

**OFFA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Report of the Management, Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**MEMBERS**

Councillor Sarah Roberts (Chairman)  
 “ John Williams (Vice-Chairman)  
  
 “ Christine Griffiths\*  
 “ R Alun Jenkins  
 “ Alex Jones  
 “ Angela Jones  
 “ David Jones  
 “ Barbara Lloyd\*  
 “ Kenneth Palmer\*  
 “ John Ramm\*  
 “ Andrew Ranger  
 “ Graham Rogers  
 “ Jim Steele\*  
 “ Linda Subacchi  
 “ Steven Vale\*  
 “ Keith Williams  
 “ Graham Wynn  
 “ Phillip Wynn

\* Absent

The meeting was also attended by the Admin Officer Helen McCarthy.

**202 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Steven Vale, Jim Steele, Barbara Lloyd, Kenn Palmer and Christine Griffiths.

**203 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The following declarations of interest were made in agenda item no 9 Grants Budget:

Cllr Linda Subacchi – Bodhyfryd Playgroups and Hightown Community Centre

Cllr Phil Wynn – Maesgwyn Community Centre

Cllr Sarah Roberts – Maesgwyn Community Centre

Cllr Alun Jenkins – Parciau Community Centre

Cllr David Jones – Huntroyde Residents Association

Cllr Alex Jones – Wrexham Concert Bands

**204 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Management, Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were confirmed and signed as a true and accurate record.

**205 MATTERS ARISING**

1. Lease on Parciau Community Centre – the amended Heads of Terms had been received, signed and returned. It was agreed that the final Lease document be checked by the solicitor prior to signing.

2. Little Vawnog Bridge – the Clerk confirmed that a request had been made to the installer of the metal steps for a quote to paint them to protect the metal. When this is completed a request will be made to the Youth Justice team to paint the wooden parts of the bridge with wood preserver.
3. Warm places initiative – following a request for information by WCBC the Offa Community Agent had supplied information on the 2 well-being clubs.

## 206 COMMUNITY CENTRES

The meeting was attended by Helen McCarthy the Community Centre and Admin Officer to give the annual admin report for the Community Centres. Helen had provided full information on the list of groups and income currently generated at all 3 centres. The Clerk had provided the expenditure breakdown for the centres.

Discussion took place on whether to increase the rental charges for groups and the following was agreed:

For a further review of fees to take place March 2023.

The current 3 year Licence for Adferiad based at LOCH is due for renewal from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. To request an increase in monthly rental from £325 per month to £450 per month to take account of increased energy costs. They currently make no additional contribution other than rent towards utility bills at the centre.

To investigate whether an energy adviser could give advice on possible savings at LOCH.

To investigate the pros and cons of charitable status for the Parciau and Maesgwyn centre management committees.

Helen was thanked for her work in attracting bookings to the 2 community centres and the work she undertakes at weekends opening and closing for parties.

## 207 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

The income and expenditure report for the first half of 2022/23 was received and accepted. **It was AGREED for the Clerk and Cllr Andrew Ranger to investigate alternative savings accounts with higher rates of interest.**

## 208 DRAFT BUDGET 2023/24

The Clerk had previously circulated a draft budget for consideration. Discussion took place and the following matters were raised:

Youth SLA – confirmation of renewal fee has been requested.

Offa Playschemes – renewal quote has been requested

It was agreed to include provision for 2 school crossing patrols in case the current vacancy on Fairy Rd is filled.

It was agreed to keep the church floodlighting grants at the same level.

Offa Carnival - it was agreed to increase this budget item to £5000.

It was agreed to renew the Advice SLA providing weekly drop in sessions can resume at LOCH.

It was agreed to renew the annual SLA with Woodsworks for the management of Little Vawnog.

The Clerk will amend the draft budget ready for further discussion on the precept at the Council meeting in December.

## 209 GRANTS BUDGET 2022/23

**It was AGREED to recommend the following grants paid under the power of section 137 of the LGA 1972:**

|                             |       |
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| Cylch Meithrin Bodhyfryd    | £75   |
| Cylch Meithrin Brynycabanau | £75   |
| Bellevue Playgroup          | £75   |
| Parciau Pensioners Club     | £120  |
| All Saints Craft Group      | £125  |
| Huntroyde Residents Assoc   | £150  |
| Carpet Bowls                | £125  |
| Parciau Bowling Club        | £2000 |
| New Steps Stroke Club       | £250  |
| Wrexham Concert Band        | £200  |
| Bellevue Youth Band         | £200  |
| City of Wrexham Brass Band  | £200  |
| WCD Young Carers            | £50   |
| Urdd Eisteddfod             | £100  |

It was agreed to request a balance sheet from the Parciau Bowling Club and to ask that signage is put up in the park to advertise that one green is available for public use. Also to advertise this availability on social media and confirm that Offa Community Council contributes to the upkeep of both greens.

**It was AGREED to recommend the following grants paid under the power of section 19 (misc provisions) LGA 1976:**

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| Friends of Hightown Community Resource Centre | £250 |
| Parciau Community Centre                      | £250 |
| Maesgwyn Community Centre                     | £250 |

## 210 BRYNYCABANAU PLAYAREA

**It was AGREED for Cllr Graham Rogers to obtain an alternative quote from WCBC for LED Lights and 2 x ‘mushrooms’ for young people. This matter was then deferred to the following meeting.**

## 211 BELLEVUE PARK

Cllr Phil Wynn reported that there was no temporary fencing solution and permanent fencing would cost in the region of £6000. However this would unfortunately mean the area next to the MUGA could no longer be used for large events in the park.

Discussions took place on alternative proposals for cycling proficiency markings to be put on the surface of the open area next to the MUGA as this area was used a lot by young families with children learning to ride bicycles. **This was AGREED and it was also AGREED to obtain quotes for ‘paddle tennis’.**

**212 EXPENSE CLAIMS**

Expense claims were reported as follows:

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| The Clerk           | £293.21 |
| The Community Agent | £55.57  |

**213 SALARY DETAILS**

Salary details totalling £8,436.69 for November were reported to the Committee to include the November increase in the Real Living Wage for the Community Agent and the Caretaker, the increase in NALC cost of living award back dated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 for the Clerk and the Admin Officer and the monthly payment to the Clwyd Pension Fund.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm



