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DRAETHEN, WATERLOO & RUDRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting was held remotely and consequently because of these exceptional circumstances the meeting was not open to the public or press

The meeting was held on Thursday, 7th January 2021 at 6.30 p.m.

The meeting commenced at 6.31 p.m.

Present: Councillors	Jayne Garland [Chair] Michael Garland Rob Heaton-Jones Terry Hall	
Note taker	In the absence of the Clerk/RFO, Cllr M Garland agreed to take notes	
MINUTE REF NO		ACTION
01/21	To note members' attendance and to receive and agree apologies for absence	
	<p>The Chair welcomed Members to the remote meeting. Members' attendance was noted.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillor Kevin Stanworth and Clerk/RFO Valerie Steel.</p> <p>Resolved: To accept the apologies Cllr Hewer was not in attendance. No apologies were received.</p>	
02/21	To receive Declarations and Register of Interest	
	<p>Members were reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests(s) in respect of any item of business on this Agenda in accordance with the <i>Local Government Act 2000</i>, the Council's Constitution, and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Clerk.</p> <p>There were no Declarations of Interest</p>	

03/21	To discuss and agree nominations to fill casual vacancies	
	<p>In accordance with published notices, two residents from the DWR community expressed interest to serve as councillors; Sarah Parks-Jones and Kayleigh Hayes.</p> <p>After discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Garland to co-opt both individuals. Cllr Heaton-Jones seconded the proposal. Members voted unanimously in favour of both candidates.</p> <p>It was Resolved to Co-opt S Parks-Jones and K Hayes</p>	
04/21	To Receive and Approve Budget Proposals for 2021/2022	
	<p>The draft budget proposals were discussed at length including existing and future operating costs, committed project spending and delivery. It was noted that under the current precept running costs amounted to around 90% of income and while funding was secure to deliver agreed projects there would be severe limitations on future projects without an increase in the precept.</p> <p>It was noted that for some time prior to the appointment of the current Clerk, costs had been reduced by the role of the Clerk being undertaken by Cllr J Garland and subsequently Cllr Brian Hancock [from Risca Town Council] at no cost to the Council which had allowed Council to build funds to deliver the current ambitious projects</p> <p>It was further noted that the current precept had remained unchanged for the past three years.</p> <p>After much discussion, it was proposed by Cllr J Garland, seconded by Cllr Hall and unanimously resolved by members to:</p> <p>i. Approve the budget for 2021/2022, and ii. Increase the precept demand to £20,000 for 2021/2022.</p>	
	The Chair thanked everyone for the contribution and formally closed the meeting at 7.30 p.m.	

Minutes produced by Councillor Mike Garland acting as **Note Taker** in the absence of the Clerk/RFO, Val Steel

Signed by Chair of Council/Meeting:	
Print Name:	Jayne Garland
Dated:	28 th January 2021

