



*Minutes of The Finance and Governance Toolkit Committee which took place at the Coracle Hall, Llechryd at 7.00 pm on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 in accordance with The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021*

Chairman	Cllr J Culley
Councillors:	Cllrs R Davies, A Edwards, C Wychwood
Clerk	Sue Davies
Members of the public and press	0

**1. Apologies for Absence / Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr A Edwards

**2. Declarations of Interest on Matters Arising from the Agenda/Datgan Diddordeb ar faterion sy'n codi o'r Agenda**

None.

**3. Confirmation of Order of the Agenda** and identification of any items that might be resolved for confidential session

The agenda was accepted as presented

**4. Confirmation of the minutes dated 12-06-23 as a true record.**

Resolution	Proposed	Seconded	
That the minutes be accepted as a true record.	Cllr R Davies	Cllr C Wychwood	Carried

**5. Vision & Purpose - Report from Full Council meeting of 05-06-23**

Resolution	
Having revised the document to make it more concise as per Full Council request, the new version would be presented at the next Full Council meeting for adoption.	Carried

ToR: Carried at the full Council meeting of 27-10-22

To explore Part two of the Toolkit and make recommendations to the Council on how to proceed.

Chairman's signature:

Dated: 17-07-23

**6. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 – Section 40**

Cllr C Wychwood

It was noted that the scope of the Act was broad and while aspirational to identify with it, an achievable approach would be sought that better suited current Council resources. Training would assist in an understanding of the Act as it related to T&CCs. The Council was not legally required to report on the Act and lack of resources to do so was a concern.

If a local approach could be found this might identify with future planning for the Council.

Resolution	
That the document be re-written to reflect the desirability of reporting on the Act and identifying an achievable compromise until Council resources were available for the former.	Carried

**7. Community Engagement Strategy – Cllr A Edwards**

Deferred.

**8. Policies - for refreshing / consolidating/new – Clerk**

Policy development was ongoing.

It was felt that a better understanding of the legal operation of the Council, as detailed in Policies, should be bolstered by training.

Concern was expressed that there was a lack of courtesy in the meetings. The Clerk advised that meeting protocol was covered in Standing Orders but a more 'user friendly' policy to reflect the requirements in SO would be beneficial.

Resolution	
That the Clerk try to find an existing policy which could, with permission, be adapted.	Carried

It was noted that the agenda was often long. The Clerk explained that if an item was not on the agenda, no legal decision could be taken. She felt it was far better to regularly cover the current projects etc to allow discussion.

**9. Date of Next Meeting –17-07-23**

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*Chairman's signature:*

*Dated: 17-07-23*