

**MINUTES OF A MULTI-LOCATION MEETING OF THE POLICY AND FINANCE
COMMITTEE OF PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD REMOTELY USING MICROSOFT TEAMS ON
WEDNESDAY 5 JANUARY 2022 AT 6.30PM**

In attendance (all using Teams):

Councillor: John Killick (in the Chair)

and Councillors: Lynda Clarkson, Elizabeth Hunt and Gaynor James

Officers: Cindy Challenger (Finance and Events Manager), Richard Gwinnell (Acting Clerk) and Jane Wright (Assistant Clerk)

Min. no.	Subject and decision	Action
321.	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Councillor Norma Parrish.</p>	
322.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Councillors Lynda Clarkson, Gaynor James and John Killick declared personal and non-prejudicial interests in any agenda items relating to Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC) as they were members of TCBC, as well as members of Pontypool Community Council.</p>	
323.	<p><u>Schedule of Receipts and Payments</u></p> <p>The Finance and Events (F&E) Manager presented the schedule of receipts and payments for October 2021</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: that the schedule of receipts and payments for October 2021 be approved.</p>	
324.	<p><u>Use of Credit Card</u></p> <p>The F&E Manager presented the schedule of credit card payments made in September/October 2021.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: that the payments made with the Council's credit card, shown in the report, be approved.</p>	

325.	<p><u>Financial Budget Comparison (Monitoring Report)</u></p> <p>The Committee received and considered the financial monitoring report to the end of October 2021.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: that the financial monitoring report to the end of October 2021 be approved and the information contained in it be noted.</p>	
326.	<p><u>Budget 2022/23</u></p> <p>The Chair asked members if there were any comments they would like to make on the proposed budget for 2022/23. Cllr LC informed the meeting that she felt that the notes reflected thoroughly what had been agreed by members at the budget meeting.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the budget and precept for 2022/2023 proposed in the report be recommended to the Full Council on 26 January 2022.</p>	
327.	<p><u>Local Voluntary Funding (LVF) applications</u></p> <p>The committee considered the following LVF applications (noting that all LVF applications had been checked by the F&E Manager):</p> <p><u>Councillor Nick Simons</u></p> <p>George Street Primary School - £500 (to help towards nursery equipment – early years setting) Hope GB - £500 (help with running costs) <i>S. 137 LGA 1972/Power of Well Being S2 LGA 2000</i> Pontypool Rugby Football Club - £500 (help towards kit) <i>s.19 LGA 1976 (Miscellaneous Provision)</i></p> <p><u>Councillor Keith James</u></p> <p>Playground at Coed Camlas - £486 (payment for bench for use at the playground plus installation) <i>S. 137 LGA 1972/Power of Well Being S2 LGA 2000</i></p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> that the LVF applications above be approved.</p>	CC
328.	<p><u>Requests for Financial Assistance</u></p> <p>Two financial requests were received from Spinal Research and Wales Air Ambulance. Spinal Research had requested a financial donation</p>	

	<p>of £50.00, this was unanimously agreed. In relation to Wales Air Ambulance Cllr LC pointed out that 70 residents of Torfaen had been airlifted by Wales Air Ambulance in the last 12 months. The Leader stated that Wales Air Ambulance had been invaluable during the Covid pandemic and continue to provide an excellent service. It was unanimously agreed that £400.00 be awarded.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED*</u> (i) £50.00 be granted to Spinal Research (ii) £400.00 be granted to Wales Air Ambulance</p>	CC/ LM
329.	<p><u>Grant Aid</u></p> <p>A Grant Aid request had been received from St. John Ambulance Cymru – Griffithstown Division for Grant Aid.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED*</u>: that £350.00 be awarded in line with other organisations awarded grant aid on the proviso that a letter is sent, stating that the money must go directly to the Griffithstown project.</p>	CC
330.	<p><u>Torfaen Voluntary Alliance</u></p> <p>The Committee received information from Anne Evans from Torfaen Voluntary Alliance on a Community Grants proposal.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u>: that Anne Evans be invited to the next Policy & Finance meeting to discuss partnership working in relation to projects and access to funding.</p>	RG/ JW
331.	<p><u>Thank you letter</u></p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u>: that the letter of thanks from Torfaen Museum Trust be welcomed.</p>	

* This is a recommendation to the Council. The Council will make the final decision at a future meeting.

Chair