ANNUAL FINANCE REPORT 2021-2022

SECTION 5

Section 52 of the 2021 Act requires community councils, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year, to prepare and publish an annual report about the council’s priorities, activities, and achievements over the previous year.

**Timing of annual reports the first annual report will be required for the 2021-2022 financial year and will be due for publication as soon as practicable after 1 April 2022.**

Information on the organisation of the council

* Councillors –R. Carrotte (Chairman), A.Lawrence, C.Morgan, T.Colbert. I.Robinson. J.Pryce,

G.Jones, G.Price, S.Brown

* Subcommittees and members -

Finance Committee, (I.Robinson (Chairman) J.Pryce,

G.Jones.

Play Park Committee (Craig Jones(Chairman), Maria Moore

Dorian Thomas, Ian Rowlands.

Planning Committee (C.Morgan(Chairman) R.Carrotte,

A.Lawrence, T.Colbert.

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• Basic financial information

* Income (including precept), The income is predominately generated through the precept from local Government however the two Churchyards(Llandefalle & Llanfilo) do produce income from burials (grave & cremations) and headstones, but this income is not guaranteed.
* Running costs, spend on local services and activities - The main expenditure is grass cutting in the Churchyards along with the continuing maintenance of trees within the ward, The annual inspection and rent of the play park and the continued financial support that is given to Llandefalle Hall ,Llanfilo Old School and Maes-y-Bellan Chapel.
* Outstanding expenditure from the previous year , there are couple of categories within the budget where the budget was not completely used and others where there was an overspend.at the end of the year we were 18.32% of the budget not spent, although categories such as Biodiversity, Churchyard Maintenance, Audit and Election had surplus amounts it will be spent in the first two /three month of next year due to timing of projects.
* Payments to or from reserves - Previously there has been money raised for the defibrillator which was paid into the reserve account to continue the annual support and Village Emergency Telephone System cover from Community Heartbeat Trust, money has been transferred from the reserve account to help cover the cost.

• Training plan : The Council did not have a training plan in 2021-2022, although Clerk and Chairman of the Finance Committee have undertaken remote training with One Voice Wales

• Audit

The Council gained an unqualified audit for 2020-2021 which was the last external audit to be processed. The Council has received an unqualified audit for over the last ten years without any significant issues being raised by the Auditors.

The internal Audit has been conducted by Ms Zoe Mathias( Manager of Monmouthshire Building Society, Brecon) for several years to which there have also been no issues

(Outcome and dates of the latest external audit by the Auditor General for Wales)

2020-2021 Unqualified Audit Wales 07.01.2022

2019-2020 Unqualified Grant Thornton UK LLP 29.10.2020

2018-2019 Unqualified Grant Thornton UK LLP 16.08.2019

2017-2018 Unqualified Grant Thornton UK LLP 16.08.2018

2016-2017 Unqualified Grant Thornton UK LLP 08.09.2017

2015-2016 Unqualified Grant Thornton UK LLP 18.08.2016

2014-2015 Unqualified BDO LLP 20.08.2015

2013-2014 Unqualified BDO LLP 17.08.2014

2012-2013 Unqualified BDO LLP 26.07.2013

• Key council objectives for the year

1. The main objectives for this financial year were to hold meeting during the Covid pandemic, it has been challenging but we resorted to telephone conferencing as we have several members our are not connected to the internet.
2. Grass cutting at Llandefalle Churchyard, the mowing regime was changed in 2020, which was unsuccessful and caused concern with Parishioners and Church Wardens, 2021-2022 saw a new contractor take over which has proved positive.

* Progress against objectives - Telephone conferencing adopted as a means of offering multi location meetings
* Grass Cutting - New Contractor and extra cuts

• Assets and services : The Council are responsible for several assets

Llandefalle Churchyard – Maintenance & Burial

Llanfilo Churchyard – Maintenance & Burial

Pont-y-Bat Bus Shelter

Felinfach Bus Shelter

Play Park

Kiosks – The Council purchased five Kiosks within the ward when B.T offered them to Communities for a sum of £1, They have all been renovated with the exception of one to their former glory , the work is planned and awaiting repairs on the remaining one with several of them taking on new use.

i.e.: Book Swaps, and surplus vegetables.

o Assets and services managed - The Council do not provide any direct services.

• The Council has been pro-active on engaging with the community with articles in our local newsletters asking for resident’s ideas on use of the kiosks, views on the refurbishment of Felinfach Bus Shelter.

The Council is responsible for running and maintaining the two Churchyard, this involves:

Managing the sale of burial plots

Maintenance of the sites including grass cutting refuse collection.

• Other community council reports (through a composite report or links to other council reports) i.e.,

* Report on meeting the biodiversity duty Achievements – This report will be published later in the year

• Future budget requirements and how the priorities will need to be met, - The budget is managed throughout the year with quarterly statements produced, annually in December the precept is determined by a finance committee where care is taken to manage the amount requested from Local Government, going forward there will be a need to include a training budget. The Council is in the situation that the only income generated is from the graveyards which is not guaranteed, so it is exceedingly difficult to predict the Councils income, which is why the majority of the funding required come from the precept.

The Council do not keep significant amounts of reserves, donated money makes up the majority of the balance which is ring fenced for whatever it has been donated for primarily defibrillator & Play Park.

End of report for 2021-2022