



## GWAUN CAE GURWEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

18:30 on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 via Zoom

**MEETING OPENED:** 18:34

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cllr. S. Thomas (Chair), Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. L. Preece & Cllr. S. Reynolds

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ffion Lewis

**29. APOLOGIES (ITEM 1):**

Cllr. D. Humphreys, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Prescott & Cllr. G. Thomas

**30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ITEM 2):**

Cllr. L. Preece – Item 14B – Purchase & Repair Quotes – Personal  
Cllr. L. Preece – Item 15D – Canolfan Maerdy Ysgol Y Glyn – Personal  
Cllr. S. Reynolds – Item 15D – Canolfan Maerdy Ysgol Y Glyn – Personal

**31. CO-OPTION APPLICATION (ITEM 3):**

**a) FFION LEWIS**

**APPROVED**

**PROPOSED BY:** Cllr. D. Jones      **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. L. Preece

**For:** Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. S. Thomas

**Against:** None

**Abstained:** None



**32. MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY (ITEM 4):**

- a) **COUNCILLORS TO MEET WITH OFFICERS FROM THE NEATH MODEL RAILWAY CLUB TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF A LEASE AT LOWER BRYNAMMAN COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

**APPROVED**

**PROPOSED BY:** Cllr. D. Jones                      **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. L. Preece

**For:** Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. L. Preece & Cllr. S. Thomas

**Against:** None

**Abstained:** None

18:54 **CLLR. S. REYNOLDS LEFT THE MEETING.**

**33. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS (ITEM 5):**

Will cover through the agenda.

**34. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (ITEM 6):**

No questions from the public.

**35. COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS (ITEM 7):**

- a) **CLLR. S. REYNOLDS:**

- Not present.

- b) **CLLR. S. THOMAS:**

- Drainage/Sewage issue on Heol Cae Gurwen has been resolved.
- Drainage works on Abernant Playing Field.

**36. PREVIOUS MINUTES (ITEM 8):**

- a) **ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES – 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023:**

**APPROVED**

**PROPOSED BY:** Cllr. S. Lane                      **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. D. Jones



**For:** Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. L. Preece & Cllr. S. Thomas

**Against:** None

**Abstained:** None

**37. MATTERS ARISING (ITEM 9):**

**a) ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES – 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023:**

- Minute 14 – Signature pages to be sent to Council.

19:20 **CLLR. S. REYNOLDS JOINED THE MEETING.**

**38. PLANNING APPLICATIONS (ITEM 10):**

No planning applications to consider.

**39. COMMUNITY FUNDS (ITEM 11):**

**a) AMMAN VALLEY SWIMMING CLUB:**

**MOTION:** To award £250 to Amman Vallry Swimming Club.

**APPROVED**

**PROPOSED BY:** Cllr. G. Moore      **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. S. Lane

**For:** Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. S. Thomas

**Against:** None

**Abstained:** None

**40. COMMITTEES & APPOINTMENTS (ITEM 12):**

**a) YOUTH COMMITTEE:**

**MOTION:** To appoint Cllr. A. Lacey to Youth Committee.

**APPROVED**

**PROPOSED BY:** Cllr. S. Thomas      **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. S. Lane



**For:** Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. S. Thomas

**Against:** None

**Abstained:** None

#### 41. **POLICIES & PROCEDURES (ITEM 13):**

Nothing to discuss.

#### 42. **REPORTS (ITEM 14):**

- **ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

For information only.

- **PURCHASES & REPAIR QUOTES**

**MOTION:** To accept the Locksmith quote of £1,500 to change the locks at GCG, Lower Brynamman & Tairgwaith Community Centres.

**APPROVED**

**PROPOSED BY:** Cllr. S. Reynolds      **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. A. Lacey

**For:** Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. S. Thomas

**Against:** None

**Abstained:** None

**MOTION:** To accept the Power Wash quote of £1,940 to clean the pathways at the community centres and parks.

**APPROVED**

**PROPOSED BY:** Cllr. S. Reynolds      **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. G. Moore

**For:** Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. S. Thomas

**Against:** None

**Abstained:** Cllr. D. Jones & Cllr. L. Preece



- **PAYMENTS**

For information only.

- **ANNUAL REPORT**

**MOTION:** To acquire valuations on all Community Council estates.

**APPROVED**

**PROPOSED BY:** Cllr. G. Moore      **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. S. Lane

**For:** Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. S. Thomas

**Against:** None

**Abstained:** None

**MOTION:** To approve the Annual Report with amendments to page 5 to be agreed via email.

**APPROVED**

**PROPOSED BY:** Cllr. S. Reynolds      **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. A. Lacey

**For:** Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. S. Thomas

**Against:** None

**Abstained:** None

- **GCG COMMUNITY CENTRE FEES**

**GCG RADIO FA'MA BOOKING:**

**MOTION:** To split the £600 booking fee equally with Y Lolfa due to their assistance in getting the booking.

**APPROVED**

**PROPOSED BY:** Cllr. S. Thomas      **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. D. Jones

**For:** Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. L. Preece & Cllr. S. Thomas



**Against:** None

**Abstained:** None

**SBUHB CLINIC FEES:**

**MOTION:** Chair to invoice for the financial year 2022/2023 onwards and establish quarterly billing going forward. To schedule a meeting between the Chair, Vice Chair and SBUHB. To advise there are outstanding fees for the financial year 2021/2022. RFO to establish how much is outstanding for the financial year 2021/2022.

**APPROVED**

**PROPOSED BY:** Cllr. S. Reynolds      **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. B. Davitt

**For:** Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. S. Thomas

**Against:** None

**Abstained:** Cllr. D. Jones

**SBUHB HALL BOOKINGS:**

**MOTION:** SBUHB to be advised that the lease only entitles them to two sessions a month in the main hall and any additional booking will be invoiced going forward.

**APPROVED**

**PROPOSED BY:** Cllr. S. Reynolds      **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. D. Jones

**For:** Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. S. Thomas

**Against:** None

**Abstained:** None

**43. CORRESPONDENCE (ITEM 15):**

**a) NPTCBC – KAREN JONES**

NPTCBC assistance for Community Councils

- Valuation Services
- Assistance with Primary Care issues



- Facilitating Local Services
- Officer feedback on East Pit Lake
- Access to Buses/Transport
- Access to Training Sessions
- Links with Communications Team & Lets Talk initiative
- Access to suppliers for bulk purchasing (i.e. stationary)
- Access/Funding IT equipment for Councillors

**b) PONTARDAWE TOWN COUNCIL – OVW PROPOSAL**

**MOTION:** To second Pontardawe Town Council Proposal.

**APPROVED**

**PROPOSED BY:** Cllr. S. Thomas      **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. G. Moore

**For:** Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. S. Thomas

**Against:** None

**Abstained:** None

**c) SBUHB – GCG COMMUNITY CENTRE RAAC**

- We do not have a flat roof and so this does not apply to us.

**d) CANOLFAN MAERDY – YSGOL Y GLYN**

**MOTION:** To allow Canolfan Maerdy to park at Ysgol Y Glyn and build a temporary shelter under the bike shed at the rear of the building until they have better access to the field where they can build a shelter.

**APPROVED**

**PROPOSED BY:** Cllr. G. Moore      **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. S. Lane

**For:** Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane & Cllr. S. Thomas

**Against:** None

**Abstained:** Cllr. L. Preece & Cllr. S. Reynolds



It was requested that Canolfan Maerdy staff and volunteers be cautious about discussing the Council's plans for Ysgol Y Glyn with residents.

**44. PLATES (ITEM 16):**

Deferred to a future meeting when Cllr. L. Prescott is present.

**45. ANY OTHER BUSINESS & URGENT ITEMS (ITEM 17):**

**a) EAST PIT EXPLOSIONS:**

There was an unexploded munition discovered during a house clearance and as a result a controlled explosion was conducted on site by the bomb disposal unit and Dyfed Powys Police. Neither South Wales Police nor Celtic Energy were informed of this. Celtic Energy have stated that they do not want any controlled explosions carried out now that mining operations have ceased on site. I am also raising the issue of communication between Dyfed Powys and South Wales Police forces when there are cross border activities.

**b) SOCIAL GATHERING:**

There will be a Council social meet up at Cwmgors Rugby Club at 18:30 on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

**46. NEXT MEETING (ITEM 18):**

a) 18:30 on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023, Ordinary Meeting via Zoom

**47. MEETING ADJOURNED: 21:02**

SIGNED:

*L. Prescott*

DATE:

10 / 10 / 2023