

**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 10th
January 2023 at Penybont Community Hall at 7.30pm.**

PRESENT: Cllrs D.Turner (Chair); Cllr D.Lyall
R.Duggan; R.Watkins; J.Lawrence; D.Bayliss

Apologies: R.Buften-Work commitments

Absent:

Others:

PD/0001/23 Declarations of Interest:

Reminder to members. A personal Interest is also a Prejudicial Interest because under the objective, public perception test (Para 12(1) of the Members' Code of Conduct) where you have a personal interest in any business of your authority you also have a prejudicial interest in that business if the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest. Forms available from the Clerk

PD/0002/23 Minutes

To authorise the Chairman to sign minutes of the previous meetings of the Council held on the

- 8th November 2022

Proposed to accept Cllr D.Lyall Unanimous

PD/0003/23 Clerk's update:

The issues on environmental concerns re Iman Casing have been acknowledged and awaits reply.

PD/0004/23 County Councillors Report
Not in attendance.

PD/0005/23 Planning:
None.

PD/0006/23 Community Projects/Issues:

- **Hybrid Meetings**

Following further enquiries, the clerk put forward the options for compliance of hybrid meetings.

1. The purchase and use of a mobile phone (as used in Llanfihangel Rhydithon CC) restricting

the public to hearing the meeting only and by appointment to connect.

2. Whilst it is unclear at this time, Penybont Community Centre installing broadband.
3. The council funds the installation of broadband in the centre.

The council on consideration found that the above options had an element of high cost with no information available on how the community would interact with the meetings. The Clerk has offered the use of his private equipment for a period of six meetings to assess the involvement of the community to evaluate the costs involved.

- **Penybont Church Bench Seat.**

The council supports the replacement of the aged seat for the benefit of the community. Finance to be agreed within the budget.

PD/0007/23 One Voice Wales

No reports, Clerk to check with OVW they have the correct contact details for our representative.

PD/0008/23 Finance

1. To approve the following payments.

Stock Signs	Additional Chargers	186.18*
One Voice Wales	Membership	72.00
Mr GM Evans	Annual Salary Jan 2021- Jan 2022	1000.00
Mr GM Evans	Annual Sundries	136.09*

VAT to be reclaimed

Proposed to authorise Cllr D.Lyall Unanimous.

2. **Audit from Welsh Audit Office y/e 31/3/2021:**
Comments of the Auditor General's noted and dealt with under the following items.
3. **Clerks Contract:** Copies of an approved document from OVW/SLCC/NALC circulated to councillors. Contents approved and signed.
4. **Clerks Hourly rate/Annual salary.** Following the criticism from the Auditor General and the noncompliance under the Employment Rights Act 1996 the council agreed to the national pay scale being applied as of the contract date of 1/4/23.
5. **Bank Reconciliation Statement for December 2022.** Submitted

6. Budget 2023-2024.

The Clerk reminded Councillors of the following:

‘Councillors are required to set a budget outlining its spending in various categories for the forthcoming financial year. As a general advice to the council, it would be that provided the council has worked out a budget for the forthcoming year, (allowing for ongoing commitments, inflation, and new projects) it would be reasonable to set a precept that it is needed to fulfil those requirements. In doing so, regards should be given to the level of balances of the unallocated reserves that could contribute towards project costs, if that was an appropriate consideration. Each expenditure heading should be considered in isolation, necessary and proportionate.

Proposed, That Powys County Council be informed that the precept for Penybont & Llandegley Community Council be set as £9454. **Proposed** Cllr D.Turner Unanimous

7. Grant Application from Penybont Centre.

To assist with the upgrade of facilities and access to the hall for those with restricted abilities.

Proposed that the council follows the recommendations of their committee to instruct McCartneys and cover the costs of that instruction as per their letter, item 3. For the sum of £2306.
Cllr Lawrence Unanimous.

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Correspondence

Penybont Community Centre – Requesting a copy if held, of the Official Copy of Title to the Penybont Centre.

Supplied- Register of Title dated 27.04.1990 showing under **2.** Penybont and District Community Council.

Other documents examined by the council (lease dated 20.2.1974 and lease dated 27.4.1989)(letter dated in response dated 20.2.1989 from the council) that the council accepts to be ‘Custodian Trustees’¹

Clarification sought that under these leases no provision is made for the council to hold ‘trustee membership’ within their committee.

¹ A trustee who has the custody and care of trust documents and investments but does not have administration or management powers in relation to the trust.

PD/0010/23 Public Discussion

Clarification of local issue, resolved.

**PD/0011/23 Meeting concluded at 2055 Date of Next Meeting at
Penybont Community Hall. 14th March 7.30pm. To be
broadcasted via Zoom**