

LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

Notes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 11th November 2019 in the Committee Room A, County Hall to discuss the draft budget for 2020/21

Present: Cllr S Deeks-D’Silva, A Curtis, J Hawker, L Weerdmeester-Price, J Jones

Apologies: Cllr W Curzon, B Williams

FC 01/19 Declarations

The following declarations were made:

Cllr J Hawker Grand Pavilion Application
Cllr S Deeks-D’Silva Samaritans Application

Cllr Hawker indicated that he would be abstaining from the vote on the Mid Powys Mind – Pride application as the Pavilion is mentioned in the application, however, no booking has been made.

Cllr Jones abstained from the vote on the following items:

4600 Crabtree Green Allotments
4540 Princes Avenue Leisure Park
4505 Flower Beds, Planting
4680 Oxford Road Field

FC 02/19 Introduction.

The Clerk gave an introduction to the budget process and confirmed she had carried out individual discussions with new members, going through the full budget setting process.

Members were reminded that budget setting is crucial to the successful working of the Council, and this meeting is the opportunity for members to have an impact on the financial running of the Council until 31st March 2021.

The Clerk confirmed that the drafted budget would be presented to Full Council for a Finance Meeting on Tuesday 3rd December 2019.

FC 03/19 Prepare Budget for 2020/21

The Clerk confirmed that notes on any important discussions would be included in the minutes of this meeting and would be circulated to all Council members with a copy of the Draft Budget with the agenda for the meeting on 3rd December 2019.

The budget was prepared with the following proposed inclusions, ring-fenced items and virements.

4000	Salary	Precept £30,000, shortfall to be transferred from code 4020 Additional Salary/Staffing
4100	Members Allowances	Ring-fence balance from 2019/20 of £1162 and precept £1088
4265	Ipads & Hosting	Delete Budget Code
4135	Relocation	Ring-fence balance and transfer £2500 for work to Chain of Office.
4310	Community Chest	Guidelines to be developed early 2020
4275	Memorials, Gifts, Presentations	Introduce Citizen of the Year Award
4710	Benches	Paint Town Benches
4600	Crabtree Green Allotments	Precept £1500 for mandatory tree work
4700	Noticeboards	Ring-fence and precept £1500 for new Lake boards
4695	Recreational Services	Combine this budget and 4725 Youth Activities – vire £1000 balance – ring-fence £2425
4650	Signal Box Museum	Ring-fence and await further legal advice re Land Registry
4699	Van	Delete Code
	Samaritans	Cllr Deeks-D'Silva declared an interest in this matter and the left the room whilst discussions took place. Precept £2000
	Grand Pavilion CIC	Cllr Hawker declared an interest in this matter and left the room whilst discussions took place. Precept £4000
	Play Radnor	Precept £1500, no grant proposed for materials.
	Radnor Fringe Festival	Precept £2500, no grant recommended for toilets, cleaning and security
	Mid & North Powys Mind – Pride	Precept £1600 – recommend the approach all Town & Community Councils in Powys – Cllr Hawker abstained from the vote.
	Firework Display – August	Precept £2500 for Town Council to host this event.

4380	Small Grants	Increased Precept of £10,000
4515	Additional Devolved Services	Ring-fence - £6000 for Street Lighting and £6000 for Street Cleaning to facilitate discussions.
4520	Temple/Memorial Gardens	Ring-fence. Paint Grotto 2020
4525	Lake Park Open Spaces	Ring-fence. Additional Grass Cutting of Picnic area
4530	Rock Park Open Spaces	Ring-fence. Paint Rock Park Benches

The Draft budget for 2020/2021 prepared by the Finance Committee was agreed as follows and will be presented to Full Council on 3rd December 2019.

£189,897	Total Budget
£2388.72	Band D Product
£ 79.50	Per household (increase of £7.63 per household per annum)
	(10.95% increase – 64p per household per month)