

Pentir Community Council

Minutes of the Finance Sub-Committee held at Penrhos Community Centre

at 7.00pm on Wednesday 26th April 2023

1. Present

Cllr I Ellis; Cllr L A James; Cllr J Pierce; Cllr J Lewis; Cllr B Jones; Cllr D W Jones and the Clerk

2. Apologies

Cllr D Jones-Morris

3. Code of Conduct

Cllr L A James and Cllr J Pierce declared that they were members of the centre committee but was not a prejudicial disclosure.

4. Minutes of the last Meeting 29-03-2023

The minutes were accepted as correct, as proposed by Cllr J Pierce and seconded by Cllr I Ellis.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

Nothing that would not naturally arise within the agenda.

6. Financial Report

1) Financial Balance Sheet

The balance sheet had been distributed, and showed £13,144.89 in the current account, whilst the savings account had earned £116.71 in interest, leading to a total of £45,242.50.

7. Audit

No update.

8. Risk Register/Policy

a. Training Plan

The clerk had received everyone's self-assessment form and was in the process of drafting a plan for the next 5 years.

9. Payments requiring attention

To recommend to the Full Council that all be paid. However, Cllr L A James requested that her payment be deferred, as there were a few other items to be added.

The Clerk also read a request from T G Hughes requesting the right to increase his charges from £600 to £700 every six months due to the increase in fuel and plant costs.

Recommend accepting and state that should he need to spend more to ensure standards, for him to claim that amount.

Payments therefore:

April Salary £652.04 HMRC M 1 £162.80

Cymen Cyf (Translation) £297.34 £179.32 in addition to £109.04 and £119.04 Total of £686.74

Sioned E Jones Simultaneous Translation £40.00

Hughes and Hughes £3,470. 97 painting Canolfan Penrhos

D W Lewis £370.00

J D Gardening £150.00

G W Vermin £145.44

T G Hughes Gardening £700.00

Hold on until Cllr Lowri A James has collated all invoices before paying for Penrhos Equipment.

£1,084.35 + miscellaneous to come

10. Funding Applications

No funding applications this month

11. Projects

Ysgol Y Faenol

A very beneficial meeting was held with our solicitor, where he had the opportunity to see for himself how much of a problem it is to have cars pertaining to Ysgol y Faenol parking at the site of our current Centre, as well as seeing cars using our entrance and car park to access Ysgol y Faenol, which is contrary to the terms of our lease. The implications of this were discussed in the event of an accident and it was suggested that signs, which had been ordered, be erected as soon as possible. It was agreed to try to end this matter, and that we accept the invitation to meet with Gwynedd Council officers to try to explain our position. Whilst it is very frustrating that the new Centre is vacant, our main concern is for the health and safety of children and that a recent letter, which had been distributed to parents of the School pupils, laid the blame on Pentir Council and no one else.

The current centre

Some electrical work is yet to be completed and further marketing to be carried out on Fb, as well as enquire whether it needs to be advertised in the community newspapers, such as Goriad and Bangor Aye.

Glasingfryn septic tank

The clerk has received an estimate of £1800 from a company to carry out all the emptying and closure. This was explained to our solicitors and they were asked to send a further letter to the owner of the old Church once a date had been received for the work. The owner has already been sent written notice of our intention to close and de-commission a tank since July 2022 and may now have made their arrangements.

Cemetery Chapel

Floor spec/plan

The Clerk had asked an individual about planning what needs to be done before flooring the Chapel, and was instructed that it would be easier and more reliable to carry out the work through the Company he works for.

An outline of the Council's wishes will be required – that is, getting water in and out of the building; do we need to consider foul water only or whether a toilet needs to be considered either inside or outside the Chapel and their timetable for the work.

It was agreed to focus on having the floor in place this year 23-24 as the building would be too small to have a toilet inside anyway. The Clerk to send the outline by email and send invitation to visit.

Bus Shelters

Cyngor Gwynedd

The response from Gwynedd was disappointing to say the least, in regards to renewing shelters along Penrhos Road, and in particular at Capel Graig as there is already a shelter there, with their email acknowledging that it is easier to renew existing shelters. They proposed that we wait to see if and when confirmation will be given by the Welsh Government that a grant will be awarded this year towards renewing shelters or for us to purchase and erect our own.

12. For discussion

The Lodge Pentir Path

The Clerk had visited the site with a Gwynedd Tidy Up Officer, and they are willing to carry out the work, and may need a key for the gate lock when the time comes.

The meeting concluded at 8.50