



GWAUN CAE GURWEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

18:30 on Tuesday, 11th April 2023 via Zoom

MEETING OPENED: 18:33

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr. S. Thomas (Chair), Cllr. C. Petrie (Vice-Chair), Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. L. Prescott,

ATTENDING:

D. Humphreys & S. Lane

175. APOLOGIES (ITEM 1):

Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. G. Thomas

176. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ITEM 2):

Cllr. L. Preece – 14c Canolfan Maerdy (Trustee)
Cllr. S. Reynolds – 14c Canolfan Maerdy (Trustee)
Cllr. S. Reynolds joined meeting at 18.36

177. CO-OPTION APPLICATIONS (ITEM 3):

a) D. Humphreys

For: Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. S. Thomas
Abstained: Cllr. L. Preece
Against: Cllr. D. Jones

b) S. Lane

For: Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. S. Thomas, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. D. Jones
Abstained: None
Against: None

178. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS (ITEM 4):

- a) Old documents have been recovered dated from 2000. Ysgol yr Glynn was registered as a development site. This may help with planning permission.
- b) Y Lolfa meeting took place with Cllr. S. Thomas and Cllr. L. Prescott in attendance. Y Lolfa have paid the existing balance from 1st April 2022. Previous debt was written off as they had not been invoiced for years 2020/2021. Y Lolfa have agreed to pay monthly fees going forward. The small meeting room was discussed and it was agreed that 2 or 3 people could meet in that room. Y Lolfa stated they would like a Lease.
- c) Cllr. S. Thomas thanked Cllr. L. Prescott for her help on writing the agreement for Lower Brynamman field.



- d) Work is going ahead with the job advert for the Clerk to the Council.
- e) Cllr. S. Thomas has spoken with the Parents and Friends of the Tairgwaith School regarding the carpark.
- f) It has been agreed that the Abernant playing field will have smaller cuts every 6-8 weeks which is both good for the environment and will be cheaper.
- g) Cllr. L. O'Hara has resigned from the Community Council

Discussions arising from Chairs Announcements

- i. Cllr. S. Reynolds wished to know the time frame for work to begin on Lower Brynamman Field.
- ii. It was put to council whether Canolfan Maerdy could begin work on the site prior to the Agreement being signed:
 - Failed**
 - For:** Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Thomas, Cllr. C. Petrie
 - Abstained:** Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. L. Preece & Cllr. S. Reynolds
 - Against:** Cllr. D. Jones & Cllr. G. Moore
- iii. Council will return to this matter when the Property Management Agreement is ready to vote on.

179. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (ITEM 5):

D. Humphreys stated that scams have been sent to a former Clerk and Councillors. Old post is still being sent to the former Clerk. This was noted.

180. COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR UPDATES (ITEM 6):

a) Cllr. S. Thomas

The traffic calming measures in Cwmgors are going to be replaced with speed bumps. The sign will be temporarily fixed.

b) Cllr. S. Reynolds

According to Officers there will be a Pelican Crossing being installed by the Rugby Club on Brynamman Road.

The 30 MPH speed limit will remain in place with exception from the Chapel by the petrol station to the bridge over the river Amman on Brynamman Road which will be 20 MPH.

181. PREVIOUS MINUTES (ITEM 7)

- a) Ordinary Meeting Minutes – 14th March 2023

Approved

Proposed by: Cllr. G. Moore **Seconded by:** Cllr. L. Prescott

For: Cllr. S. Thomas (Chair), Cllr. C. Petrie (Vice-Chair), Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. G. Thomas.

Against: None

Abstained: None



182. MATTERS ARISING (ITEM 8):

Item 170c Purchase & Repairs.

It was raised that Cwmgors already had a step ladder. It was clarified that this is an A frame ladder that is needed.

183. PLANNING APPLICATIONS (ITEM 9):

- a) P2023/0230 Local residents have raised concerns over surface drainage.

184. COMMUNITY FUNDS (ITEM 10):

- a) Bryn Rovers AFC

Motion: To pay £300 (see attached letter for application for funding)

Approved

Proposed by: Cllr. D. Jones **Seconded by:** Cllr. L. Preece

For: Cllr. S. Thomas (Chair), Cllr. C. Petrie (Vice-Chair), Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones
Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Reynolds.

Against: None

Abstained: None

- b) Canolfan Maerdy

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Approved

Proposed by: Cllr. D. Jones **Seconded by:** Cllr. L. Prescott

For: Cllr. S. Thomas (Chair), Cllr. C. Petrie (Vice-Chair), Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones
Cllr. G. Moore & Cllr. L. Prescott.

Against: None

Abstained: None

185. COMMITTEES & APPOINTMENTS (ITEM 11):

Nothing to report.

186. POLICIES & PROCEDURES (ITEM 12):

- a) **Notices of Vacancy**

There is no need for an Election and a Co-Option can take place.

- b) **Y Banwen Village Green and Tairgwaith Car Park**

Parents and Friends of the Tairgwaith School wish to adopt this car park and want to resurface the area and paint parking lines on it. If the Parents and Friends of Tairgwaith School accept a 30 year lease then the land can be signed straight over to them. Celtic Energy are happy to transfer both pieces of land to GCG Community Council. These assets need to be acted upon immediately. The Y Banwen Village Green does have Village Green status.



c) Carmel Cemetery

Discussion over whether to take on the Carmel Cemetery. It was decided by all to gather more information before accepting this.

187. REPORTS (ITEM 13):

a) Attendance Register

Attendance Register is in place.

b) Payments

All agreed. No issues.

c) Purchases and Repairs

Printer toner cartridges need to be replaced. It was agreed to buy a multi pack after discussion over the various options.

Proposed by: Cllr. S. Reynolds **Seconded by:** Cllr. L. Prescott

Approved

For: Cllr. S. Thomas (Chair), Cllr. C. Petrie (Vice-Chair), Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. L. Prescott,

Against: None

Abstained: Cllr. D. Jones

A selection of items are needed for each Community Centre. These items are Shovels, Grit Spreaders and Sanitary bins. See Purchases & Repairs report for costs.

Proposed by: Cllr. L. Prescott **Seconded by:** Cllr. L. Preece

Approved

For: Cllr. S. Thomas (Chair), Cllr. C. Petrie (Vice-Chair), Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. D. Jones

Against: None

Abstained: None

d) Training Plan & Log

There has been an issue on the previous month that links were not sent out for the training. Councillors were asked to contact Cllr. S. Thomas if those on training over the next month did not receive the links by the morning of any training so she can chase this up. Cllr. S. Thomas has explored training options for Scam Awareness and Cyber Security training. The cost is £450 for ½ a days training and can have up to 30 attendees. Cllr. S. Thomas has emailed all the local Clerks to see if there is any interest in this training. The cost would be £15 per person. Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. G. Moore and Cllr. D. Jones are interested in this training.

e) Accounts & Audit Update

Update from Cllr. C. Petrie who requested some bank statements from previous year. Cllr. L. Preece will assist with this.

188. CORRESPONDENCE (ITEM 14):

a) OAP Association – See attached letter

b) GCG Foodbank – Payments have been sent to GCG Foodbank as agreed at previous meeting.



- c) Canolfan Maerdy – Payments have been sent to Canolfan Maerdy Food Hub as agreed at previous meeting.

189. PLATES (ITEM 15):

- a) Mrs. S. Jones – Lower Brynamman. All Councillors of Gwaun Cae Gurwen Community Council would like to wish Mrs. S. Jones a happy 90th Birthday

190. ANY OTHER BUSINESS & URGENT ITEMS (AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION) (ITEM 16):

Treorchy has won British high street of the year despite previously being run down, they have developed an app. that is supported by the Welsh Government where local businesses, schools, local events etc can promote themselves. The cost of the app. is £15,000 per annum. Funding could be sought to cover this payment along with funding for community events such as Christmas Trees and Festivals. It was agreed to see if Community Councils could pay a lower rate and the Events Committee would write a bid. All Councillors were in favour of this.

191. NEXT MEETING:

- a) 18.30 on Tuesday, 9th May 2023, Ordinary Meeting via Zoom
b) 18.30 on Tuesday 23rd May 2023, Annual Meeting via Zoom

192. MEETING ADJOURNED: 20:52

SIGNED:

DATE:

09 / 05 / 2023