

Minutes for the Policy and Finance Committee Meeting of Tonyrefail & District Community Council held at The Council Office, Trane Cemetery, Tonyrefail on 16 January 2020 at 6:00pm

Present: Councillors A Davies (Chair), S Stevens, L Michel, D Owen-Jones, M Barron, D Grehan

In attendance: Councillors G Powell and K Webb, Clerks S Powell and P Williams

1. Apologies for absence

1.1) Received from Councillor Andrew Davies-Jones

The apology was noted.

1.2) All other members were in attendance.

2. To receive declarations of interest

No disclosures of interest were made.

3. To receive a report from the Clerk

The Clerk presented a written report highlighting estimated income and expenditure for the remainder of the financial year. The report highlighted the reason for proposing certain aspects of the 2020-21 budget.

4. To set the Budget for 2020/21 for consideration by Full Council

Discussions took place around a number of items on the proposed budget with the following amendments suggested to what was proposed:

It was **resolved** to increase 4142 - Building Repair – Office to £2,000 in order to allow for the possibility of the installation of a porch and the repair of the floor in the entrance.

It was **resolved** to reduce 4226 – Purchase of Tools/Equipment to £9,000

A substantial discussion was had around raising 4330 – Grants due to the impact that the funding has on community groups before **resolving** to increase the grants budget heading to £6,000.

Councillors were reminded by the Clerk of the need to consider what Projects they would be working towards prior to finalising their budget for 2020-21. It was **resolved** that possible projects should be added as a discussion item for February's full Council meeting.

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Date: _____

5. To set the Precept for 2020/21 for consideration by Full Council

A lengthy discussion was taken around what the precept figure should be set at. Based on the budget amendments it was recognised that at least £3,000 in additional income was required for a balanced budget.

It was also **noted** that cemetery expansion requires exploring, and that the only income that the Council is guaranteed is that from the precept and not the cemetery income.

Councillors however wished to minimise the increase in the precept and it was **resolved** to proceed with a 3% rise, setting the precept at £60.51 with the estimated precept income of £241,072.95 based on the adjusted Tax Base Figure.

Meeting Closed at 6:52pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____