**CYNGOR CYMUNED TAWE UCHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Council meeting on Thursday 16th January, 2020**

**Present;** Councillors Stephen Davies (Chairman), Arlene Jones, Alun Thomas, Huw Williams, Susan Pyart, Ann Watkins, Gail Hopkins-Williams, Selwyn Fyfield

The Chairman opened the meeting and informed the Council of the passing of Philip Graham the husband of Councillor Auriol Graham. The Council observed a moment’s silence.

1. **Apologies for absence –** were accepted from Councillors Auriol Graham, Clare Parker, County Councillor David Thomas
2. **Declaration of Interest –** No declarations submitted
3. **Police Matters –** The Police had submitted apologies. However, they e mailed information of a meeting held at Craig y Nos between Sergeant Matt Thomas of the RPU and Jo Lancey of PCC. The County Council will lay speed strips on the highway. The results will be collated and if the results indicate a speeding problem then further discussions will be held to determine what equipment to deploy in the area.
4. **Finance**
5. **Income Expenditure Report December 2019 –** The report had been circulated. The Clerk summarised the report. The final payment of precept had been received. The Council approved the report.
6. **Budget Report December 2019 –** The report had been circulated. The Clerk summarised the report. The Council approved the report.
7. **To authorise Payments –** The Council approved the following payments

Vision ICT £300.00 Deposit website upgrade

J E Gwilym £ 73.00 Q3 Office costs

1. **Payroll –** The January payroll was approved

December Salary £510.00 (Previously approved as minute 4c November 2019)

HMRC December deduction £127.50 (Previously approved as minute 4c November 2019)

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1. **To Confirm the Budget 2020/2021 –** The Council unanimously approved and confirmed the budget for 2020/2021.
2. **To Make a Precept –** The Council considered the income expenditure profile and the year end forecast presented by the Clerk. The Council unanimously agreed to maintain the precept at the current level of £30,000.
3. **To Make Donations –** The Council agreed to make the following donations.

Callwen Church Grass cutting £320.00

Abercrave Church Grass cutting £320.00

Coelbren Church Grass cutting £320.00

Nantyffin Cemetry Grass cutting £320.00

Tynycoed Chapel grass cutting £320.00

Ysgol y Cribbarth £400.00

Coelbren Memorial Hall £1700.00 Section 137

First Caehopkin Scouts £200.00

Citizens Advice Bureau £200.00

Abercrave and Penycae OAP £300.00

Coelbren OAP £300.00

Abercrave RFC £200.00 Section 137

Powys Young Carers £200.00

Penycae Action Team £200.00 Section 137

Ystradgynlais Community Car £200.00 Section 137

1. **Planning –** No planning matters received.
2. **Footpath/Playgrounds –** The Council discussed the flooding problems on the Bog Path at Coelbren. The Council agreed it would not be economical to commit Council finance towards the repairs. The Council further agreed to inform PCC the repairs should be funded from the PCC future FP strategy with funding from applications to the National Lottery fund.

**FP 17 Dan yr Ogof – Diversion –** BBNP has agreed to divert the FP and have created a Public Path Order. The definitive map will be amended.

**Playgrounds –** The Clerk had met Stephan Butcher of PCC to discuss the recent RoSPA annual inspection report on the three playgrounds.

Councillor Susan Pyart advised the recent play day at Caehopkin playground had been a success.

1. **Correspondence**
2. **Section 137 Expenditure 2020/2021 –** The WG has advised that the sum for section 137 expenditure in 2020/2021 is £8.32 per elector. The increase is calculated using RPI between September 2018 and September 2019. Section 137 permits each Community and Town Council to spend on activities for which it has no other power, provided the expenditure is commensurate with the expenditure.
3. **Land at Caehopkin –** The Area Highway Supervisor has noted that a licence is already in place to plant flowers on the bank adjacent to the bridge.
4. **Powys Pride Event –** Llandrindod Wells Town Council has written to all Community and Town Councils in Powys requesting funding to support the event. The Council donated to local organisations in the area and did not have the budget to commit to the event.
5. **Local Electricity Bill –** Power for people has invited the Council to support the Local Electricity Build. The Council requested further information if local funding might be required.
6. **Community Defibrillators –** Donations totalling £775.00 had been received from business and organisations at Craig y Nos and Glyntawe.

The Council agreed to contribute to the cost of the defibrillator and agreed to proceed with the purchase of the defibrillator and payment of the invoice. The defibrillator will be located at the Craig y Nos Country Park.

The Clerk was asked to send letters of thanks to all who had donated.

1. **County Council Report –** No report submitted
2. **Minutes –** The minutes of the previous meeting on 21st November, and the Special Meeting on 11th December, 2019 were signed as a true record.
3. **Matters Arising –** There were no matters arising
4. **Any Urgent Business**

**Land at Penycae –** PAT enquired if the Council could insure the strip of land owned by PAT. The Council could not insure land it did not own.

1. **Date of Next Meeting – THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2020.**