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Draft Unapproved Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee Meeting 29th November 2023

Present: Councillors R Carroll; J Bissex; J Davies; P Collins; H Llewellyn.

Also in Attendance: Mrs H Williams, Town Clerk.

Meeting Chairman: Councillor Reg Carroll (Deputy Mayor)

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Andrews (CCBC).

2. To receive Declaration of Interests or dispensations on any item(s) on this Agenda, if appropriate. No declarations made.

3. Press and Public Participation Session. No enquiries received by the clerk.

4. To receive, approve and sign Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting 19th October 2023. The clerk advised of an error on agenda item 4 as the date of the minutes of the previous should read 25th October 2023.

Members RESOLVED to approve the draft minutes as a true record of the meeting, the chair signed the minutes in presence of members.

5. To review and approve bank reconciliation and payment lists. RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation for October and the payments list.

6. To consider financial support to local voluntary organisations delivering cost of living support in the local community as presented by the clerk.

The clerk reported on progress to date in communicating opportunities to local voluntary organisations and presented a proposal from the Valleys Storehouse project operating out of St Gwladys Church Hall in Bargoed. Members spoke about the value of continuing the valley storehouse support to families who are struggling with the cost of living. The committee RESOLVED to provide financial support through a one-off restricted grant of £1,338 to enable the valley storehouse to continue for the November 2023-March 2024. A financial and beneficiary report to be requested from Valley Storehouse in the new financial year.

7. To receive a verbal update on updated arrangements to mobile telephone contracts at Bargoed Town Council.

The clerk advised members of new sim only mobile phone contracts having been secured by the deputy clerk, on a rolling 30 day contract at £6 per month per phone, saving approximately £12 per month.

8. To approve edits to the delegation policy in accordance with instruction from full council 22nd November 2023.

RESOLVED to approve the edits to the delegation policy to reflect instruction from full council in regards to the way planning applications are dealt with at town council.

9. To authorise expenditure for replacement metal poppies, sleeping soldiers and black cable ties for use in community decorative displays.

Members spoke about community feedback this year, the condition of the donated sleeping soldier silhouettes and how to prepare for the 2024 community displays. The mayor advised he donated one of the large silhouettes in Bargoed that is in need of replacement and will be happy to personally donate a replacement. Both the mayor and the deputy mayor requested £500 from their allowances be allocated to purchasing replacement silhouettes for use in the community. Councillor Bissex advised she would like to donate one small sleeping soldier silhouette. The committee delegated Councillors Collins and Carroll to work with the clerk in securing suitable silhouettes with an additional £400 expenditure authorised from project funds.

This concluded business of the agenda. The meeting closed at 18.03pm