**CYNGOR DREF PONTARDDULAIS TOWN COUNCIL**

Policy, Compliance and Finance Committee Meeting, of Pontarddulais Town Council

Thursday 23rd January 2025 at 7pm

**Present**: Cllr. Catherine Evans (CE) – chair; Cllr. Alison Wilson (AW) – Mayor; Cllr. Philip Downing (PD) Cllr. Gary Chambers (GC); Cllr. Jane Harris (JH); Cllr. Kevin Griffiths (KG)
**Observing:** Cllr. Gary Chambers (GC)
**Apologies:** Cllr. Huw Roberts (HR)

**Declarations of Interest: None**

**Questions from the public relating to items on the agenda. (limited to 15 minutes): None**

**Policy, Compliance and Finance Minutes**

1. **To discuss budget 2025/26 as recommended by all committees and agree any potential amendments for consideration by Full Council.**The Clerk presented the committee with an updated copy of the budget which she had made significant suggested amendments to in order to reduce the burden on the precept from a potential 50% increase following consideration by Council Committees. These suggested amendments included more reliance of grant funding for events and that a loan be considered for the considerable capital works necessary at the Institute.
The Committee then made additional recommendations to reduce the precept ask further which included fewer floral displays and a reduced cleansing SLA.
It was proposed, seconded and agreed by all to exclude members of the public and the press to discuss the HR and Training budget.

The Clerk left the room during discussions relating to their rate of pay for the coming financial year and, as the committee felt the role required proper evaluation, it was agreed unanimously to appoint One Voice Wales for this purpose to inform the final budget at the upcoming full council meeting.
The Clerk will further check the budget for potential areas of savings and any errors prior to consideration by Full Council.

**Meeting closed: 21.32**