

Betws Community Council Finance Committee

30th October 2024
Betws Rugby Club

7.10pm

Attending:

Councillors - Carwyn James (Chair), Emyr Morgan, Mike Jones, Jose Picouto

Clerk - Angela Brown

1. Welcome

2. **Apologies**

Dave Stacey, Lynwen Phillips

3. **Declaration of interest – to receive disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting**

No declarations made

4. **Confirm and sign minutes of meeting held on 17/1/2024**

Councillor Picouto proposed and Councillor Jones seconded and resolved that the minutes of the Finance meeting held on 17th January 2024 be accepted as a true record.

It was proposed by Councillor Picouto that Councillor James remain as chair of the Finance Committee this was seconded by Councillor Morgan and agreed by those present.

5. **To discuss the Precept Calculations for 2025 – 2026 Precept**

After discussing the precept calculations, it was proposed by Councillor Jones that the precept be raised by £5,000 for 2025-2026 and for this proposal to be placed on the Agenda for Full Council in the 13 November 2024 meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Picouto and agreed by those present.

6. **Model Financial Regulations 2024 – New**

After discussing the new model financial regulations that OVW had circulated it was **RESOLVED** that the clerk would cross reference to the old financial regulations and highlight what Council need to consider and bring to the December full council meeting.

7. **Audit Completion – update**

The clerk informed members that the audit for year ending 31 March 2024 had been completed by the auditors. The result was a positive audit (unqualified). The notice of the audit completion had been placed on the website and noticeboard.

The chair thanked the clerk for the work that had been carried out for the audit.

This is to be placed on the Agenda for Full Council in the 13 November 2024 meeting.

8. Financial systems update

Councillor Stacey sent his apologies for this meeting, to date the new format which is easier to read that he has been working on remains as 'work in progress' the clerk will wait for it to be shared with her once completed.

9. Quarterly Budget Control

Discussion regarding the format being difficult to read which links into point 8 above and waiting for the new format.

All in order and will be placed on the Agenda for Full Council in the 13 November 2024 meeting.

10. Feedback from checks of bank accounts

Councillor James updated those present informing that the regular checks which he carries out on the accounting and filing are all in order and neatly presented. He thanked the clerk for maintaining the account in a methodical and accurate manner.

11. Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024/2025

Discussion regarding the salary scales and that the clerk moves up one scale as per her contract. The pay increase to be backdated to 1st April 2024. It was proposed by Councillor Picouto and seconded by Councillor Jones and agreed by those present that the clerk moves to SCP 10.

This is to be placed on the Agenda for Full Council in the 13 November 2024 meeting.

Next meeting: January 2025

Meeting closed at 19:53.