

**COFNODION AM CYFARFOD ANGHYFFREDIN A GYNHALIWDYD AR-LEIN ar 23^{ain} IONAWR
2023 am 7.30yh
MINUTES FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ONLINE on 23rd JANUARY 2023 at
7.30pm**

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| Pobol yn presennol: | Cllr. Paul Harries (Chair) | Cllr. Sandra Bayes |
| Persons Present: | Cllr. Elaine Lloyd (Vice Chair) | Cllr. John Griffiths |
| | Cllr. Ros McGarry | Cllr. Paddy Davies |
| | Cllr. Morgan Lewis | Cllr. Ros. Cleal |
| | | Miss L Evans (Town Clerk) |
| Ymwelwyr / Visitors | County Cllr. Huw Murphy | |
| Ymddiheuriadau wrth: | Cllr. Jano Williams | Cllr. Jon Letten |
| Apologies received from: | | |

1. Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb / Apologies for absence

1.1. Apologies received from Cllrs. Williams and Letten.

2. Datganiad o ddiddordeb / Declarations of Interest

2.1. No declarations of interest.

3. Praesept 2023-24 / Precept 2023-24

3.1. The current draft precept figure stands at £30,389 which is just under a 10% increase from last year which is in line with inflation. The Chair asked each councillor for their comments: Cllr. Lloyd – need to be aware of the cost of living and conscientious of what the council budgets for as this affects the council tax.

Cllr. Griffiths – very difficult to see what could be cut from the budget and is happy with the precept figure.

Cllr. McGarry – very hard to raise the precept and asked whether capital expenditure can be included in the precept? Cllr. Harries advised that the council have a capital reserve of money from the sale of Parrog yard.

Cllr. Lewis – happy to agree to the figure and well done to the Clerk for putting the budget together, with the help of Cllr. Harries.

Cllr. Davies – asked why is the market income set at £5k? The Chair explained the market is an in an out and does not affect the precept. Cllr. Davies asked whether the £1k donation to the playing field could be delayed until next year and that the budget set for councillors claiming for working at home may not be needed.

Cllr. Bayes – the council has not consulted the list of priorities to help set the budget as the Good councillor guide advises. Cllr. Bayes has sent a very late email with a list of considerations including the skate park, children's play area, Welsh name signs, Brynhyfryd and land at Parrog and suggested that the council include a contingency fund in the precept. The Chair thinks that a contingency fund cannot be included in the precept and that Cllr. Bayes bring her list of considerations to the next Budget & finance meeting with more details and cost figures.

Cllr. Cleal – the precept should not be increased and should stay the same.

Cllr. Harries – advised that he feels it is a reasonable budget and precept. There is a danger of losing the Youth Club, the town council has money in the reserves that could help with this.

Cllr. Davies asked about budgeting a retainer for the GPO. Clerk to put this on the next Budget & finance agenda.

Clerk – is happy with the budget and precept and advised that it would be difficult to cut anything out as she believes the budget is covering the minimum of what the council needs to be able to run efficiently.

Cllr. Harries proposed that the precept is set at £30,389, Cllr. Lloyd seconded; the majority voted in favour.

The meeting closed at 7.56pm.