MINUTES OF PRECEPT MEETING CAMROSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY, 2024 @ 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr. J. Adams,

Vice Chair Cllr N. Watts

Councillors R. Mathias, A. Rees, J. Codd, T. Llewellin, T. Rees, J. Belton, N. Belton, A. Roach, T. Bevan,

In attendance Clerk – Trisha Richards

Members of the public. Mr. S. Altria

0.77 Declarations of prejudicial/personal interest: none

0.78 Apologies: Cllr. K. Evans

0.79 Chairmans remarks: Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. He confirmed the Agenda for the meeting is to set annual precept which will outline the tax to be taken from members of the public in Camrose Community Area.

The precept for 2023/24 was £9,034.00 – estimated spending to 31st March, 2024 will be £10,260.00 this gives a shortfall of £1,226.00. Consideration should also be given to the amount ringfenced for local elections, grass cutting and translations. The figure given by PCC for a contested election in 2022 was £8,025.82. Therefore, the ringfenced monies are £4,000.00 short of this figure.

Welsh Government have informed the Council that the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(3)(a) of the Local Government Act (the 1972 Act) for Community and Town Councils in Wales for the financial year 2024/25 is £10.81. Therefore, the maximum expenditure that can be incurred under both section 137(1) and (3) for the financial year 2024/25 will be £10.81 per elector.

Camrose Community Council also want to fund (a) defibrillators, (b) consideration of play areas in 3 villages, (c) discussion regarding toilet support for Nolton & Newgate [to be discussed at the next full council meeting], (4) to support Community Groups and facilities.

0.80The Chairman opened the discussion to the floor:

1. Cllr. J. Codd suggested an increase to £11,000 which would reduce our ability to provide monetary assistance.
2. Cllr. A. Rees pointed out this would be an increase of 22%
3. Cllr. T. Rees, supported the £11,000 but suggested the increase should be to £12,000 in order to start building up our reserves
4. Cllr. R. Mathias, pointed out that we are now responsible for paying for services which are out of our control and driven by Welsh Assembly Government.

0.81 (a) Cllr. T. Rees proposed £12,500, this was seconded by Cllr. J. Belton. This increase of 33% was unanimously approved by the rest of Council.

(b) Cllr. A. Rees further responded that we need to look at our expenditure. Cllrs. J. Belton and T. Rees agreed that this needs to be done in view of the expenditure being forced upon us. It was suggested that we should take this further.

Conclusion of the meeting £12,500 precept for 2024/25.

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00 pm

Signed ………………………………………………………… Chairman date ……………………………..