

BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of the Finance & HR Committee meeting held on Thursday 22nd June 2023 at 6:00pm

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 E Caparros (acting Chairperson) Cllr S Griffiths Cllr W Kendall Cllr J Llewellyn-Hopkins
Others Present	Mr M Evans – Clerk of the Council Miss H May – Admin Officer Mr P Ley – Responsible Financial Officer Cllr J Spanswick – in an observational capacity

1 Apologies for Absence

None

2 Declarations of Interest

Hannah May declared a personal interest in item 6 and agreed to leave the meeting when this matter is discussed.

3 Review of General & Earmarked Reserves

The RFO provided the following updates to Members:

- As at 1st April 2022, General & Earmarked Reserves totalled £122,314.
- As a result of an underspend during 2022/23 of £31,824, the total reserves figure as at 31st March 2023 was £154,138 (General fund of £48,902 and Earmarked Reserves of £105,236).

Resolved:

With regard to revisions to earmarked reserves, it was resolved that the following should be recommended to Full Council for approval:

- Community Centre £70,000 (+£10,000)
- Youth Project £1,000
- Road Signs £5,000
- Hanging Baskets £6,300

- Playpark £30,000
- Picnic Benches (x3) £1,500
- Benches (x4) £4,000
- Christmas Lights £10,000
- **Total Earmarked Reserves £127,800**
- **Balance in General Fund £26,338**

4 Review of Hire Costs at the Community Centre

The RFO advised that fees have remained unchanged since March 2020 and stated that inflation had risen by 19.1% during this time.

Resolved:

In light of the above, it was resolved to recommend to the Full Council that rates be increased by 13.33% for the main hall (amended rates in red).

	9.00 am – 9.00pm	After 9pm
<u>Commercial Hirer</u>		
Main Hall (<u>includes</u> use of kitchen) Max 200 people standing	£15.00 per hour £17	£25.00 per hour
Committee Room (Approx 18 – 20 people seated)	£7.00 per hour £8	
Small Room	£6.00 per hour £7	
<u>Community Groups Clubs, Charities/not for profit</u>		
Main Hall	£7.50 per hour £8.50	£12.50 per hour
Committee Room	£3.50 per hour £4	
Small Room	£3.00 per hour £3.50	

It was further suggested that rates for weekend parties at the Community Centre (between 2:30 and 5:30 pm) should rise from £65 to £70.

It was further recommended that Banana Moon Nursery (who currently pay £500 per week during the summer holidays for sole use of the hall) should also incur a 13.33% rise in their hire fees.

5 Review of Electricity & Gas Prices for the Community Centre

The RFO advised that energy prices are currently dropping.

Resolved:

The Committee resolved to recommend to Full Council that we review the available fixed price energy deals at the end of August or early September 2023.

6 To consider the Administrative Officer's Contract of Employment

Confidential - Hannah May was asked to leave the meeting at this point.

Resolved:

It was resolved to recommend to Full Council that Hannah be offered a permanent contract for 18 hours a week.

Meeting closed at 6:45 pm