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**Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held at the Community Centre,
Heol Las, North Cornelly on 1st April 2015**

Present: Chair: Cllr Mrs S Bennett
Cllrs Mrs M Bevan, Mr R M Granville, Mrs M Marke & Mr J H Tildesley
Clerk: Ms D Evans

The meeting was opened by Chair at 6.30pm

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Ms L Davies, Mr B L Rose, Mrs D Spanswick & Mr D Wilson

The Chair spoke about the rise in the precept request for 2015-16 and the reasons for this. She said it is important that the increase has a significant impact on the services provided throughout the village and stressed the importance of members being mindful that any decisions made take into account the need to avoid double taxation. Members discussed the areas of service provision which BCBC had said would be reduced due to cut backs in BCBC's budget, such as grass cutting throughout the village and at North Cornelly cemetery, street cleansing and litter bins.

2. Consideration of items to be included in 2015-16 Budget

2.1 The Clerk had provided members with a Draft Budget for 2015-16 and the items included were discussed. The Clerk stated that there was a Budget heading for a Crossing Patrol at Afon y Felin Primary School included in the Draft Budget; however she had been informed by BCBC today that this post would be funded by them, as the need for it had been identified during a recent rationalization exercise.

2.2 Cllr Tildesley confirmed that BCBC would be reducing their grass cutting schedule by two this year. Members discussed this. It was agreed the Clerk should request a list of scheduled grass cuts for 2015 from BCBC, and enquire about the cost of each cut to allow the Council to consider providing the two cuts that will be lost. Cllr Granville asked that advice be sought regarding this to ensure it does not fall into the category of double taxation.

2.2 Maintenance and repairs at the Public Hall were discussed and it was agreed that as this aspect of the Public Hall is the responsibility of the Community Council, members of the Council should also be members of the Public Hall Management Committee. The Chair said she attended the last meeting of the Management Committee and found they were very welcoming and amenable to any advice given. It was agreed representative members of this Council will attend the next meeting of the Public Hall Management Committee.

2.3 Provision of litter bins within the village was discussed. Cllr Tildesley gave information on plans BCBC have to provide bigger bins in the hot spots of the village. He said this will mean that the bins need to be emptied less regularly. He also said that he and a group of volunteers have started emptying bins on the weekends, but not during the week as this would interfere with BCBC workers who currently empty bins in the area. The Chair asked

where the bins would be sited. Cllr Tildesley said he is presently looking at this with BCBC. Problems with overflowing bins on the lay by on the dual carriageway in the vicinity of the roundabout between South Cornelly and Pyle were discussed. The Clerk was asked to write to BCBC requesting that these bins be emptied more regularly.

2.3 The Community Asset Scoping meeting held with BCBC on 27th January, was discussed and Cllr Tildesley said that BCBC would be interested in offering a 25 year lease to parties meeting the necessary criteria to take over the running of Community Centres, as they had already done in some areas.

2.4 Road sweeping was discussed. It was agreed a pavement sweeper would be more effective than a road sweeper because of the problems with parked cars stopping the sweeper from cleaning in some areas. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries with BCBC for this Council to provide a road sweeping service approximately twice a year, to complement that currently provided by BCBC.

2.5 Cllr Tildesley provided members with information he had obtained relating to the purchase of five 'Welcome to Cornelly' signs. He said the proposed sites had been agreed with the Highways Department at BCBC and agreement from the by the Welsh Government regarding the font used on the signs is now awaited. Members discussed the proposed signs and agreed they were very attractive and the prices quoted by Cllr Tildesley of £650 per sign with £100 each for siting was reasonable. Cllr Tildesley proposed and Cllr Marke Seconded that the purchase of these signs be agreed and passed to full Council for ratification at their next meeting.

2.6 Dropped kerbs were discussed. The Clerk informed members that she had made enquiries with BCBC for costings of the ones detailed at the last Council meeting. Cllr Granville spoke about the need for dropped kerbs to provide disabled access to the shops at the end of Hall Drive. Cllr Tildesley said he will take this matter up and he asked that the clerk email him with details of this.

2.7 Cllr Tildesley spoke about the Christmas lights and said that they are more than ten years old now and some are in need of replacement. Members discussed this issue and spoke about the lights that Porthcawl Town Council put onto trees in Porthcawl. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries relating to this type of Christmas lights.

2.8 Members discussed the proposal made at the February meeting that a rental fee of £500 per annum is paid to the Community Association for the Clerk's office at the Community Centre. Cllr Marke Moved and Cllr Tildesley Seconded that this rental fee be paid.

2.8 Planting of flowers and daffodils alongside pavement areas in the village was discussed.

RESOLVED: The following items should be passed to the next meeting of Full Council, scheduled for 15th April 2015.

- Extra cutting at North Cornelly Cemetery.
- Consideration of extra grass cutting throughout the village, when costs are provided by BCBC.
- Pavement Road Sweeper – Clerk to obtain costing from BCBC regarding this and also get costing for signs that could be placed onto the sweeper indicating that this Community Council was carrying out the work.
- Obtain costing for additional kerbs, detailed by Cllr Tildesley.
- Purchase of 'Welcome to Cornelly' signs, as discussed at item 2.5 above.
- Costing on Christmas lights for trees within the village, as discussed at item 2.7 above.
- Agreement to rental cost of £500 per annum rental of Clerk's room at Community Centre.

3. Any Other Business

None.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chair

The consultation regarding 'Reforming Local Government Power to Local People White Paper' was not discussed due to lack of time. It was agreed a meeting should be held on 22nd April to discuss this document.