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**Minutes of the General Meeting of Cwmllynfell Community Council held virtually on Thursday
20th March 2025 6.30pm.**

**Councillor H Jones (Chairman)
Councillor M Scarll (Vice Chairman)
Councillor D Thomas
Councillor C James
Councillor E Thomas Howells
Councillor S Howells
Councillor E Davies
Councillor H Williams**

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor M Evans and Councillor C Lewis

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th February 2025

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting

4. Financial Matters

a. Payment of Accounts March 2025

Sarah Daniel	Salary	684.89
HMRC	Income Tax	170.89
NEST	Pension	59.81
O2	Mobile Phone	14.35
One Voice Wales	Membership	232.00
Wrenvale	Quarterly Invoice 1421	1987.50

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Williams, Cllr E Davies, Cllr E Thomas Howells, Cllr C Lewis, Cllr S Howells**

Wrenvale	Clearing Park 1419	48.00
Wrenvale	Cutting back branches – cemetery	180.00
Cwmlllynfell Hall	Annual Grant (partial) (April 1 st)	3334.00
Rhiwfawr Hall	Annual Grant (April 1 st)	2000.00

RESOLVED: To approve the payments for March 2025

b. Review of Budget 2025-26

Following the amendments discussed at the previous meeting the clerk presented a revised budget for 2025-26 for consideration and approval. The amendments proposed that the Christmas lights budget be reduced and alternative more cost-effective options are explored. Any shortfall in this area would be made up from reserves for this year. Members were advised by the Clerk that whilst seeking more cost effective solutions are available, in the short term, there may be an “invest to save” burden on the budget for the forthcoming year but this should be of benefit to the Council in the longer term.

The Clerk also advised that an amendment had been made to the budget in relation to flowers, following on from the agreement to hold a Community Planting day.

She also sought approval for the inclusion to repair the fence in Rhiwfawr, of which 2500 had been budgeted for, with a further £4000 sought from the reserves.

Following discussion, Members considered that as there had been underspend in the Grant budget in recent years that a review of the policy is needed. The Clerk agreed and advised she would bring the policy to the next meeting for Members to review.

RESOLVED: Members approved the proposed amendments to the budget.

5. Planning Matters

None received

6. Reports

a. Community Surgery Update

The Vice Chairman advised that the frequency of the surgeries will be reviewed going forward as the last one was not as well attended as previous ones. He advised that he would look to hold the next one in May but they will be kept under review and revised accordingly based on demand. He advised that the last one was also attended by the local PCSO which was useful. During the surgery he received feedback on the Christmas decorations, one option of which was to explore the option of a permanent tree.

b. Christmas 2025 preparations

The Vice Chairman advised that he had sought feedback from the communities as to what access to the meeting can be obtained from the Clerk.

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decorations they would like to see in their villages. Rhiwfawr are happy with the real Christmas tree and the idea of a permanent tree in Cwmllynfell was discussed. The Chair and Vice Chairman agreed to explore options of a potted tree as well as support from another member to see how they do things in Cwmtwrch. The Vice Chairman also agreed to explore the options of solar lights.

The Clerk advised that this can be a standing agenda item to be discussed throughout the year.

c. Llynfell Skate Park Maintenance

The Clerk advised that a quote had been received for repairs to the safety flooring in Llynfell Park at the Zip Wire area and for the installation of new bins. She advised that she was awaiting a further quote to come in. Members agreed that once the clerk has received the further quote to go ahead with the most cost -effective option for the Council as the repairs were needed as soon as possible due to safety reasons.

RESOLVED: Clerk to appoint contractor for repairs to safety flooring and installation of bins in Cemetery and Skate Park

d. Community Gardening Project

The Vice Chairman advised that planning for the Community Gardening Day was well underway with involvement from the school and residents. The Barriers and pots will be replanted with Wrenvale supplying the plants and soil. The planting will be undertaken the last week of May / first week of June depending on availability.

7. Date and Time of next meeting

TBC due to Easter holidays.

8. Urgent Business

None

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