

BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of the Finance Committee to attend a meeting held on Tuesday, 11th October 2022 at 7:00pm

*This meeting was held on a remote basis in accordance with the provisions of The
Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021*

Members Present Cllr S Griffiths (Chairperson)
Cllr K Hughes
Cllr W Kendall

Others Present Miss H May – Acting Clerk
Mr P Ley – Responsible Finance Officer

1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr M Phelan

2 Declarations of Interest

No declarations were received

3 Review of General and Earmarked Reserves

Members were presented with a breakdown of the current General and Earmarked reserves for the Community Council.

Resolved:

It was agreed to recommend to Full Council to move £401 from General Reserves into the Earmarked Reserves for the Election to cover the cost of the most recent Council elections and to build the Earmarked Reserved of the Community Centre up to £60,000 to cover costs of the refurbishment and increased gas and electric prices. It was also agreed to contact Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) about starting the Community Centre refurbishment in January to make sure the funds were still available. This will leave £24,123 in General Reserves. This was proposed by Cllr K Hughes and seconded by Cllr W Kendall.

4 To formalise procedure for Donation Requests

Cllr K Hughes brought to the attention of present Members that a donation had been made to Brackla Residents Association and that purchases have been made and given but there is no audit trail currently for the items. Cllr S

Griffiths thanked Cllr K Hughes for raising this point and asked the Finance Officer to look into the matter further.

Prior to the meeting, the Acting Clerk sent Members a draft information sheet relating to donations created by the previous Clerk but not sent or agreed by Members.

Resolved:

It was agreed that the Acting Clerk send out a copy of the current donation request form and information/help document to all Members to gather suggestions and improvements in readiness for the next Finance Committee Meeting which will be scheduled at the beginning of November, before the next cycle of donations. It was also suggested that One Voice Wales be contacted to ask if they have a pro forma for donations and send this also. It was also agreed that the Finance Officer create an audit trail of all items purchased and donated to Brackla Resident Association and to send a letter confirming they have received the items and that they would take responsibility. This was proposed by Cllr S Griffiths and seconded by Cllr K Hughes.

5 To review the Gas and Electric contract for Brackla Community Centre

The RFO shared most recent figures that the Council could be looking at in terms of the gas and electric for the Community Centre come January when the current contract expires.

It was explained that it is estimated that the gas and electric prices could increase by 700% and 500% retrospectively.

Resolved:

It was agreed for the Finance Officer to get up to date figures for the Full Council meeting in December where a decision can be made in readiness for the current contracting ending in January 2023.

Meeting closed at 8:35pm