**Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting – 14th December 2021**

**Conducted via Zoom**

**Present:** Cllr M Woods, Cllr P Morris, Cllr T Sexton, Cllr A Parrington and Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence** – None
2. **Matters Arising**
3. The Clerk had circulated a late donation request from Rossett Swimming Club. The application was for £1,800 for 3 training courses. Cllr Sexton proposed funding £900 as there was sufficient funds in their bank account to fund the remainder. This was agreed and would be proposed to the full Council.
4. The Clerk had also circulated a request from Marie Curie for a donation. Whilst it was very much agreed that this was an excellent cause there was concern about offering support to national charities as there are so many worthwhile causes. Cllr Parrington confirmed that there was a charity event taking place in Rossett that week on behalf of Marie Curie and that should raise a good amount. It was therefore agreed that a recommendation that a direct donation from Rossett Community Council is not made.
5. The Clerk had circulated a draft precept statement for consideration. Cllr Woods felt that an increase in precept was required this year as the reserves had been reduced over the last couple of years and was now at a level that should be sustained. The rate of inflation is currently standing at around 5% so 3 – 4% was deemed necessary to meet ever increasing costs. It had been noted that materials for repairs etc had all seen a hike in prices. It was also accepted that an election would take place in 2022 so there was a possibility of costs should the Community Council be required to hold an election to fill the posts. The current precept stands at £65,300 and the Clerk confirmed that an increase of 4.13% would increase that to £68,000. It was agreed that the Clerk should update the precept statement including this increase and circulate to the Finance Committee for agreement to then allow it to be forwarded to all Councillors for comment prior to the 21st January deadline.

The meeting then ended.