

**LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANILLTUD FAERDREF**



**COUNCIL MEETING**

**27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023**

**REPORT OF THE CLERK AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**1. GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT**

- 1.1 At the last Council Meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2023, Members agreed to the recommendations of the Finance and Policy Committee in respect of the Budget proposals for the 2023/24 financial year and the levying of the Precept. Approval was also given to the grass cutting contract being kept in-house and therefore £13,000 was included within the budget for the purchase of the necessary equipment in order that the said works can be carried out by the Council's Outside Operatives.
- 1.2 A representative from the local Company that this Council uses to service and maintain their `outside` equipment accompanied the Operatives in looking at the areas that are to be cut in order that he could advise on the most suitable ride-on mower to be purchased.
- 1.3 It was ascertained that the most suitable ride-on mower would be a Ferris ISX 800 (photograph attached). Details of the cost are shown below:
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| • Kubota G2160 – Part Exchange         | £02,000.00                  |
| • Ferris ISX800 52"                    | £10,630.00                  |
| • Ferris ISX800 Road Kit               | £01,445.00                  |
| (includes Reg.No., Indicators, Beacon) |                             |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>£10,075.00 (exc.VAT)</b> |
- 1.4 This particular ride-on mower will fit onto the Council's trailer and can also be safely driven on the roads as the necessary fixtures will be placed on the vehicle prior to its despatch (as shown in paragraph 1.3 above – Road Kit).
- 1.5 The Council's Insurance Company have been contacted and to insure the mower (road legal) would be an additional £408.60 . The insurance is due for renewal on the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2023 and therefore if the mower was to be added onto

the policy as of the 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022 then the cost would be pro rata and would be approximately £80.

- 1.5 The ride-on mower comes with a five year warranty and a free `health-check` would be carried after six weeks. An annual service would cost approximately £300.
- 1.6 The grass cutting season will commence late April/early May and therefore this particular model needs to be ordered now for delivery at the commencement of the new financial year.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Members are asked to agree to the purchase of the Ferris ISX 800 as recommended at a cost of £10,075.00 plus the additional cost of the insurance.