

**TAFF'S WELL & NANTGARW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OF VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON:
26th January 2021 - 10:30AM**

PRESENT: Cllrs A. Fowler (Chair), H. Edmunds, L. Thomas, M. Jones, J.Bonetto, S. Lintern, J. Bishop, M Timothy

APOLOGIES: C.Dyke, J Hutchinson

Also present: RCTCBC Officers Mr Christian Hanagan - Service Director Democratic Services and Communications, Mr Andy Wilkins - Director of Legal Services, Mrs Sarah Daniel - Senior Democratic Services Officer

1. Declaration of Interest

Cllr J Bishop declared a personal interest in item 5 (detail of the interest provided to the clerk

2. Minutes

RESOLVED: That's the minutes of the meeting of the 5 November 2020 were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting

3. Appointment of Internal Auditor (20/21)

The Service Director advised members that Mr Jason Davies had been approached to undertake the Internal Audit for the Council. He reminded Members that Mr had undertaken the internal Audit the previous year. The cost of the audit would be £380.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to appoint to undertake the internal Audit for the Council.

4. Setting of the Community Council Pre-cept 21/22

The Service Director Democratic Services and Communications presented a report to Members which set out the proposed budget for the financial year 21/22. He advised members that the budget had been drafted on the basis of a 5% increase for the majority of the Community Council's outgoings and also takes into consideration the salary of a clerk for the forthcoming year.

He advised members that taking into account the proposed budget for 2021/22 and the savings made during the financial year 2020/21 it was recommended that there be no increase in the precept.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to set the pre-cept at £35,854 for 2021/22

5. Reimbursement of Cost of Care

The Service Director Democratic Services and Communications informed members of the provision of financial support available for members with care responsibilities following a draft report published from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW)

He advised members that they are entitled to claim towards the costs of care and personal assistance, for activities that the individual council has designated official business or an approved duty

A member asked if the principal Authority were seeking to overturn an earlier decision made at a Community Council meeting in relation to reimbursement of the cost of care. The Director of Legal Services responded that as interim clerk to the Community Council they were seeking to implement a decision made by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales who determine the level paid to individuals

A member noted that the report stated that care providers should be registered with Care Inspectorate Wales and asked would agencies be given sufficient time to register so they were able to follow up on claims previously submitted to the Community Council. The Director of Legal Services confirmed that sufficient time for agencies to register with CIW would be given to support any outstanding claims

RESOLVED: Members agreed to accept the recommendations within the report

6. Urgent Items

Members asked if they could have support with the following items:

- A donation to TW Ladies club for distribution of Easter Eggs to local care homes and children
- Collection of rent for the Allotments

It was agreed that Democratic Services would liaise with Community Councillors outside of the meeting to support where possible.

Meeting closed at 11:00am