



## **GWAUN CAE GURWEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

**18:30 on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**MEETING OPENED: 18:30**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cllr. S. Thomas (Chair), Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. K. Tanner.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

PCSO Estelle Burton.

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

Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. E. Launchbury & Cllr. L. Prescott.

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

No Declarations of Interest.

**192. MEETING CONDUCT (ITEM 3):**

Chair welcomed all and asked that phones be set to silent. Reminded members to raise their electronic hand to vote or indicate if they wish to speak, to wait to be called before speaking and remain on mute while not speaking. Members were reminded to treat each other with dignity and respect.

**193. CO-OPTION APPLICATION (ITEM 4):**

No Co-Option Applications.

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

Chair welcomes Cllr. E. Launchbury & Cllr. K. Tanner to the Council.

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

No members of the public present.

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

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

Nothing to report.

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



NPTCBC Budget for the 2024 – 2025 financial year was approved.

Council Tax is set to 7.9%.

Council will have a vote tomorrow on whether to switch to Single Transferable Vote (STV).

**18:32 CLLR. FF. LEWIS JOINED THE MEETING.**

**197. PCSO UPDATE (ITEM 8):**

PCSO Estelle Burton introduced herself and informed members she is now officially the PCSO for our area.

Nothing major to report currently, will look into submitting a crime report for future meetings.

**198. LOCAL AREA CO-ORDINATOR (LAC) REPORT (ITEM 9):**

LAC not present.

**199. PREVIOUS MINUTES (ITEM 10):**

**a) ORDINARY MEETING – 13/02/2024**

**MOTION:** To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record.

**APPROVED**

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

**FOR:** Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

**AGAINST:** None.

**ABSTAINED:** Cllr. S. Reynolds.

**b) EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING – 22/11/2023**

**MOTION:** To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record.

**APPROVED**

**PROPOSED BY:** Cllr. D. Keeley      **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. Ff. Lewis

**FOR:** Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

**AGAINST:** None.

**ABSTAINED:** Cllr. S. Jordan & Cllr. S. Reynolds.

**c) EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING – 27/02/2024**

**MOTION:** To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record.

**APPROVED**

**PROPOSED BY:** Cllr. Ff. Lewis      **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. D. Keeley

**FOR:** Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr.



K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

**AGAINST:** None.

**ABSTAINED:** Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. L. Preece & Cllr. S. Reynolds.

## **200. MATTERS ARISING (ITEM 11):**

### **EVENTS COMMITTEE**

7. Cllr. D. Jones feels that people should be allowed to win every year.

15. Cllr. D. Jones raised concerns over expenses.

Cllr. S. Thomas to request the Events Committee Chair address these matters in future.

**18:44 PCSO E. BURTON LEFT THE MEETING.**

## **201. PLANNING APPLICATIONS (ITEM 12):**

### **a) P2023/0900**

No comments, concerns or questions raised regarding the Planning Applications.

## **203. COMMUNITY FUNDS (ITEM 13):**

### **a) NEATH MODEL RAILWAY CLUB**

Cllr. D. Jones noted the constitution is not signed.

**MOTION:** To accept the application on receipt of a signed copy of constitution.

### **APPROVED**

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

**FOR:** Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

**AGAINST:** None.

**ABSTAINED:** Cllr. D. Jones.

### **b) Y LOLFA – DONATION**

Discussion regarding offering a donation or suggesting a Celtic Energy Application.

**MOTION:** To offer a donation of £300 or alternatively to submit a Celtic Energy Grant application.

### **APPROVED**

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

**FOR:** Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

**AGAINST:** None.



**ABSTAINED:** None.

## 204. COMMITTEES & APPOINTMENTS (ITEM 14):

**MOTION:** To appoint Cllr. E. Launchbury to the Biodiversity, Events and Youth Committees.

**APPROVED**

**PROPOSED BY:** Cllr. D. Keeley **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. Ff. Lewis

**FOR:** Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

**AGAINST:** None.

**ABSTAINED:** Cllr. S. Reynolds.

**MOTION:** To appoint Cllr. K. Tanner to Biodiversity, Events, Health & Safety and Personnel Committees.

**APPROVED**

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

**FOR:** Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. S. Thomas.

**AGAINST:** None.

**ABSTAINED:** Cllr. K. Tanner.

## 205. POLICIES & PROCEDURES (ITEM 15):

### a) PHONE EXPENSES

**MOTION:** To approve a purchase of a SIM card at the cost of £48 per annum, which includes free calls, texts and 500MB of data a month for Councillors who require it.

**APPROVED**

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

**FOR:** Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

**AGAINST:** None.

**ABSTAINED:** Cllr. D. Jones & Cllr. S. Jordan.

### b) BUSINESS CARDS

**MOTION:** To approve the purchase of business card templates to be printed by Council for Councillors as needed.

**APPROVED**



**PROPOSED BY:** Cllr. S. Reynolds                      **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. D. Keeley  
**FOR:** Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.  
**AGAINST:** None.  
**ABSTAINED:** None.

## 206. QUOTES & REPAIRS (ITEM 16):

### a) HEDGEHOG HIGHWAY

**MOTION:** To purchase the package of Hedgehog Highways to distribute to the community for £150.

#### APPROVED

**PROPOSED BY:** Cllr. S. Jordan                      **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. D. Keeley  
**FOR:** Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.  
**AGAINST:** Cllr. D. Jones.  
**ABSTAINED:** None.

### b) PORTRAIT OF HIS MAJESTY

**MOTION:** To reject the offer of a single portrait of his majesty.

#### APPROVED

**PROPOSED BY:** Cllr. S. Jordan                      **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. D. Keeley  
**FOR:** Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.  
**AGAINST:** Cllr. L. Preece.  
**ABSTAINED:** None.

## 207. REPORTS (ITEM 17):

### a) ATTENDANCE REGISTER

For information only.

### b) PAYMENTS

No concerns or questions raised.

## 208. CORRESPONDENCE (ITEM 18):

### a) CIVILITY & RESPECT PLEDGE

**MOTION:** To sign the civility and respect pledge.

#### APPROVED

