial year and, using those figures, estimated expenditure and income for the coming financial year to agree budget and precept required.

There was debate regarding the balance between what councillors would like to include in the budget and what councillors need to include in the budget, and council's responsibility to make financial decisions on behalf of village residents. Areas where proposed expenditure significantly differed from that of the current year's budget were discussed in detail

Traffic calming: The costs of installing flashing signs was considered and rejected. Council resolved to site additional dummy policemen and to contact Surf Snowdonia to seek additional financial support. Council resolved to hold an open meeting to give members of the public opportunity to contribute to agreeing options for improving road safety in the village.

Translation: With the objective of encouraging increased involvement of indigenous villagers, and recognising that Trefriw is in a predominantly Welsh speaking area, council resolved to budget for simultaneous translation of council meetings and the translation of council meetings and agendas, to be posted in both English and Welsh. Clerk to seek additional quotes or translation services.

Village Hall: Following discussion regarding the condition of the hall and the concerns that major work may be required to address the apparent water damage it was agreed that until a full professional survey had been completed it was not possible to include costs in the coming years budget. Cllr Minton stated that the hall was listed and council questioned whether there would be grant money available. Comparison was made between the income received from hall bookings and the day to day running costs. After discussion, Council resolved to retain the current costs of hiring the hall but resolved that all users would be invoiced for electricity used. There was discussion regarding whether the use of the broadband justified its cost. Council resolved to not renew the BT contract. Council resolved that repair costs for the village hall would be taken from the reserve.

Cemetery development: Council has not yet received planning permission. There was discussion regarding the current number of vacant plots to determine for how long the current site would be adequate. Council resolved to commence clearing the soil and trees at the bottom of the site to ensure the final row of plots could be utilised, and once planning permission had been received to commence work on fencing and access to the extension. Council resolved to re-establish to Cemetery Group. Council resolved to defer major work and expenditure until the next (2020-21) financial year.

Play park: Because the village has an existing play park it does not qualify for grant funding. Councillors would like to increase the amount of equipment suitable for younger children. It was agreed to defer further discussion until the March Council Meeting.

Donations: Village involvement with this year's Eisteddfod was discussed. Further discussion regarding the possibility of using the football field to provide temporary camping was deferred to the March Council Meeting.

Disagreeing with a number of financial decisions that had been made, and expressing concern that his opinions were not being considered, Cllr Minton verbally tendered his resignation from the council

- 5. It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council will be at 7pm on Tuesday 5th February at Trefriw Village Hall**