



GWAUN CAE GURWEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

18:30 on Tuesday, 20th November 2023

MEETING OPENED: 18:30

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr. S. Thomas (Chair), Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Declan Keeley

92. APOLOGIES (ITEM 1):

Cllr. D. Humphreys, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. L. Prescott & Cllr. S. Reynolds.

93. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ITEM 2):

Cllr. C. Petrie – County Borough Councillor Reports (Item 6) – Prejudicial.

94. CO-OPTION APPLICATION (ITEM 3):

a) Declan Keeley

APPROVED

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

For: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece & Cllr. S. Thomas.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

95. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS (ITEM 4):

Update on Accountant which the RFO is now handling. Clerks' vacancy has been advertised. Currently working on the Proposed Budget (2024-2025) and would like to hear from Members if there are suggestions on projects to allocate funds to. We have two new vacancies to advertise.

96. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (ITEM 5):

No members of the public present.

97. COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS (ITEM 6):



Streetscene Surgeries are at the end of this month so could Members have any issues with pot holes, road resurfacing, etc. other than unadopted roads could they please get in touch.

Temporary Event Notice Licence application submitted for alcohol at GCG Community Centre, discussion took place about whether alcohol is allowed at the centres. Cllr. C. Petrie declared an interest as his wife is the applicant. Cllr. S. Thomas raised concerns about whether a bring your own ban could be enforced as we wouldn't necessarily be aware of it happening. Council agreed no alcohol is to be consumed on the premises without a licence.

98. PCSO UPDATE (ITEM 7):

No PCSO's present.

99. PREVIOUS MINUTES (ITEM 8):

a) EXTRAORDINARY MEETING – 24/10/2023

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. L. Preece **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. S. Thomas

For: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece & Cllr. S. Thomas.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

b) FINANCE COMMITTEE – 06/11/2023

APPROVED

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

For: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece & Cllr. S. Thomas.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

100. MATTERS ARISING (ITEM 9):

No matters arising.

101. PLANNING APPLICATIONS (ITEM 10):

a) P2023/0685

No comments, concerns raised. Cllr. B. Davitt asked about the meaning of a Boundary Treatment, Cllr. S. Thomas advised this will be a wall or fence.

b) P2023/0827



No comments, concerns or questions raised.

102. NEATH MODEL RAILWAY MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (ITEM 11):

MOTION: To approve removing the 40% contribution to utilities and adding an annual fee of £750 for the initial 3-year agreement.

APPROVED

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

For: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. L. Preece & Cllr. S. Thomas.

Against: None.

Abstained: Cllr. C. Petrie.

103. COMMUNITY FUNDS (ITEM 12):

None.

104. COMMITTEES & APPOINTMENTS (ITEM 13):

a) Biodiversity Committee

MOTION: To approve the creation of a Biodiversity Committee.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. S. Thomas **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. Ff. Lewis

For: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece & Cllr. S. Thomas.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. L. Prescott & Cllr. S. Thomas appointed to the Biodiversity Committee.

b) Bank Signatories

Cllr. Ff. Lewis & Cllr. S. Lane appointed as Bank Signatories.

c) YGGGCG School Governor

MOTION: To appoint Cllr. Ff. Lewis as School Governor to YGGGCG.

APPROVED

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



For: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece & Cllr. S. Thomas.

Against: None.

Abstained: Cllr. Ff. Lewis.

d) Tairgwaith School Governor

MOTION: To appoint Cllr. S. Lane as School Governor to Tairgwaith School.

APPROVED

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

For: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece & Cllr. S. Thomas.

Against: None.

Abstained: Cllr. S. Lane.

105. POLICIES & PROCEDURES (ITEM 14):

a) Biodiversity Committee – Terms of Reference

MOTION: To approve the Biodiversity Committee Terms of Reference.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. Ff. Lewis **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. B. Davitt

For: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece & Cllr. S. Thomas.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

b) Events Committee – Terms of Reference

MOTION: To approve the Events Committee Terms of Reference.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. Ff. Lewis **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. B. Davitt

For: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece & Cllr. S. Thomas.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.



106. REPORTS (ITEM 15):

a) Attendance Register

For information only.

b) Payments

No comments, concerns or questions raised.

c) SBUHB Payments

RFO will reach out to SBUHB this week.

RFO has been in touch with the three accountants contacted by the Acting Clerk to establish detailed quotes for accountant services.

d) Quotes & Repairs

Moved to the private section of the meeting due to one of the quotes being from a person who is present at the meeting.

107. CORRESPONDENCE (ITEM 16):

a) OVW/SLCC Conference

MOTION: To approve the Acting Clerk attending the SLCC/OVW Conference for a fee of £72.

APPROVED

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

For: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece & Cllr. S. Thomas.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

b) NPTCBC – RLDP

We have submitted the Ysgol Y Glyn Upper School site as a development site in the RLDP and we will follow up to confirm this.

c) Hosting Contract

The costs of our hosting are going up significantly and we are going to have to pay this for a year but we need to use the time this buys us to seek alternative arrangements such as a WordPress hosting package. We're also looking at Microsoft Office 365 package.

108. PLATES (ITEM 17):

a) Young Writer



Deferred to next meeting.

b) Steffan Jones

MOTION: To approve issuing a plate to Steffan Jones for his contribution to the community of a metal poppy for the cenotaph which he made with a master blacksmith at age ten and for maintaining it for the last eight years.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. S. Thomas **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. Ff. Lewis

For: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece & Cllr. S. Thomas.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

c) Cllr. G. Moore

Plate issued to Geoff Moore in line with Standing Orders.

109. PRIVATE ITEMS (ITEM 18):

a) Private Items

MOTION: That pursuant to Section 100A (4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded for the following items of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph(s) 12, 13, 14 & 15 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the above Act.

APPROVED

For: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece & Cllr. S. Thomas.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

110. ANY OTHER BUSINESS & URGENT ITEMS (ITEM 19):

Cllr. D. Jones asked for Councillor Allowance/Expenses to be discussed at the next Finance Committee Meeting.

Cllr. B. Davitt would like to bring a motion for Council to cease all operations and activities for one month over the situation in Palestine as a result of Zionist terrorism... Cllr. B. Davitt to submit the motion in writing to the Clerk for inclusion on the next meeting's agenda.



111. NEXT MEETING (ITEM 20):

a) 18:30 on Tuesday, 12th December 2023, Ordinary Meeting via Zoom.

112. MEETING ADJOURNED: 20:37

SIGNED:

DATE:

09 / 01 / 2024