

ORDINARY MEETING – MONDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2025
NOTE OF PROCEEDINGS

In attendance: Cllr L Williams (Chair), Cllr V Evans (Vice Chair), Cllr B Carlisle, Cllr J Crowther; Cllr P Eynon. Also in attendance: L Lesnianski (Clerk)

Apologies received: Cllr Clements

Declarations of interest: None

Public Attendance: 1 member of the public attended.

With the agreement of all present proceedings were recorded.

Decisions made (by Agenda reference):

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the October Ordinary meeting were signed by the Chair as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising:

i. Casual Vacancy: Following on from meeting all applicants for the role of councillor by co-option the councillors voted. Voting followed the rules in the MCC Standing Orders. In the first round there was a tie between two candidates. The two candidates went into the second round. In the second round of voting a candidate won the vote by a majority. When the successful candidate has accepted the post, and the other candidates have been informed, the name of the successful candidate will be announced.

7. Finance:

a. Presentation of Monthly Financial Report: The Clerk presented the monthly financial report for the period 01/10/25 – 31/10/25. Approved by all present. Combined opening balances £13,121.08. Total payments £647.42. Total receipts £60.01. Combined closing balances £12,533.67.

b. Annual Budget and Precept 2026-2027: The Clerk presented the first draft budget the 2026/2027 financial year. There was some discussion. The Clerk will put together further figures for consideration at the next meeting.

Clerk Salary: Clerk presented the Salary Report for October as previously emailed to councillors. Approved by the majority by email and confirmed by all present at the meeting.

8. Community:

c. Warm Spaces Grant: Cllr Williams invited councillors to discuss how the latest Warm Spaces grant funding should be spent. The bid approved is for several larger events this round. The grant awarded is £1800. The Chair confirmed funds had to be spent by 31st March 2026. After a lengthy and positive general discussion council voted to confirm the programme for this year's Warm Spaces Grant. Council voted unanimously for the programme to include a children's Christmas party at the Wild Lakes venue in the ward, a Christmas meal for residents to be held at the Snooty Fox public house within the ward, and a St David's /Easter combined event. Any monies left will be put towards a new event which will be voted on at a later time. Councillors voted unanimously in favour of this programme.

9. Community Council Policies:

b. Training Policy: Cllr Evans presented options for councillors to specialise in. It was agreed Cllr Carlisle and Cllr Crowther will be biodiversity champions, and Cllr Eynon will be the councillor for planning. It was agreed the new councillor would be encouraged to take on a different specialist area when they have settled in.

14. Date of next Meeting: Monday 3rd November, at 7:30pm. Lawrenny Village Hall.

The rest of the meeting comprised of normal matters and community council business.

Meeting Closed: 21.12