

**Minutes of the Finance Committee
of LLANGAMMARCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Held at 10.30am on Thursday 24th October 2024
at Cefn Gorwydd with remote access through Zoom Pro**

Zoom access was opened at 10.00am

Present: Cllr Kay Coldrick (Chair), Cllr Jon Hather, Cllr Kees Vugts

Apologies: Cllr Anne Woods,

In Attendance

Sue Lilly (Clerk)

25-26 Budget and Precept

The tax base was discussed – 2024/5 was 287.25 - the number of properties in our area (this might already include the 25 from Cefn Llan) . This means with our precept request last year £11,800, this amounted to £41.08 per years for a Band D house.

The budget was gone through line by line and our various donations were merged into one line under ‘charities’. The status of the donation to the Air Ambulance needs to be discussed at the council meeting. The cost of electricity to the toilets may disappear when the solar lighting is activated.

A council-only mobile phone is needed prior to the BT removal of landlines – we should have one anyway.

Internet access at Alexandra Hall is a legal requirement for council meetings. At the moment the Clerk does this at her expense. There is an option via EE.

Donations to the halls are conditional on the level of the precept.

If the tax base remains the same (Powys CC does not release this until December):

12,800 equates to £44.56 for Band D, an increase of £3.48 a year/7p a week.

13,800 equates to £48.41 for Band D, an increase of £7.33 a year/14p a week.

15,800 equates to £55.00 for Band D, an increase of £13.82 a year/27p a week

Cllr Hather suggested we project 3 years into the future for the precept as we know it need to increase.

(The clerk has since done this and is concerned that the advised increase by £1K to £12,800 for 2025/26 may leave the reserves vulnerably low.)

Meeting was closed at 12pm.