



GWAUN CAE GURWEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

18:30 on Tuesday, 10th October 2023

MEETING OPENED: 18:31

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr. L. Prescott (Chair), Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece & Cllr. S. Reynolds.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Alison Davies.

66 APOLOGIES (ITEM 1):

Cllr. D. Humphreys & Cllr. S. Thomas.

67 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ITEM 2):

None to declare.

68 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENT'S (ITEM 3):

- Chair thanked everyone for attending and said that as this was the first meeting she had Chaired as well as the first hybrid meeting that there may have to be changes made with devices through the meeting. The chair asked for people to be patient while this hybrid meeting was trialled.

69 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (ITEM 4):

- No questions from the public
- Alison Davies had left the meeting and did not sign back onto the waiting room.

70 COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS (ITEM 5):

a) CLLR. S. REYNOLDS:

- The County Borough Councillor had met with lots of issues relating to the 20MPH zones. The County Borough Councillor would like to hear from people who have genuine concerns.
- A proposal for a children's home in Gron Road, Gwaun Cae Gurwen has been met with some concerns. The lack of local amenities has been one of the concerns raised.
- The timetable for the budget is being looked at. There are concerns that they are already over budget. The Consultation will be three weeks long and will take place over Christmas. Both of the County Borough Councillors will get information out to the community as quickly as they are able. There may be a possible Council Tax hike. Cllr. Reynolds went on to state that 22% of people



seeking support in Neath Port Talbot Welfare Rights have cited that Council Tax prices are an issue for them.

The online devices were then switched over as those online were having difficulty hearing. Cllr. Reynolds repeated the above information.

71 PCSO UPDATE (ITEM 6):

NO PCSO WAS PRESENT

72 PREVIOUS MINUTES (ITEM 7):

a) ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES – 11TH JULY 2023:

APPROVED

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

For: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Reynolds

Against: None

Abstained: Cllr. S. Jordan

b) ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES – 12TH SEPTEMBER 2023:

APPROVED

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

For: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Reynolds

Against: None

Abstained: None

73 MATTERS ARISING (ITEM 8):

a) ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES – JULY

- Minute #42 - Annual Report – Cllr. Thomas to update
- Minute # 42 - SBUHB – Cllr. Petrie has looked through all the systems and invoices have . gone missing though the systems. Cllr. Petrie has looked through all previous correspondence. Cllr. Jones stated that in the original lease it states that the SHUHB can only use the hall for a baby clinic.
- Minute 43 - Correspondence – NPTCBC – No councillor has a record of this correspondence. This needs to be circulated. Cllr Jones asked that the funding for IT equipment be looked into this was agreed by all councillors.



b) ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES – 12TH SEPTEMBER 2023:

- Minute 60 - Payments – This should not be for information only; it must be accepted by the council.
- Minute 60 - Community Centres. To add that; halls close at 1800 hours unless there are later bookings.

74 PLANNING APPLICATIONS (ITEM 9):

a) P2023/0717X:

No issues

b) P2023/0696:

No issues

c) P2023/0511

No issues

d) P2023/0512

No issues

75 COMMUNITY FUNDS (ITEM 10):

NO APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

76 COMMITTEES & APPOINTMENTS (ITEM 11):

a) CLERK JOB ADVERT

MOTION: For the advert to state the position is for 20hours initially and the hours will be reviewed after three months.

APPROVED

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

For: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Reynolds

Against: None

Abstained: None

Cllr Jordan – asked why the post did not require the Clerk to be bilingual. It was agreed by all present that while this would be advantageous, it may reduce the amount of applicants. It was agreed that this would not be added as it could be a barrier to applications.

Cllr. Jordan highlighted that the current Job Description for the Clerk needs to be proof read as it contains grammatical errors.



All Councillors wished for the advert for Clerk to be advertised.

77 POLICIES & PROCEDURES (ITEM 12):

a) NEATH MODEL RAILWAY LEASE

After discussion. It was agreed to add on s.7.2 the Client will be responsible for all overhead costs of running its own project as well as pro-rata costs for utilities such as electric and gas.

MOTION: To agree the Lease for the Model Railway with the above changes to s.7.2X.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. D. Jones **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. C. Petrie

For: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Reynolds

Against: None

Abstained: None

78 REPORTS (ITEM 13):

- **ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

For information only.

- **PAYMENTS**

APPROVED

For: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Reynolds

Against: None

Abstained: None

- **QUOTES, PURCHASES & REPAIRS**

MOTION: To accept Wickstead quote for repairs to Cwmgors Park

APPROVED

For: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Reynolds

Against: None

Abstained: None



MOTION: To accept Clean not Green quote for power washing Lower Brynamman Skate Park and MUGA

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Against: None

Abstained: None

79 CORRESPONDENCE (ITEM 14):

NO CORRESPONDENCE TO SHARE WITH COUNCIL

80 PLATES (ITEM 16):

No presentation plates have been requested.

81 ANY OTHER BUSINESS & URGENT ITEMS (AT CHAIRS DISCRETION) (ITEM 18):

• **ITEM 1: RFC DEFIBRILLATOR**

Cllr. Lewis raised that the defibrillator a Cwmgors Rugby Club has not been replaced since it needed to be used. Cllr. Reynolds responded stating that she has been liaising with Dyfed Powys Police to ensure it is replaced.

• **ITEM 2: CANOLFAN MAERDY ANNUAL REVIEW**

Cllr. S. Reynolds shared the Canolfan Maerdy Annual Review and will share via email to all Community Councillors

81 NEXT MEETING (ITEM 19):

a) **Ordinary Meeting at 18:30 on Tuesday, 14th November 2023, via Zoom**

82 MEETING ADJOURNED: 19:32

SIGNED: _____

DATE: ____/____/____