

MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE HARLECH COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE OLD LIBRARY, HARLECH AT 7.30 P.M. ON 06.01.25

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Ceri Griffiths, Giles Bentham.

PRESENT

Cllrs. Christopher Braithwaite (Chairman), James Maxwell (Vice Chairman), Edwina Evans, Wendy Williams, Rhian Corps, Gordon Howie, Mark Lewis, Simon Turner, Martin Hughes, Reg Chapman, and Cllr. Annwen Hughes and Gwynfor Owen (Gwynedd Council).

There were 6 members of the public present.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on December 2nd 2024 were found to be correct.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes

MATTERS ARISING

HAL

The following report was received by Cllr. Mark Lewis with regards to the latest situation regarding HAL
3 members of HAL board including Heidi Williams resigned on 11th December. • They were replaced by Cllrs. Mark Lewis, Simon Turner and Reg Chapman. • Mark Lewis was elected the new chairman. • Simon Dawson and Dave Matthews remain. Simon D is handling finance • The HAL company articles have been updated to “The objects of the Company shall be to find a new use for the swimming pool site that best serves the interests of the community of Harlech.” • HAL currently has about £6k. Burn rate has been reduced to £800 per month. • We are waiting until a decision is made before further disposal of swimming pool assets such as commercial kitchen and inflatable • We don’t have exact costs, but best guess at the moment is that it will cost £750K to fix the roof, perhaps £250K to remediate structural damage from the leaks, £300K to replace the HVAC plant and £250K to fix up the building and surrounds. Estimate £1.5M - £2M to re-open as a swimming pool. More to convert to a gym. • The joint HAL / HCC team is developing a list of options for the future of the swimming pool site. These include: sale for housing development; sale for hotel development; sale for hospital development; transfer to a hotel developer in return for access to their swimming pool or a new smaller pool or community facility; resurrection as a leisure facility owned new non-profit with access to new grants; transfer to HCC and resurrection as a leisure facility funded by a public works loan paid for by an increase in council taxes; demolition and conversion to car park for the golf club (with a potential land swap to open a new public car park for the town); transfer to Moelwyn Gymnastics; sale of asset on the open market; transfer of asset to HCC. We have cast the net as wide as possible. Only financially viable options will be considered in February. • A public meeting to present the viable options and receive feedback is scheduled for 7pm

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on 19th February at the Memorial Hall. • A decision will be made by the joint HAL / HCC team by the end of February. • If necessary, HCC will be asked to approve the option of an asset transfer at the February council meeting. • Precept was paid to HAL in December after HCC members were appointed to the board. Recommend paying again in January. Unused funds will be returned to HCC, as will any proceeds from sale of the asset. Funds will be needed to pay liquidator and legal fees. At the moment the Board Members meet every Friday.

Independent Remuneration Panel

The Clerk reported that a form had to be signed by every Councillor again this year with regard to the above. There is a need to list every rule that is been adopted in the Council minutes and if a payment rule regarding costs is been adopted the Councillors that DO NOT claim expenses sign the form declaring this. After a discussion it was agreed to adopt the payments rule regarding costs again this year and it was agreed that everybody that wanted to claim costs would do so but it was important that everybody return the form back to the Clerk once it was completed. Of the Members present 4 Councillors decided to claim the allowance and 6 Councillors decided not to claim the allowance.

Budget Plan

The Clerk had already distributed copies of the above showing the differences between the expenditure that had been made up to the 31st December 2024 since the beginning of April 2024 and what had been earmarked on the budget plan up to the end of December to every member. It was reported that the Council had spent £55,781.00 (which included bank charges) since the start of the new financial year and this was £36,168.35 less expenditure than what was earmarked in the budget for the year. The members went through the different expenditures that had been made and the differences that were on the business plan individually. Also Cllr. James Maxwell presented a budget plan that he had prepared showing the same but with the amount left to spend during this financial year added to it.

Council's Financial Risk Assessment Policy

Because there was not enough time to discuss the above item tonight, that the item be moved to February's agenda.

Council Projects 2025/26

This item was not discussed.

Council's Budget for 2025/26

The Treasurer gave each member a copy of the Council's accounts up to the year ending 31st December 2024 so that they could see what the financial situation was like. A discussion took place and it was decided that an estimate of the following costs were going to be with the Council during the next financial year - Council's insurance £2,200, tax on Clerk's wages £440, Clerk's Accountant £228, donations £1,500, Harlech & Ardudwy Leisure £10,000, Memorial Hall committee £2,500, Old Library committee £2,500, Friends of Tanycastell School £3,000, Cylch Meithrin Harlech £2,000, cemetery costs £3,500, grass cutting of the cemetery £2,200, grass cutting of the footpaths £2,500, grass cutting King

George playing field £3,000, Bron y Graig Nature Trail £20,000, Welsh Water £900, salt bins £400, christmas £6,000, benches £3,000, emptying litter bins in playing fields £1,000, run and upkeep of toilets by Memorial Hall £5,000, contribution to keep public toilets open £12,000, One Voice Wales £350, training for Councillors £2,500, translator £1,700, Councillors allowance £1,500, Solicitors fees £5,000, rent meeting room £200, up keep of both play parks £20,000, bus shelters £5,000, up keep of tennis court £6,000, inspection of play parks £700, Council's website £2,000, allotments £5,000, tennis court rates £120, external auditors £4,500, internal auditors £600, wildflower community garden £500, Penygraig land £500, sundries £1,000, upkeep of various items £250, bank charges £150, Clerk's wages £15,000. This made a total of £155,998

A discussion took place with regards to the Clerk's wages and it was decided to raise it to £15,000 a year which will include all costs.

Council's Precept for 2025/26

A letter was received from Gwynedd Council with regard to the above. As the Members could not come to a decision with regards to the budget it was agreed to meet again on Monday the 27th of this month at 7.00 p.m. to discuss the budget further.

RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that there was £5,664.47 in the bank, £91,913.05 in the reserve account.

Invoices needing payment since last meeting

One Voice Wales - £40.00 – Councillors training
Revenue & Customs - £110.00 - tax on Clerk's wages
Mr. M. J. Kerr - £480.00 - opening grave re the late Mrs Olwen Muriel Lloyd
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Monies received since last meeting

Gwynedd Council - £990.35 – reimbursement grass cutting footpaths

Applications for financial contributions

Harlech & Ardudwy Leisure - £1,824.75 – precept proposal (monthly payment).

The above payments were processed by Cllr. Edwina Evans and Cllr. Wendy Williams approved the payments and permission was granted to the Clerk/Treasurer to make payment on line or by cheque at the end of the meeting.

MATTERS DISCUSSED AFTER THE FINANCE MEETING

PLANNING APPLICATION

Listed Building Consent to install temporary roof over theatre storage area Coleg Harlech, Harlech (NP5/61/LB3Y)

Support this application.

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CORRESPONDANCE

Welsh Government

Received a letter from the above informing the Council that the appropriate sum under Section 137(4)(a) of Local Government Act 1972, Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2024/25 will be £11.10 per elector. The Clerk reported that the latest number of electors she has is 1,136 and therefore the Council have the right to contribute up to £12,609.60 to outside bodies.

Mr. Gareth Jones

Received a letter from the above asking for permission to park thier work vehicles on the land near the allotments while they carry out work on Pen y Bryn Bach nearby. It was agreed to give permission.

SIGNED.....Chairman

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COFNODION PWYLLGOR ARIANNOL CYNGOR CYMUNED HARLECH A GYNHALIWDYD YN YR HEN LYFRGELL, HARLECH AM 7.30 O'R GLOCH 06.01.25

YMDDIHEURIADAU

Cyng. Ceri Griffiths, Giles Bentham.

PRESENNOL

Cyng. Christopher Braithwaite (Cadeirydd), James Maxwell (Is-Gadeirydd), Edwina Evans, Wendy Williams, Rhian Corps, Gordon Howie, Mark Lewis, Simon Turner, Martin Hughes, Reg Chapman, a'r Cyng. Annwen Hughes a Gwynfor Owen (Cyngor Gwynedd).

'Roedd 6 aelod o'r cyhoedd yn bresennol.

COFNODION

Derbyniwyd cofnodion o gyfarfod Rhagfyr 2il 2024 fel rhai cywir.

MATERION YN CODI O'R COFNODION

Nid oedd unrhyw faterion yn codi o'r cofnodion.

MATERION YN CODI

HAL

Derbyniwyd yr adroddiad canlynol gan y Cyng. Mark Lewis ynglŷn â'r sefyllfa ddiweddaraf ynglŷn â HAL 3 aelod o fwrdd HAL gan gynnwys Heidi Williams wedi ymddiswyddo ar 11eg o Ragfyr. • Cawsant eu newid am y Cyng. Mark Lewis, Simon Turner a Reg Chapman. • Etholwyd Mark Lewis yn gadeirydd newydd. • Simon Dawson a Dave Matthews yn parhau. Simon D yn trafod cyllid • Mae erthyglau cwmni HAL wedi cael eu diweddarau i "Amcanion y Cwmni fydd dod o hyd i ddefnydd newydd ar gyfer safle'r pwll nofio sy'n gwasanaethu buddiannau cymuned Harlech." • Ar hyn o bryd mae gan HAL tua £6k.

Mae'r gyfradd llosgi wedi gostwng i £800 y mis. • Rydym yn aros tan y bydd penderfyniad yn cael ei wneud cyn cael gwared ymhellach ar asedau pwll nofio fel cegin fasnachol ac inflatable • Nid oes gennym yr union gostau, ond dyfalu gorau ar hyn o bryd yw y bydd yn costio £750K i drwsio'r to, efallai £250K i adfer difrod strwythurol o ganlyniad i'r gollyngiadau, £300K i gymryd lle'r ffatri HVAC a £250K i drwsio'r fed adeilad a'r cyffiniau. Amcangyfrif £1.5M - £2M i'w ailagor fel pwll nofio. Mwy i drosi i gampfa. • Mae'r tîm HAL / HCC ar y cyd yn datblygu rhestr o opsiynau ar gyfer dyfodol safle'r pwll nofio. Mae'r rhain yn cynnwys: gwerthu ar gyfer datblygu tai; gwerthu ar gyfer datblygu gwesty; gwerthu ar gyfer datblygu ysbyty; trosglwyddo i ddatblygwr gwesty yn gyfnewid am fynediad i'w pwll nofio neu bwll neu gyfleuster cymunedol llai newydd; Atgyfodiad fel cyfleuster hamdden oedd yn berchen ar bobl newydd nad oedd yn profi gyda mynediad at grantiau newydd; trosglwyddo i HCC ac Atgyfodiad fel cyfleuster hamdden a ariennir gan fenthyciad gwaith cyhoeddus y talwyd amdano drwy gynnydd mewn trethi cyngor; dymchwel a throsi i faes parcio ar gyfer y clwb golff (gyda chyfnewidiad tir posibl i agor maes parcio cyhoeddus newydd ar gyfer y dref); trosglwyddo i Gymnasteg Moelwyn; gwerthu asedau ar y farchnad agored; trosglwyddo asedau i Gyngor Cymuned Harlech. Rydym wedi rhwydo'r rhwyd mor eang â phosibl. Dim ond opsiynau ariannol hyfyw fydd yn cael eu hystyried ym mis Chwefror. • Mae cyfarfod cyhoeddus i gyflwyno'r opsiynau hyfyw a derbyn adborth wedi'i drefnu ar gyfer y 19eg o Chwefror yn y Neuadd Goffa am 7.00 o'r gloch. Bydd penderfyniad yn cael ei wneud gan y tîm HAL / HCC ar y cyd erbyn diwedd mis Chwefror. • Os bydd angen, gofynnir i Gyngor Cymuned Harlech gymeradwyo'r opsiwn o drosglwyddo asedau yng nghyfarfod y Cyngor ym mis Chwefror. • Talwyd praesept i HAL ym mis Rhagfyr wedi i aelodau Cyngor Cymuned Harlech gael eu penodi i'r bwrdd. Argymhell talu eto ym mis Ionawr. Bydd arian nas defnyddiwyd yn cael ei ddychwelyd i Gyngor Cymuned Harlech, yn ogystal ag unrhyw elw o werthu'r ased. Bydd angen arian i dalu ffi ddiddymwr a chyfreithiol. Ar hyn o bryd mae Aelodau'r Bwrdd yn cyfarfod bob dydd Gwener.

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Panel Cyfrifiad Annibynnol

Adroddodd y Clerc bod yn rhaid arwyddo ffurflen gan bob Cynghorydd ynglyn ar uchod eto eleni. Mae angen rhestru bob rheol sydd yn cael ei mabwysiadu yn cofnodion y Cyngor ag os bydd rheol taliadau ar gyfer costau yn cael ei mabwysiadu bydd angen i'r Cynghorwyr sydd DDIM am hawlio costau arwyddo ffurflen yn datgan hyn. Ar ol trafodaeth cytunwyd i fabwysiadu y rheol taliadau ar gyfer costau eto eleni a cytunwyd bod pawb oedd eisiau hawlio costau yn gwneud hynny ond ei fod yn bwysig bod pawb yn ei anfon yn nol i'r Clerc ar ol ei cwblhau. O'r Aelodau oedd yn bresennol penderfynnodd 4 Cynghorydd i dderbyn yr lwfans a penderfynnodd 6 Cynghorydd i beidio a derbyn y lwfans,

Cynllun Cyllideb

'Roedd y Clerc wedi dosbarthu copiau o'r uchod yn barod i bob Aelod yn dangos y gwahaniaethau yn y gwariant a oedd wedi cael ei wneud i fyny hyd at y 31ain o Ragfyr 2024 ers dechrau Ebrill 2024 a beth oedd wedi cael ei glustnodi yn y cynllun cyllideb hyd at diwedd mis Rhagfyr i bob aelod oedd yn bresennol. Adroddwyd bod £55,781.00 (a oedd yn cynnwys costau banc) wedi cael ei wario ers cychwyn y flwyddyn ariannol newydd a bod hyn yn £36,168.35 o wariant yn llai na oedd wedi cael ei glustnodi yn

y gyllideb am y flwyddyn. Aeth yr aelodau drwy y gwahaniaethau yn y gwariant a oedd wedi cael ei wneud a beth oedd i lawr ar y cynllun cyllideb fesul un. Cytunwyd i dderbyn yr uchod. Hefyd cyflwynodd y Cyng. James Maxwell gynllun cyllideb yr oedd wedi ei baratoi yn dangos yr un peth ond gyda'r swm ar ôl i'w wario yn ystod y flwyddyn ariannol hon wedi ei ychwanegu ato.

Polisi Asesiad Risg Ariannol y Cyngor

Oherwydd nad oedd digon o amser i drafod yr eitem uchod heno, bod yr eitem yn cael ei symud i agenda mis Chwefror.

Prosiectau y Cyngor 2025/26

Ni chafodd yr eitem hwn ei drafod.

Cyllideb y Cyngor am y flwyddyn 2025/26

Dosbarthodd y Trysorydd gopiau o gyfrifon y Cyngor i fyny at y 31ain o Ragfyr 2024 i bob aelod er mwyn iddynt gael gweld beth oedd y sefyllfa ariannol. Fe gafwyd trafodaeth ynglyn ar mater uchod a penderfynwyd fod amcangyfrif o'r gwariant canlynol gan y Cyngor am y flwyddyn ariannol nesa - insiwrant y Cyngor £2,200, treth ar gyflog y Clerc £440, Cyfrifydd y Clerc £228, cyfraniadau £1,500, Hamdden Harlech ac Ardudwy £10,000, pwyllgor neuadd Goffa £2,500, pwyllgor Hen Lyfrgell £2,500, Cyfeillion Ysgol Tanycastell £3,000, Cylch Meithrin Harlech £2,000, costau fynwent £3,500, torri gwair y mynwentydd £2,200, torri gwair y llwybrau £2,500, torri gwair cae chwarae Brenin Sior £3,000, Llwybr Natur Bron y Graig £20,000, Dwr Cymru £900, biniau halen £400, nadolig £6,000, meinciau £3,000, gwagio biniau caeau chwarae £1,000, cynnal a chadw y parciau chwarae £20,000, llochesi bws £5,000, cynnal a chadw y cwrt tennis £6,000, archwiliad y parciau chwarae £700, cynnal a chadw toiled ger y Neuadd Goffa £5,000, cyfraniad i gadw toiledau cyhoeddus yn agored £12,000, Un Llais Cymru £350, hyfforddiant i Gynghorwyr £2,500, cyfieithydd £1,700, lwfans Cynghorwyr £1,500, ffioedd Cyfreithwyr £5,000, llogi ystafell bwyllgor £200, rhandiroedd £5,000, gwefan y Cyngor £2,000, treth cwrt tennis £120, archwilwyr allanol £4,500, archwilwyr mewnol £600, gardd gymunedol blodau gwyllt £500, tir Penygraig £500, amrywiol £1,000, cynnal a chadw gwahanol eitemau £250, costau banc £150, Cyflog y Clerc £15,000. Hyn yn gwneud cyfanswm o £155,998.

Fe gafwyd trafodaeth ynglyn a chyflog y Clerc ag fe benderfynwyd codi y cyflog i £15,000 y flwyddyn a fydd hyn yn cynnwys yr holl gostdau

Precept y Cyngor am y flwyddyn 2025/26

Fe dderbyniwyd llythyr gan Gyngor Gwynedd ynglyn ar mater uchod. Ar ol trafod y gyllideb a rhagweld beth fyddai gwariant y Cyngor am y flwyddyn ariannol nesa. Oherwydd bod yr Aelodau yn methu dod i gytundeb ynglyn ar precept, cytunwyd i gynnal cyfarfod pellach ar y 27ain o'r mis hwn am 7.00 o'r gloch i drafod y gyllideb ymhellach.

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ADRODDIAD Y SWYDDOG ARIANNOL CYFRIFOL

Adroddodd y Trysorydd bod £12,653.38 yn y banc, £103,647.04 yn y cyfrif wrth gefn.

Anfonebau angen eu talu ers y cyfarfod diwethaf

Un Llais Cymru - £40.00 – hyfforddiant Cynghorwr

Cyllid a Thollad - £110.00 - treth ar gyflog y Clerc

Mr. M. J. Kerr - £480.00 - agor bedd y diweddar Mrs Olwen Muriel Lloyd

Mr. M. J. Kerr - £480.00 - agor bedd y diweddar Mrs Gweneth Mair Evans

Derbyniadau ers y cyfarfod diwethaf

Cyngor Gwynedd - £990.35 - ad-daliad am dorri gwair llwybrau cyhoeddus

Ceisiadau am gymorth ariannol

Hamdden Harlech ac Ardudwy - £1,824.75 – cynnig precept (taliad misol)

Fe gafodd y taliadau uchod eu prosesu gan, y Cyng. Edwina Evans a wnaeth y Cyng. Wendy Williams gymeradwyo'r taliadau ag fe roddwyd ganiatad I'r Clerc/Trysorydd I'w talu ar lein neu drwy siec ar ddiwedd y cyfarfod.

MATERION A DRAFODWYD AR OL Y PWYLLGOR CYLLID

CEISIADAU CYNLLUNIO

Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig i osod to dros dro uwchben storfa'r theatr Coleg Harlech, Harlech (NP5/61/LB3Y)

Cefnogi y cais hwn.

GOHEBIAETH

Llywodraeth Cymru

Wedi derbyn llythyr gan yr uchod yn hysbysu y Cyngor mae y swm priodol o dan Adran 137(4)(a) o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972, Gwariant Adran 137 y Terfyn ar gyfer 2025/26 fydd £11.10 yr etholwr. Adroddodd y Clerc y rhif o diweddaraf o etholwyr sydd genni yw 1,136 ag felly mae gan y Cyngor hawl i gyfranu hyd at £12,609.60 i gyrff allanol.

Mr. Gareth Jones

Wedi derbyn llythyr gan yr uchod yn gofyn am ganiatad i barcio ar y darn tir ger y rhandiroedd tra maen't yn cario allan gwaith ar Pen y Bryn Bach ger llaw. Penderfynwyd rhoid caniatad.

ARWYDDWYD.....Cadeirydd

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