**A meeting of THE FINANCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND POLICY COMMITTEE of MAWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL.**

**Held remotely via Zoom on Tuesday 23rd January 2024 at 7.00 pm.**

**Final Minutes**

**Present:** Cllr. Linda Frame – Chair (LF); Cllr. Caroline Williams – Vice Chair (CW); Cllr. Darren James (DJ); Cllr. Catherine Evans (CW).

**Apologies:** Cllr. Victoria Morgan-Beattie (VMB); Cllr. Aled Williams (AW).

**Declarations of Interest:** *None*

**Questions from the public relating to items on this agenda** (limited to 10 minutes): *None*

**1. 2024/16 Finance**

1. **To note December closing balances***Noted at previous meeting*
2. **To note Qtr. 3 figures***Adjourned to Full Council*
3. **To agree proposed budget structure***The proposed budget has been divided into 3: Administration, Estates, Health and Safety, and, Reserves. Council was happy with the new structure and budget headings.
Proposed: DJ; Seconded: CW; Agreed: All.*
4. **To discuss and agree budget for 2024/25 for recommendation to Full Council***The Clerk presented the meeting with two alternative examples of what the budget for 2024-2025 could be. It was explained that it was not an binary decision between these options as they were examples and Council should visit the budget line by line to agree each budget heading amount. The potential for the Council to consider borrowing to minimize the burden on the community in the upcoming financial year by spreading it across several years was discussed and The Clerk agreed to make the relevant changes and enquiries to report back to an Extraordinary Meeting required prior to the end of the month…*

**2024/17** *Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.
Proposed: CW; Seconded: DJ; Agreed: All.***2024/18** *Suspend Standing Order 3v
Proposed: DJ; Seconded: CW; Agreed: All.*

*…The salaries of employees were discussed and it was agreed to await further information from the Clerk in order to make a final decision at the extraordinary Meeting prior to the end of the month. The Clerk left the room for the discussion regarding their salary.**Proposed: DJ; Seconded: CW; Agreed: All*

1. **To agree Precept figure for recommendation to Full Council***Given the changes made to the budget, the Clerk is required to report back to the Council with an updated budget and any potential areas for savings to be made on the Precept.*

**Meeting closed: 22.41**