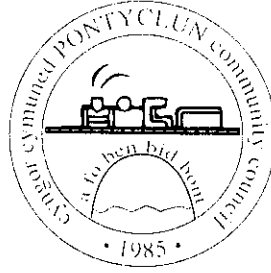


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Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 20 January, 2004.

PRESENT: Community Councillors C B Bendle, C Davies, J G Davies, J V Huish, M Rea (Chairperson) and Mrs P Thomas

1. **Apology for absence**

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Mrs V A Cale

2. **Declarations of interest**

Declarations of interest were invited from Members. There were no declarations.

3. **Monitoring of Expenditure against budget for 2003/2004**

The Committee reviewed its expenditure to 31 December, 2003, its projected expenditure to 31 March, 2004, and compared the information against its budget for 2003/04.

- RECOMMENDED:**
- (i) that the information be noted
 - (ii) that the Council reconsider its earlier decision to appoint two caretakers for the public conveniences and advertise a vacancy for one caretaker
 - (iii) that the Council note the possibility that it will be required to make a contribution towards the cost of heating and lighting at the Pontyclun Community Centre
 - (iv) that the cost of erection of bollards in Miskin be met from the Community Council's reserves

- (v) that the Committee express its satisfaction that the overall Council's spend was very close to its budget for 2003/04.

4. **Community Council's Budget for 2004/05**

RECOMMENDED: That the Council adopt a budget for 2004/05 as detailed in the Appendix to the Finance Committee's agenda.

5. **Precept for 2004/05**

RECOMMENDED: That the Council's precept for 2004/05 be set at £70,106.

6. **Exclusion of the press and public**

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, for the next item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information namely, applicants for a service provided by the Council.

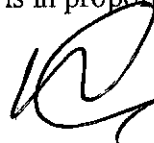
7. **Award of grants 2003/04**

RECOMMENDED: That in addition to the grants awarded at the Council's annual grants meeting in July, 2003, the following grants be made:

Pontyclun Girls' Club	£100.00
Cantorion Pontyclun	£100.00
Miskin & Mwyndy W. I.	£100.00
Eisteddfod yr Urdd	£100.00
Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru	£100.00

In recommending the payment of these grants the Finance Committee was mindful of the advice given by the District Auditor about changes made to Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, by Sections 36 to 38 of the Housing Act, 1989, where it was necessary for councils to document factors taken into account prior to a decision being taken. In particular, the Finance Committee took into account:

- (a) whether payment was of direct benefit
(b) whether benefit is in proportion to the payment made



- (c) whether the organisation's own resources are sufficient and other potential income considered including other local councils'
- (d) whether the money was being used to circumvent any limitation on specific powers
- (e) whether the award of grants would result in a precedent leading to applications from other groups.

8. The meeting ended at 8.10 p.m.

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