

## MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 19th JANUARY 2023 AT 6.00 PM AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Councillors: S Dickens (SD), G Ead (GE), J Scriven (JS), S J Skivens (Chair)

Also present: Helen Treherne (Clerk)

Minute		Action
11.	To receive Chair's welcome and to receive and approve apologies for absence	
	The Chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting. No apologies for absence received.	
	Resolved: To approve apologies for absence	
12.	To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda	
	No declarations of interest declared.	
13.	To approve minutes of previous meeting	
	Councillors approved the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2022.	
	Resolved: To approve the minutes of the previous meeting	
14.	To discuss matters arising	
	There were no matters arising.	
	Resolved: Noted	
15.	To review the annual accounts to 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022, including quarterly financial statement	
	Councillors reviewed the annual accounts to 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022, including quarterly financial statement. It was resolved to recommend approval by Full Council and that no changes be made to the budget.	
	Resolved: To recommend approval of quarterly financial statement to Full Council and that no budgetary changes be made	

16.	To approve reconciliation of bank statements	
	Cllr Ead informed Councillors that he had reconciled bank statements against invoices/receipts up to December 2022 and that there were no issues to be reported.	
	Resolved: To approve reconciliation of bank statements against invoices/receipts.	
17.	To consider 2023/24 precept and make recommendations for approval at full Council meeting	
	Councillors considered the 2023/24 precept and a discussion took place on whether the precept should be increased, or remain the same. Councillors were mindful that residents would struggle with a large increase in the precept. It was therefore agreed to increase the precept by 2%, which would mean an increase of 28p per Band D household per annum. Councillors felt that this slight increase would be required due to general rising costs and also the fact that the precept had not been raised since 2020. Councillors therefore recommended that Full Council approve a 2% increase in the precept.	
	Resolved: To recommend to Full Council a 2% increase in the 2023/24 precept	
18.	To review and set budgets for 2023/24	
	Councillors reviewed and approved the draft budget for 2023/24. The Clerk reminded Councillors that reserves were still being used and to keep this in mind when setting the precept the following year. The Clerk also reminded Councillors that the Community Council had the third lowest precept of all the community councils in the county borough.	
	Resolved: To recommend to Full Council that the 2023/24 draft budget be approved	
19.	To discuss Community Infrastructure Levy and Surplus Funds	
	Councillors were mindful that time was moving on and wanted to make more progress with the Community Infrastructure Levy projects. Councillors also expressed their disappointment that the Community Empowerment Fund would soon be coming to an end.	
	Resolved: Noted	
20.	To agree date of next meeting	
	Date of next meeting was agreed as Thursday, 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 6.00 pm.	
	The meeting was concluded at 6.55 pm.	