

**Minutes of the Council Meeting of Llanedi Community Council held on  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at the Community Hall Tycroes.**

**Minute no. 1 – Members Present**

**Councillors:**

A J Blackley  
W A Evans  
B Evans  
T Higgins  
B Thomas  
G Thomas  
B D Davies  
B Roberts  
J L Griffiths  
C Higgins  
M Nicholas  
M Davies  
S Evans

Chairman Councillor G Thomas presided over the meeting
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**Minute no. 2 - Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor I Davies.

**Minute no. 3 – Declarations of Interest**

Declarations of interest were received from Councillor M Nicholas as he is a member of Tycroes RFC and Councillor B D Davies declared an interest as he is a member of Hendy RFC.

**Minute no. 4 – Petition**

It was noted that a petition had been received from residents of Hendy expressing concern with regard to any proposed increase in the Precept.

**Minute no. 5 – Projected Year End Accounts**

The Clerk provided an overview to a previously circulated report on projected year end balances on the Council's accounts. It was noted that the projected balance on the account at the year end is a sum of £131,709.22.

**Minute no. 6 – MUGA**

It was noted that the charges for the MUGA at Hendy are significantly lower than other establishments in the area. It was **resolved** that there is a need to agree an increase in the charge for MUGA to £25.00 with the charge for local teams to remain at £16.00 for the next financial year.

### **Minute no. 7 – Earmarked/Designated Reserves**

The Clerk provided the Council with a copy of an updated report on the Council's earmarked reserves. This was noted.

### **Minute no. 8 – Capital Projects 2017/18**

*Councillor M Nicholas, Councillor B D Davies, Councillor T Higgins and Councillor M Davies declared an interest in the Rugby Clubs discussion and took no part in the discussion.*

Members considered various amendments as discussed during the meeting in relation to the capital projects for the next financial year. It was **resolved** to approve the following projects for inclusion in the Council's budget:

New Christmas lights Tycroes	£1,200
Resurfacing of Tycroes MUGA	£5,000
Perimeter fence Hendy RFC	£12,000
Phase 2 Tycroes Rugby Club	£25,000
Flower boxes/Wildflower planting	£3,000

### **Minute no. 9 – Hendy Park**

Members considered the required financing for the proposed redevelopment of Hendy Park, in particular the fact that funds as provided by Persimmon for this project will be phased over a few years. The Clerk had provided an indication of likely funding costs in the event that the Council wished to borrow money from the Public Works Loan Board. It was **resolved that** the Council will fund the total cost of the development at Hendy Park from its reserves with the Council seeking to obtain a loan from the PWLB in the event that this decision had a negative impact upon the Council's cashflow..

**Resolved that** a sum of £65,000 which is a surplus projected in the current year is allocated to the playground reserve in the current financial year.

### **Minute no. 10 – Playgrounds**

The Clerk provided a detailed report on anticipated costs for playground maintenance for the next financial year based upon quoted figures as provided by Carmarthenshire County Council. Members considered the projected figures for park day to day maintenance which was quoted as £22780. It was **resolved to** allocate a sum of £20,000 for this element for the next financial year.

It was **resolved to** agree the recommendations with regard to the budget for immediate repairs in that the contributions as received from the County Council should be sufficient to meet the immediate needs of the Council in the next financial year.

**Minute no. 11 – Sinking Fund**

Members considered the calculation of the sinking fund as required for the future maintenance of the play areas. On the basis of the Council allocating £64,000 to the playground reserve in the current year, it was **resolved to** defer providing a sinking fund in the next financial year with the proviso that the Council re-establishes a sinking fund in the next financial year.

**Minute no. 12 – Staff Salaries**

The Clerk provided a detailed breakdown of anticipated staff salaries in the next financial year which reflected the appointment of an Assistant Clerk/Community Development Officer and the agreed increase in staff salaries including an increment increase for the clerk. It was **resolved to** assume that the Assistant Clerk will not be appointed in the first quarter thus saving approximately £8,000, and to review the performance of the Clerk before final agreement of an incremental increase.

**Minute no. 12 – Council Budget**

Members of the Council considered the remaining elements of the projected budget and it was resolved to agree a budget for the financial year in the sum of £245,319.00, (subject to amendment by the above variations.)

**Minute no. 13 – Reserve Levels**

Members considered the projected reserve levels of the Council based upon decisions taken in setting a budget. The Council noted that there could be pressure on the Council’s cash-flow in the year however it is anticipated that a payment of £65,000 will be received from Persimmon in the forthcoming year.

**Minute no. 14 – Precept**

It was unanimously **resolved that** the Council will not raise the precept for the next financial year, with the precept being set at £205,000. The anticipated deficit of approximately £40,000 in the budget will be payable from the general reserve if the Persimmon payment is not received.

**Council Business terminated at 8.30pm.**

**Signed .....**      **Date .....**  
**Chairman**