

**MINUTES OF THE LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEEMEETING**

Location: Llay Resource Centre
Date & Time: 10TH October 2018 @ 18:30

In Attendance:

Councillors B Apsley, D Owen, K Cupit, R Walsh, J Osborne & Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence;** Cllr S Roberts
Declarations of Interest; Nil

It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Apsley would act as Chair for the Finance Committee.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** There were no previous Minutes to approve as this is the first meeting of the Finance Committee. It was suggested by the Chair and agreed by all, that future Finance Meetings be held at least two weeks ahead of the Full council meeting. This will allow decisions needing full council approval to be added to the Agenda within recommended timeframes.

3. **Approval of Financial Expenditure & Budget Reconciliation (If Required);** The September expenditure and budget reconciliation figures were agreed by all.

4. **Consider Any Grant Applications & Appeals;** None on this occasion, but the Chair clarified that members of the Finance Committee could consider applications involving organisations with which they had a connection. Normal DOI rules would not apply as the final decision will rest with Full Council, at which meeting the same person would have to sign a DOI and leave the room.

5. **Precept Discussion;** The six monthly finance figures were discussed at length. The Chair, KC and others expressed concern about the lack of Grants being awarded. Action involving increased publicity about Grants to local groups is hoped to improve this. Overall, it was generally agreed that, as costs to the Community Council increase, and to ensure finances remain healthy, an increase to the Precept of 2% for 2019/2020 should be recommended to full Council.

6. **Discuss Any Financial Issues & Recommendations to take to Full Council;**

a. JO gave a brief talk on the possibility of Llay CC purchasing Soldier Silhouettes, and gave useful background information to all. Venues were also discussed. It was agreed that 3 "tommy" silhouettes would be purchased, in the hope that this would meet with approval from the full Council. If not, contingency plans were in place to meet the costs, which are expected to be £150 per statue.

b. Precept for 2019/2020 to increase by 2%.

c. The Chair expanded on the issue regarding the RBL land matter, which he had also covered by way of e mail to all councillors. Further explanation will be given to full council at their next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1957.

The next meeting will be held **in January (date tbc)**
Main Hall Llay Resource Centre

Signed:

Mr B Apsley
Chair

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