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## NEW MOAT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the **COUNCIL MEETING** held of Wednesday, the 24th day of January 2024 at 20:00 in, New Moat Church.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr H Warlow (Chair) , Cllr J Bushell, Cllr R Williams; Cllr M Himsworth and Sue Harding (Clerk). Also present Cllr D Howlett (Pembrokeshire County Council)

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr D Howells (Vice Chair) and Cllr E Davies. Members asked Sue to send best wishes for a speedy recovery to Cllr Davies
- 2. DECLARATION OF KNOWN INTERESTS - None**
- 3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES dated 25th Oct 2023– Decision Approved**
- 4. Update on Community Meal -** The event was held on the 6th January 24 in Meancloghogg Village Hall. South Hook LNG sponsored the event by contributing £500 towards the event. The event was booked for 64 guests but only 58 guests attended with 6 unable to attend on the day. Breakdown of costs:-

### INCOME

- South Hook LNG contribution =£500
- 62 Pensioners Contributions at £10 per head = £620
- 2 full price attendees (Cllr Howlett) = £32

Total Income = £1152

### EXPENSES

- Caterers Invoice = £928
- Hall Hire = £68

Total Expenses = £996

Members discussed the positive comments they had received from attendees. **Decision -Members asked for a letter of thanks to be sent to the caterers and South Hook LNG. Members also approved the payment of the caterers and hall hire invoices. Also return money to those who did not attend**

- 5. Precept for financial year 2024/25 -** Sue gave a breakdown of the bank balance currently £4914.66 but had committed spend of £1600 uncleared (Above invoices and Audit fees for previous 3 years). She also presented the following budget forecast statement:-

Anticipated Expenditure:

Venue Fees £120

Clerk /expenses £220

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Defib expenses (replacement pads, batteries & electric ) £100

Donations (Charity/local events) £200

Insurance £233.14

Audit Fees £200

Members discussed that the level of precept had not changed for many years and a recent Wales Office Audit had suggested that consideration should be given to reserves to ensure it covers possible election costs in the future. **Decision - to increase this years precept to £1200 and to set aside an election reserve of £200 per year.**

6. **Proposed work to reduce flooding at New Moat Village** . Cllr Howlett spoke about a number of recent events due to weather that had created flooding in the New Moat village Engineers from Pembrokeshire County Council had suggested a remedy might be to create a new ditch inside the field known as Glebeland (between Chestnut Tree House and Ivy Cottage) with water safely going down the existing water course in the field. Cllr Howlett has contacted the tenant of the field who has no objection and the agent for the Church of Wales who own the field. The County Council are now in direct contact with the agent to hopefully progress matters.". **Decision - Members noted the briefing and Cllr Howlett will update the Community Council members with progress.**

### 7. Planning Matters

- a. **23/0529/PA - Roof Alterations, Blaen y Cam, New Moat had been conditionally approved- noted**
- b. **23/0280/PA - Dwelling at New Mill Stables had been conditionally approved - noted**
- c. **New Moat road closure 20/11/23 due to emergency water main repairs**

### 8. Correspondence received since last meeting -

- a. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - Confirmation that councillor allowances (£156) and consumables allowance (£52) are exempt from PAYE arrangements. - **Noted**
- b. Dementia Care Conference 26/3/24 invite online - **Noted**
- c. Mid and west Wales fire and rescue service draft Community Risk Management Plan -**Noted**
- d. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft annual report circulated 28/11/23 -**Noted**
- e. PCC request -Salt Bin refilling - Cllr Howlett had been made aware of a salt bin in New Moat that had split and needed replacing as the sand/salt mixture was getting wet. - **Noted**
- f. Urdu charity request - donation towards children in poverty experiencing summer camps.- **Noted**
- g. Audit Office fee - £200 for 19/20 - Sue had questioned the amount as it did seem high. - **Decision Members approved payment to avoid delay charges but hoped any overpayment would be set against imminent pending fees for other years due to be received shortly.**
- h. PCC bus service consultation - circulated 11/12/23 closed 7/1/24 - **Noted**
- i. Countryside Code newsletter - circulated 14/12/23 - **Noted**

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- j.** One voice Wales - set up a 'cost of living crises team' to help support town and community councils doing something to help and support their communities so they can record it.- **Noted**
- k.** WAG consultation on future spending purposes for dormant assets in Wales - responses by 28/2/24 - **Noted**
- l.** WAG consultation on 'Fiscal intergovernmental relations' response by 1/3/24 - **Noted**
- m.** One voice Wales offering digital training for Councillors during Jan/Feb/Mar - **Noted**
- n.** Audit Wales - completion of Audit. - **Noted**
- o.** Buglife Cymru on line event - 31/1/24 - **Noted**
- p.** D-Day 80 on the 6/6/24 are proposing 'beacons' across Wales - **Noted**
- q.** Request for donation from "Kids cancer charity' - **Noted**
- r.** West Wales River Stakeholder group invite to online meeting on the 31/1/24 - **Noted**
- s.** Police and crime election - request by PCC for polling staff - **Noted**

### **11. Notification of any other business for discussion at future meetings:-**

- a. New and Replacement Salt Bins**
- b. Future of Clerk Role**

### **12. Next Meeting Date - 27th March at Llys-y-fran YFC**

**Meeting Closed at 21:05**