



Cyngor Tref Rhydaman Ammanford Town Council

Minutes of Finance Meeting of Ammanford Town Council (ATC)

on

Tuesday 22nd February 2022
Via Virtual Media on MS Teams

Attendees Finance Committee Members: Councillor Stephen Davies (SD); Councillor Deian Harries (DH); Deputy Mayor Geraint Jones (GJ); Councillor Sam Jones (SJ)
Attendees: Non-Finance Committee Members: Councillor Emyr John (EJ)

Minutes taken by: Clerk Duncan Morgan (DSM)

Councillor Stephen Davies Presiding

Meeting commenced at 18:08

The public were asked to refrain from using the chat facility otherwise they would be disconnected from the meeting. All present at the meeting were reminded that recording of this meeting was not permitted on any device.

1) Apologies for absence

Mayor Gruff Harrison (GH)
Councillor Julia Bell (JB)
Councillor Lyn Brodrick (LB)
Councillor Rhodri Jones (RJ)

2) Declarations of interest

Councillor Stephen Davies – Ammanford AFC
Councillor Deian Harries – Ammanford AFC & County Councillor
Councillor Emyr John – Ammanford Foodbank, Ammanford Evangelical Church
Deputy Mayor Geraint Jones (GJ) – Llanedi Community Councillor

3) To receive nominations for and install the Chairperson of the Finance Committee

Nomination was received for SD as chairperson of Finance Committee.

Proposed – DH

Seconded – GJ

All of the Finance Committee present were in agreement.

Resolved that SD be the Chairperson for the Finance Committee

4) Review expenditure for 2021/2022 Financial Year to date

SD presented the financial expenditure for 2021/2022. (See appendix for financial data)

Comments/Observations

The 2020/21 Actuals were reported and should be noted that the bank balances will differ from the transactions due to timescale difference between payments entered on financial system and clearing on the bank statements.

SD then reported on the financial expenditure versus the budgeted amounts. (See appendix for financial data/report).

Up to January 2021

Spend was £161,745 with an additional anticipated/projected spend of £61,590 equating to £223,336 spend for the 2021/22 fiscal year

Total in reserves = £136,483.71 (detailed in bank balances report)

ACTION – Wynne Jones (WJ) Facilities/Asset Management Officer to investigate/acquire a breakdown on public lighting and footpaths

5) **Work through and develop forecast for 2022/23**

SD – Presented the Financial forecast for 2022/2023 financial year (See column 2022/23 first draft on Budget Summary Report), detailing each committee spend.

Comments/Observations

- SD presented detailed information on the actual spend versus the budget for Asset Management, Personnel, Admin & Events (as detailed in reports appendix)
- VAT claims to be submitted to be included in 2022/23 fiscal year budget
- Playground inspections to be undertaken bi-monthly – CCC once a month. WJ to inspect once month. This ensures that that the playgrounds are inspected on a fortnightly basis.

ACTION – Investigate charges on disused water supply. Initial Contact Dwr Cymru. Also investigate if RFC is linked to this supply

6) **Agree and set budget proposal for 2022/2023 Financial Year**

From point 5 SD presented/suggested/proposed the following:-

- A separate bank account be opened named 'Earmarked Parks Reserve Account' and £40K be placed in the account to be 'ring fenced' for investment/use to develop Ammanford Play Parks.
- SD compared other Community Councils Budget Spend Compared to ATC
- Owing to the lower staffing levels ATC staff members have a greater task compared to other Community/Town Councils

EJ – 19:18 no longer in meeting

Comments/Observations/Additional Information

- SD suggested that ATC attains quotations for Ammanford Play Park improvements from 3 companies to include the company that Llannon Community Council employed to develop Tumble Park
- £100K potential works to be undertaken on the parks
- Investigate if grant funding available from Mynydd Y Betws
- A two phase play was suggested –
 1. Immediate works/solution
 2. Long term investment

Precept

The precept figure of £263,653 was presented by SD to be ratified during the EGM on 24th February 2022. This presented a rise of 1.5%.

**Proposed – GJ
Seconded – DH**

**Agreed by all members of the Finance Committee present at the meeting
Resolved that the Precept be set at £263,653**

A vote of thanks was given to SD at the meeting. SD also thanked DSM.












Meeting Closed at 19:35

Signed: (Chair)

Print Name:

Date:

Appendix – Reports

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Personnel Budget
2022-23 - 24th Febru | 
Asset Budget 22-23
24th Feb 2022 app | 
Actuals &
Projection 22-23 - 24 | 
Bank Balances
22-23 -24th Februar |
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DLO Summary
2022-23.pdf | 
Income Streams
2022-23 - 24th Febru | 
Admin Budget
2022-23 - 24th Febru | |
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Parks Earmarked
Fund 2022-23 - 24th | 
Precept 2022-23 -
24th February 2022 | 
Events Budget
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VAT Statement -
24th February 2022 |