Minutes of the Amenities and Services Committee held on 22 November 2023 at Gobowen Pavilion commencing at 7:30pm

In the Chair: Cllr Crow

Present: Cllr Dyke, Cllr Emery, Cllr McKenna. **In attendance**: Mrs B Laraway, Parish Clerk & RFO

Apologies: Cllr Evans, Cllr Mellor

Absent: Cllr Macey, Cllr Westwood-Bate

AS / 520. To receive apologies and reasons for absence

RESOLVED: Apologies were received from Cllr Evans and Cllr Mellor.

AS / 521. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- a. There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests
- **b.** There were no applications for dispensation

AS / 522. Public Participation session

There were no members of the public present.

AS / 523. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2023

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2023 were confirmed as a true record of the meeting.

AS / 524. To consider the Clerk's progress report

The Clerk's progress report was noted (Appendix A)

RESOLVED: To write a second letter to GR contracting

AS / 525. 2024/25 Budget – to consider and make recommendations to Full Council.

a. Earmarked reserves

RESOLVED: To recommend the following changes to Earmarked Reserves

- £3000 Allotment Expansion to delete this reserve. There is no current plan to procure additional land for allotments.
- £1800 Cemetery (Environmental Permitting Regulations) to delete reserve as UK Government has confirmed the regulations won't apply to existing cemeteries.
- £4930.25 River Perry project to delete the reserve after the planting scheme has been completed.
- £1226 Streetlight LED conversion to delete reserve as all lights except one now converted to LEDs.
- To create a new Earmarked Reserve for a sport or activity infrastructure project, allocating £20,000 as initial amount.
- **b.** Draft budget for Amenities and Services

RESOLVED: To recommend budget figures for Allotments, Gobowen Playing Fields, Pavilion, Hengoed Cemetery, Streetlights, Parish Maintenance, Parish Amenities and Projects (Appendix B).

RESOLVED: To seek updated figures to refine costs for Playing Field Path resurfacing prior to the final budget and precept setting in January 2024.

AS / 526. Future Agenda Items

None.

AS / 527. Future meetings

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th January 2024 at 8pm at Gobowen Pavilion

Meeting closed 21:10

Appendix A Clerk's Report

1. 1. CCTV – Pavilion Car Park

Images from one of the CCTV cameras covering the Pavilion car park is not being received. The contractor has been out a number of occasions to attempt to resolve the issue. The radio transmitter on the camera will be replaced in the coming days.

2. Playground Inspections

The annual ROSPA inspection has been undertaken but the report has not yet been received.

3. Memorial Plaque

A letter was sent to GR contracting on 13th October requesting return of the plaque within 4 weeks. It has not been received.

The Clerk will obtain quotes for a new plaque to be considered at the next A & S meeting.

Appendix B Budget Recommendations

<u>Allotments</u>		2024-25 Budget	
		Income	Payments
11	Tenancy Payments & deposits	972.00	
13	Allotment water	-	366.00
15	Allotment maintenance	-	660.00
17	Allotment expansion	-	-
	Hedge Maintenance (roadside)	-	0.00
	COST CENTRE TOTAL	972.00	1026.00

Gobowen Playing Fields		2024-25 Budget	
		Income	Payments
31	Grass cutting	-	5160.00
33	Playing field general maintenance	-	2500.00
51	River Perry maintenance	-	1000.00
35	Playing Field inspections	-	490.50
37	Equipment repairs	-	1300.00
39	Litter Picking	-	1202.00
NEW	Playing Field Path Tarmac	-	50000.00
NEW	Playing Field Drainage investigations	-	5000.00
NEW	Replacement Fencing (Fernhill Avenue)	-	2500.00
45	Wayleave	13.09	-
	COST CENTRE TOTAL	13.09	69152.50

<u>Pavilion</u>		2024-25 Budget	
		Income	Payments
61	Caretaking and cleaning	-	3381.00
63	Council tax	-	-
65	Pavilion Gas & Electricity	-	1000.00
67	Pavilion broadband	-	439.00
69	Maintenance		1500.00
71	Pavilion equipment	-	-
73	Pavilion hire	1100.00	-
75	Water	-	
	COST CENTRE TOTAL	1100.00	6320.00

Hengoed Cemetery		2024-25 Budget	
		Income	Payments
91	Grass cutting	-	4440.00
95	Refuse emptying	-	667.00
97	Cemetery general maintenance	-	1500.00
NEW	Soil Store emptying	-	1000.00
107	ICCM Membership	-	95.00
105	Cemetery Software	-	587.00
NEW	Headstone Repairs	-	2000.00
99	Sale of plots	7795.00	-
101	Interment charges	4300.00	-
103	Memorial charges	1710.00	-
	COST CENTRE TOTAL	13805.00	10289.00

<u>Streetlights</u>		2024-25 Budget	
		Income	Payments
121	Streetlight LED upgrade	-	0.00
123	Concrete column replacement	-	26762.00
125	Streetlight maintenance	-	2300.00
127	Streetlight electricity	-	3674.00
	COST CENTRE TOTAL	0.00	32736.00

Parish Maintenance		2024-25 Budget	
		Income	Payments
141/143	Gobowen & Selattyn planters	-	800.00
145	Bus Shelter maintenance	-	-
147	Bus Shelter cleaning	-	777.00
149	General maintenance	-	100.00
151	Additional bins - emptying	-	565.00
153	Defibrillator maintenance	-	170.00
	COST CENTRE TOTAL	0.00	2412.00

Parish Amenities		2024-25 Budget	
		Income	Payments
191	CCTV running costs	-	3150.00
195	Roundabout newsletter	1750.00	3824.00
197	Noticeboards	-	-
199	Additional bins - purchase	-	-
203	Misc Parish Amenities	-	200.00
205	War memorials / armistice	-	150.00
	COST CENTRE TOTAL	1750.00	7324.00

Earmarked Reserves Projects		2024-25 Budget	
		Income	Payments
303	Cemetery Maintenance Reserve		2000.00
93	Cemetery Expansion		2000.00
41	Sports Court resurfacing	-	500.00
NEW	Bracket Streetlight Removal Reserve	-	2422.50
NEW	Sport / Activity Infrastructure Project		20000.00
193	CCTV Equipment	-	300.00
	COST CENTRE TOTAL	0.00	27222.50

GRAND TOTAL 17,640.09 156,482.00

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