



Minutes of the Council meeting held over Zoom at 7pm on the 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 in accordance with The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

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**Present:**

Cllr Jan Culley(Chairman), Iwan Davies, Ken Symmons, Gareth El Tawab, Hywel Davies, Amanda Edwards, Clive Wychwood.

Clerk

Members of the public: 0

**1. Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. Declarations of interest on Matters arising from the Agenda.**

There were no declarations of interest.

Cllr Edwards advised the Council that the Monitoring Officer had advised her to abstain from the vote.

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

The agenda was accepted as presented.

**4. Consideration of the Finances for the OAP Christmas Party**

It was noted that the previous vote on the OAP's Christmas Dinner had been declared void as the Clerk should not have allowed a proxy vote at the meeting. Since the vote was passed on a casting vote by the Chair the Clerk had been advised that the vote should be retaken.

The Clerk apologised to the Council for the confusion in this matter.

At this point the internet connection with Cllr Clive Wychwood was lost. After waiting approximately 10 minutes the Chairman decided to take the vote on the motion:

“Llangloedmor Community Council agrees to organise and fund a Christmas Dinner

for elderly members of our community on Monday 2 December 2024 within a cost envelope of £1,200 excluding VAT.”

Proposed Llangoedmor Community Council agrees to organise and fund a Christmas Dinner for elderly members of our community on Monday 2 December 2024 within a cost envelope of £1,200 excluding VAT.	Seconded	
Cllr J. Culley	Cllr G. El Tawab	Rejected by 3 votes to 2

The motion was voted on and rejected by 3 votes to 2.

The view of most Councillors was that the dinner should go ahead as it represented an important community event.

Cllr Edwards expressed concern that the Council was asking local businesses for raffle prizes and wondered where that would leave the Council. The Clerk agreed to take advice on this but the list of donors would be published on the website.

The Chairman wanted it minuted that this situation had arisen as a matter of financial governance arising as a result of the grant application by Parti Yn Y Parc. The Council had gone to great efforts to facilitate the grant but the revised offer of £1,200 was turned down by Parti Yn Y Parc.

Councillors Edwards said that she was very disappointed that the Christmas Dinner would not be going ahead.

Cllr Hywel Davies said that the Council now needs to put this matter behind it and work together in the future. Cllr El Tawab interrupted Cllr H. Davies when he was speaking. Cllr El Tawab apologised to Cllr H. Davies for interrupting him.

Cllr Wychwood had by now reestablished contact with the meeting and was angered by the fact the vote had been taken in his absence and said that he would raise the matter with the Monitoring Officer.

Cllr Edwards said that Clive had been phoning her before the vote had been taken trying to inform Cllr Davies that he was trying to reestablish his internet connection.

Councillors were unanimously in favour of retaking the vote now that Cllr Wychwood was back on line.

It was decided that the meeting would be adjourned for 10 minutes while the Clerk and the Chair discussed the situation as the Council should not vote on this matter again for 6 months.

It was decided that the vote would be retaken now that Cllr Wychwood was present as his absence was not through personal choice.

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The second vote was passed by 4 votes to 3 with the Chair having the casting vote in favour of the motion.

The meeting ended at 8:08pm.

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