



'Your very Local Council'

Locum Clerk to the Council/RFO: Shaun Jones
Chairman: Cllr Mrs. Sharon Lloyd

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held at 6:30 pm on **Thursday 8th February 2024** in Piercy Hall, Marchwiel.

Present: Cllrs Lloyd S (SL), (Chair); Cawsey (CC); Davies (CD); Edwards (AE); Lloyd N (NL); Price (WP) & Woodhouse (VW);

In attendance: Shaun Jones (SJ), Locum Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer.

19.23/24 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE** – Cllrs Lydford & Williams.

20.23/24 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None made.

21.23/24 **PUBLIC SPEAKING/QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS** – No members of the public present.

22.23/24 **MINUTES** – The draft minutes for the Council Meeting held Friday 2nd February 2024 are now put to the Council as an accurate record of proceedings. **Approved by all members present.**

23.23/24 **FINAL BUDGET REVIEW AND PRECEPT APPROVAL FOR 2024/25** –

- SJ provided a recap on the preparatory work undertaken at the previous meeting, last Friday. There are some 35 expenditure headings and these were taken one by one and an agreed figure entered for 28. Because there is concern that financial reserves are limited a conservative view was taken on discretionary items.

Administration	£4,136
Street Lighting	£12,257
Community Open Spaces	£3,300
Burial Ground Maintenance	£6,000
Rent, Rates & Utilities	£372
Staff Costs	£30,001
Training	£500
General Repairs & Maintenance	£600
Events	£50
Election	£1,700

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- Income is outlooked at £5,000 for the Burial Ground and £3,916 drawn from Reserves. The precept request of the householders in Marchwiell is calculated at estimated spending of £58,916 less income and reserves drawing, £8,916 equals £50,000. For a Band D householder their annual contribution is £83.61 up by £23.61 (or £0.45 per week) to the MCC budget.
- With a focus in the coming 12 months the actual amounts for 2024/25 financial period should see a surplus on the estimates and some restoration of reserves.
- **All members voted to approve the budget tabled for 2024/25 and the Precept request of £50,000.**

24.23/24 **PAYMENTS** – Burial Ground Contractor £1,325.00, Vision ICT Website £161.26, One Voice Wales £230.00 & Rainbow Foundation £333.00 **were approved.**

25.23/24 **LOCUM CLERK REPORT – INCLUDES CORRESPONDENCE –**

- MCC Burial Ground - Ministry of Justice form to be completed to allow for the removal of ashes of a child.
- A previous member has written to see if they can rejoin. SJ to follow up with WCBC Electoral Team.

26.23/24 **TO PRESENT ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE MEETING AGENDA (FULL COUNCIL OR RESPECTIVE COMMITTEE) –**

- Review of Burial Fees table.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm.

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