

Pembrey and Burry Port Town Council

Minutes Regeneration and Community Engagement Committee Special Meeting

Tuesday 7th January 2020

Present: Councillors Michael Theodoulou (Chair), Karen Morris, Moira Thomas and Bob Walpole.

In attendance: Huw Thomas (Acting Clerk and RFO), Louise Robinson (Community Development Officer), Kevin Williams [(Projects Manager) arrived 12.25pm], Ed Davies (Administrative Assistant-Minute Taker)

Senior Citizen's Hall, Burry Port 12.10pm – 12.50pm

1. To receive apologies for absence

Members noted with sadness the recent loss of their fellow Councillor Pam Every. Members were informed of the details concerning her funeral.

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Richard Adler, Peter Freeman and Robert John.

2. To receive members' declarations of interest in respect of the business to be transacted

None.

3. Consideration of the 2020/21 budget

Copies of the most recent budget document were distributed to all members. The RFO reminded members that this meeting had been called to respond to the recommendation of the Finance, Governance and Personnel Committee for all committees to look to reduce their budgets to assist with lowering the precept increase to 10% or below if possible. It was noted that although this was not a hard target, each Committee was expected to try and reduce the increase by as much as possible, so as not to impact too significantly on the community.

Following on from the reductions made already, this Committee and the Facilities and Assets Committee needed to achieve a combined total reduction of £36,000 to keep the increase at 10%. Members noted the real terms costs to a household a 10% increase would mean.

A discussion ensued of the cost of the increase if no reductions were made; as well as the impact the increases other bodies were making.

Members went through the budget, item by item looking for potential reductions. Following extensive discussions on each topic members **AGREED** unanimously to the RFO making the following changes:

- Reduce "floral displays" heading by £2000
- Reduce "start-up grants" heading by £2000
- Reduce "marketing, promotion" budget by £1000
- Reduce "events" budget by £1000

Members noted that this equated to a £6000 reduction in the Committees budget.

ACTION: RFO

Members recommended that the RFO transfer the “Heritage boards” budget to the Facilities and Assets Committee as it was more relevant to that Committee’s responsibilities.

ACTION: RFO

4. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair

None was raised.

Meeting ended 12.50pm.