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Minutes of the General Meeting of Cwmllynfell Community Council to be held Hybrid from Rhiwfawr Hall on Thursday 21st September 2023 6.30pm

Minutes

Cllr M Scarll – Chairman
Cllr H Jones – Vice Chairman
Cllr H Lewis
Cllr C James
Cllr L Salmon
Cllr H Williams
Cllr M Evans

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th July 2023

RESOLVED: the minutes were approved as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting

4. Financial Matters

a. Payment of Accounts – August 2023

Sarah Daniel	Salary	629.86
HMRC	Income Tax	156.41
NEST	Pension	54.74
O2	Mobile Phone	32.70
Old School Nurseries	Plant Pots replanting	2070.00

Payment of Accounts September 2023

Sarah Daniel	Salary	660.46
HMRC	Income Tax	156.41
NEST	Pension	54.74
O2	Mobile Phone	32.70
GP Environmental and Tree Services	Rhiwfawr Fencing and Gates	4751.02

	Cwmllynfell Heritage Board repair	
Cwmllynfell Hall	Annual Grant (As agreed in subsequent item)	4500
Rhiwfawr Hall	Annual Grant (as agreed in subsequent item)	2000

b. Funding Application

The Clerk advised of a funding application that had been received by an individual applicant from a financial contribution towards costs of equipment and clothing to participate in a Horse of the Year Show. The Clerk advised that it was her recommendation that the grant is not awarded due to the following:

- Grant application has been received by individual applicant, not the club
- Club is not based within the Community Council area
- Equipment cost are not evidenced by quotes

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that as the application does not comply with the grant application process that the grant should not be awarded.

5. Planning Matters

None received

6. Reports

a. Community Hall Funding

The Clerk presented a report, following a request from Cwmllynfell Hall for the Community Council to reconsider how it awards funding to Community Halls. Members were reminded that both Community Halls currently receive funding from the Community Council on receipt of a Grant Funding application form and where this is attributed to a specific project, ie, refurbishments, purchase of equipment etc. Cwmllynfell Hall has requested the change as due to the current cost of living crisis, many of their overheads have increased and it requires the support to pay everyday bills such as oil, electricity, and costs for putting events on at the hall.

Members discussed the proposal before them and acknowledged the financial pressure facing both halls and stated that they would like to show their support for both halls to ensure they remain open and accessible to our communities.

A Member asked how this decision could impact the pre-cept in the future. The clerk advised that the proposal is to realign funding already set aside for Community Grants to a the funding line for Community Halls. She advised that in previous year this budget line has been considerably underspent, with the majority of the grants awarded to the halls themselves. Other applications were rare and not in the thousands. The proposal will mean that the Community Grants would reduce from £12,000 to £5,500.

Members asked that if the recommendation to change the way in which the halls are paid is approved, that it be kept under review on an annual basis. The Clerk confirmed that this would be the case as with any budget setting process, each line of the budget would be reviewed prior to setting the pre-cept.

RESOLVED:

1. To award Cwmllynfell Hall the annual sum of £4,500 to be reviewed by the Community Council each year, before the pre-cept is set.
2. To award Rhiwfawr Community Hall the sum of £2,000 a year to be reviewed by the Community Council each year, before the pre-cept is set.
3. To make the first and full payment to each of the halls, following the agreement at Community Council to cover the financial year 2023-24
4. Future payments to be made in full in April each year (new financial year)
5. That the grant applications remain open to the halls to apply for further funding should a future project meet the criteria for them to apply. (*Usual grant application rules apply*)

b. Seasonal activities – Halloween

It was discussed that due to the low number of applications received in previous years for the “best dressed” competitions that this would not be taken forward this year.

c. Borough Member report

Cllr C James asked Members to advise of any signage issues with the new 20mph speed limit throughout the villages.

7. Future items for consideration

- Grounds maintenance contract
- Christmas activities
- Rushlands
- Seasonal flowers

8. Date and Time of next meeting

19th October 2023 – Rhiwfawr Hall

9. Urgent Business

The Vice Chairman advised of complaints received and the current state of the Skate Park in Cwmllynfell. He requested that the option of larger enclosed bins be explored to prevent the rubbish from being blown over the playground. Clerk to explore this option. Chairman to speak with the hall re possible solutions to work together.