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**Minutes of a Council meeting 19th January 2023**

**Present**

**Chairman:** John Williams (JDW)

**Councillors:** Les Doggett (LD), Martin Pearse (MJP), Paul Silk and Selena Clay (SC).

**In Attendance**: Sue Dale (Clerk).

# Apologies: DM, WADF, HJ.

# Declarations of Interest: None

# Planning Applications:

22/21612/CON Lower Mill in Middle Gaer.  Variation of conditions 2 (Approved Plan) and 4 (External Lighting) pursuant to planning application Reference Number: 21/1

Comments from Cwmdu Community Council:

The Council does not object to the proposed extension to the roof terrace or the amended fenestration details, so long as appropriate measures are put in place (by condition if necessary) to guard against increased light pollution - especially given the increase in size of the main bedroom window.

The Council notes without comment that the fenestration plan represents a return to an original plan that was abandoned, with permission being granted for a more traditional design.

The Council objects to the proposed external lighting plan, which appears to be overly intrusive in a Dark Sky protected area, especially given the exposed nature and high visibility of the property. The Council expects any approved plan to be consistent with Bat Conservation Trust and Dark Sky guidelines - inc. the minimum necessary external lighting with hooded/cowled downlighting with timers and movement sensors.

# Setting the reserves, budget and precept for 2023-24.

The reserves were set at £12320 which represents some 12320/13882\*100/1=89% of expenditure. This is within the recommended boundaries.

The budget was set at £13882 a slight decrease from last year at £14505. An allowance of £256 was made for a tree inspection in the year.

The precept which equals expenditure-income+reserves was set at £17260. This figure means an impact on residents of £30.00/year for a band D property.

These figures were proposed by LD, seconded by SC and approved by all councillors.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.05pm

Thursday 2nd February 2023 is the date of the next meeting at Tretower Village Hall.