

**MINUTES of a Scrutiny Committee meeting of LLANTRISANT
COMMUNITY COUNCIL held at Llys y Cwm Hall,
on TUESDAY 6th Dec at 6pm**

PRESENT: Cllr J Barton (Chair), Cllr D Nicholas, Cllr V Nicholas, Cllr P Baccara, Cllr A Moss, Cllr A Matheson, Cllr G Lewis together with the Clerk, Mrs A Jenkins

APOLOGIES:, Cllr B Farr, Cllr L Mills, Cllr R Hunt

It was AGREED that there were no objections to the meeting being recorded for the benefit of the Clerk.

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Brian Farr, Cllr Louisa Mills and Cllr Ron Hunt.

2. To receive disclosures of personal interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

Declarations of interest were recorded in the register as appropriate.

3. To review the accounts for the year to date and consider recommendations for virements required.

The Committee worked through the Clerk's report on spending to date. It was AGREED to recommend to full Council that the charges for Colour photocopying be set at 10p per A4 sheet and 5p for Community Groups subject to the Clerk checking that the charges to Council were as verbally stated at the meeting (0.2p per black and white copy and 2.3p per colour copy).

It was noted that there is currently only one training budget for staff and Councillors and it was AGREED that this should be split into two separate budgets when the budget for 2017/18 was set.

The Committee were concerned that the Community Grant allocation needs increased and this should be properly considered when the 2017/18 budget is being calculated.

A discussion took place regarding the payment of grants via BACS versus cheques and it was AGREED to confirm in the main meeting under accounts which grants would be paid by cheque. The possibility of awarding grant cheques to the representatives of local groups at Christmas events was also considered for future years.

The high level of project expenditure was noted and it was AGREED that the idea of setting separate budget heading for Christmas, Summer Planting, BATCL, Community Bus and a separate heading for current ward projects should be considered when the 2017/18 budget is being considered.

It was also proposed that a new budget was set for events, either in its own right or tied in with the public relations budget.

It was noted that the Meithrin had kept up to date with invoices following the problems last year,

It was noted that Cllr Holmes is communicating with RCT regarding extending the fencing at Brynteg Allotments.

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4. To consider the allocation of the recently received CIL payment for work at Castellau Fach Farm, Llantrisant Ward.

It was AGREED to keep the CIL payment for the time being until further funds are received allowing a larger project to be completed. IT was also noted that following the May Elections Council should consult the local community about completing a new Regulation 123 list of capital projects for the wards. Brief consideration was given to using the funds to pay for the drop kerb on the Bullring, however it is hoped that RCT may complete this as part of the War Memorial project.

5. To acknowledge receipt of the BATCL Annual Report and Accounts prior to allocation of 2016/17 Grant.

Cllr Barton and Cllr Morris updated Council on the current situation with the library, with plans for improving the building itself in terms of toilets, kitchen and meeting space. The possibility of increasing the opening hours due to numbers of volunteers available. The library has become more than just a place to borrow books it is a part of the community. The committee were in agreement that the commitment to fund the library to the sum of £5,000 for the year be AGREED.

The meeting ended at 6.25pm

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