



GWAUN CAE GURWEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY MINUTES

18:30 on Tuesday, 12th December 2023 via Zoom

MEETING OPENED: 18:30

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr. S. Thomas (Chair), Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. L. Prescott & Cllr. S. Reynolds

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

PCSO Jess Ford
Geena Ware – Pobl – Connecting Carmarthenshire
Alison Davies – Local Area Coordinator

113. APOLOGIES (ITEM 1):

Cllr. Ff. Lewis

114 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ITEM 2):

Cllr. B. Davitt – Item 15b – Quotes and Repairs; Jacksons Electricals – Personal.
Cllr. L. Preece – Item 14a – Policies and Procedures; Canolfan Maerdy – Prejudicial.
Cllr. S. Reynolds – Item 14a – Policies and Procedures; Canolfan Maerdy – Prejudicial.

115 MEETING CONDUCT (ITEM 3):

The Chair reminded everyone of the Rules of Meetings regarding respect, not talking over each other and to use their electronic hands if wanting to speak.

116 POBL – CONNECTING CARMARTHENSHIRE (ITEM 4):

Geena Ware gave a presentation to the Council. It covered that POBL is a preventative service and has a referral system that the individual or agency can complete. The service is to prevent the decline of independence and to build resilience, promote recovery and to reduce dependency on statutory services.

POBL can assist with housing and work alongside other agencies. Their website is <https://connectcarmarthenshire.org.uk>. The telephone contact details are 0800 917 6255. Email connectingcarmarthenshire@poblgroup.co.uk



117 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (ITEM 5):

- The existing vacancies have been advertised for the Community Council seats and Co-option can be allowed as of the 4th January.

118 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (ITEM 6):

No questions from the public

119 COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS (ITEM 7):

a) CLLR. S. REYNOLDS:

- There are budget issues. The Council are asking for the public's thoughts. Adult Services have a huge deficit at present. There are plans to re-organise.
- Celtic Leisure may be brought back in house.
- The deregulation of Common Land. East Pit and the Lake have been approved by the Minister and confirmed by the Commoners. There has been lots of planning interest. Foot paths need to be put back in place including bridleways and cycle paths between Tairgwaith and Cwmllynfell.

b) CLLR. S. THOMAS:

- Street lights could be turned off between 0100 hrs and 05—hrs. However, this would not be the case where there are issues of safety or crime. Another way to reduce costs could be through reducing brightness to 75% on certain streets. This is currently in proposal stage. This will help reduce the electricity bill.

120 PCSO UPDATE (ITEM 8):

a) PCSO – JESS FORD:

- Mike Alsop will be returning to post I the New Year. Estelle is covering for Mike at present. The Chair will send out Estelle's contact details to GCGCC's.
- After the Police were called to an incident at Maerdy Youth, the police are now in regular attendance there. This is to reduce barriers between the young people and the Police.
- A warrant to search a suspected Cannabis factory in Lower Brynamman resulted in three arrests and there is joint working between Dyfed Powys Police and South Wales.
- Motor Bikes have been reduced on Common land. This is a difficulty as farmers children are also using motor bikes to reach their livestock.

130 PREVIOUS MINUTES (ITEM 9):

a) ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES – 20TH NOVEMBER 2023:

Deferred until January 2024



131 MATTERS ARISING (ITEM 10):

Deferred until January 2024

132 PLANNING APPLICATIONS (ITEM 11):

a) P2023/0866

No concerns raised.

133 COMMUNITY FUNDS (ITEM 12):

The bring and swap group in Tairgwaith Hall on a Friday morning are welcome to send any posters to the admin email and we shall put them on the GCGCC social media.

134 COMMITTEES & APPOINTMENTS (ITEM 13):

a) **MOTION:** To appoint Cllr. D. Keeley to Biodiversity, Events, Finance and Youth Committees.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. L. Prescott **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. S. Lane

For: Cllr. S. Thomas (Chair), 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

b) **MOTION:** Cllr. D, Keeley and Cllr. D. Humphreys to be appointed as a Bank Signatory

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. L. Prescott **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. S. Lane

For: Cllr. S. Thomas (Chair), 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



135 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (ITEM 14):

a) Canolfan Maerdy – Y Banwen Field Fences

Canolfan Maerdy would like to put fences along the back wall of the field they are currently leasing from the GCGCC. They would also like to put gate access on the footpath across the field on the existing footpath as well as level up the entrance next to the garages.

APPROVED

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For: Cllr. S. Thomas (Chair), 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

a) Cyber Ninja Training

Those who wish to attend this training are: Cllr D. Keeley, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. B. Davitt.

136 REPORTS (Item 15):

- **ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

For information only.

- **QUOTES & REPAIRS**

MOTION: To hire Jackson Electrical to repair the water heater in Cwmgors and also get a quote from them to replace the water heater.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. S. Reynolds **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. L. Prescott

For: Cllr. S. Thomas (Chair), Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. L. Prescott & Cllr. S. Reynolds

Against: None

Abstained: None

MOTION To hire Roberts and Sons to clear the guttering across all three centres.

APPROVED



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For: Cllr. S. Thomas (Chair), Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. L. Prescott & Cllr. S. Reynolds

Against: None

Abstained: None

- **PAYMENTS**

For information only.

- **RFO UPDATE & REPORT**

Three Accountants were approached to undertake the accounts for GCGCC. Two have responded. One declined to go further. Both Bevan and Buckland as well as RGS are possibilities. The RFO will ask Rialtas if they are able to do it. SHUB invoices are being inspected by both parties at present.

137 Correspondence (Item 16):

Nothing to discuss

138 PLATES (ITEM 17):

a) PLATE 1 YOUNG WRITER

MOTION: To present the young writer a plate for their achievement.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. L Prescott **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. L. Preece

For: Cllr. S. Thomas (Chair), Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. L. Prescott & Cllr. S. Reynolds

Against: None

Abstained: Cllr. D. Jones



139 MOTION PROPOSED BY CLLR. B. DAVITT (ITEM 18):

Supporting the views of the majority of our community around the current barbarity in the middle east, especially that involving infants and children, we urge leaders across the United Kingdom to help bring about a complete ceasefire and lasting peace in the region. Where possible we will suspend the normal functions of council for one month.

REJECTED

THE MOTION WAS THEN AMENDED TO READ:

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

For: Cllr. S. Thomas (Chair), Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. L. Prescott & Cllr. S. Reynolds

Against: None

Abstained: None

140 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AT CHAIRS DISCRETION) (ITEM 19):

No other business

141 URGENT ITEMS (AT CHAIRS DISCRETION) (ITEM 20):

Agreed to pay employees early in December rather than the 28th after discussion with each employee.

Busy Rascals Have shown the Chair evidence that they were told not to pay for their Monday Sessions and to pay £5.00 for the Wednesday session. It was agreed that as Busy Rascals only use



the hall for two hours and are an asset to the Community that will be able to pay £15 for the week rather than £30

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

For: Cllr. S. Thomas (Chair), Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. L. Prescott & Cllr. S. Reynolds

Against: Cllr. D. Jones

Abstained: None

142 NEXT MEETING (ITEM 21):

a) 18:30 on Tuesday, 9th January 2024, Ordinary Meeting via Zoom

29. MEETING ADJOURNED: 20:13

SIGNED:

DATE:

09 / 01 / 2024