



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council
Held at the Cwmgor Community Centre Via Zoom

On, May 12th 2020 at 6.30pm

Meeting started at 6.30pm

1. Members' Present

Dafydd Humphreys, Presiding

Councillors – Geoff Moore, Leander Prescott, Sue Jordan, David Jones, Leonard Preece, David Davies.

Also In Attendance

Lyn Llewellyn, Clerk to the Council

Ffion Lewis, Assistant Clerk

Apologies for absence (*Agenda item No 1*) Helen Baker, Adrian Herdman, Stephen Roach.

2. Declarations of personal interest (*Agenda item No 2*) There were no Declarations of personal interest.

3. To Consider the Appointment of Chairperson 2020/21 (*Agenda item No 3*)
It was proposed by Cllr Geoff Moore that Cllr Dafydd Humphreys be appointed as the Chairperson, seconded by Cllr Leonard Preece and agreed by all.

4. Minutes (*Agenda item No 4*)

Ordinary Meeting on 11th March 2020.

Cllr David Jones requested that an amendment be made regarding the email sent from him. Proposed by Cllr David Davies, seconded by Cllr Geoff Moore and agreed by all that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th March 2020, be approved and signed by the Chairperson after the amendment is made.

Finance Meeting held on 10th March 2020.

Proposed by Cllr Geoff Moore, Seconded by Cllr David Jones and agreed by all that the minutes of the Finance Meeting held on 10th March 2020, be approved and signed by the Chairperson.

5. Matters arising from those minutes not otherwise on the Agenda (*Agenda item No 5*)

Ordinary Meeting 11th March 2020.

Minute No 498: Park Howard Pony Club have received their cheque and the Chair will visit them once the lockdown is over.

Minute No 499: Cheque has been made to the GCG Community Centre, currently waiting for someone to collect.

Minute No 500: Cheque has been made and sent to Wales Air Ambulance.

Minute No 501: With regards to the Pwllfawatkin site, under the current circumstances, not able to do much at the moment. There has been no response yet. Once lockdown is over, will arrange a meeting with Jeremy Miles AM, will share all current information and documents with him.

Minute No 502: Three plates need to be presented once the lockdown is lifted.

Minute No 504: Cllr Leander Prescott has agreed to continue with the risk assessments and these are ongoing.

Minute No 505: Information regarding a printer has been sent. Cllr Leander Prescott will send photos of the cupboard when she will be doing her risk assessment in the Glyn.

Other:

Cllr Leonard Preece questioned why the council have not made any donations to the local food banks. It was explained that due to the current Covid-19 situation, all council have suspended business, as requested. It was also mentioned by Cllr Leonard Preece that Cwmamman had made a donation to GCG food bank. The

donation was made by Cwmamman Football Club after a Just Giving page was set up and not from Cwmamman Town Council. The Chair has agreed to explore options available to help the community.

Cllr David Jones requested that the matter regarding councillors allowance be brought to a meeting. It was agreed by all that this matter be presented at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Finance Meeting 10th March 2020.

Minute No 514: The Clerk reported that the first instalment of the precept has been received.

Minute No 515: The Chair gave thanks for the completion of the year end Bank Reconciliation.

Minute No 516: The Clerk reported that he'll be taking the accounts to the Auditor in due course. Due to Covid-19 it is not possible to do so at the moment.

Minute No 517: It was agreed by all to switch current energy suppliers to Great Annual Saving Ltd.

Minute No 518: Cllr David Davies questioned the security of Internet banking. It was explained by the Chair that all relevant facts, figures and information will be explored by full council before any decisions are made.

Cllr David Jones raised his concerns regarding a credit card on the account. Cllr Leonard Preece confirmed that everything will still need two signatures, just like the current system.

Cllr Sue Jordan requested that a risk assessment be put in place. This was agreed by the Chair who also re-iterated that full council will explore everything before any decisions are made.

6. Accounts for Payment (Agenda Item 6)

It was proposed, seconded and agreed by all members present that the Accounts totalling £9794.95 (Cheque No 104117 to 104130) be approved for payment.

See Schedule of Payments attached to these minutes

7. Correspondence (Agenda Item 8)

The Clerk read the letter sent from Cwmgors OAP requesting a donation of £500 to help with the cost of organising a trip. It was agreed by all that this request is granted.

The Celtic energy grant application from Tairgwaith Trotting club to be forwarded to everyone for consideration in June 2020.

The Chair received Cathryn Harrison's resignation from the council due to health issues. It was agreed that a card and flowers be sent as a thank you for her contribution over the years.

8. Planning Applications (Agenda Item 9)

Application No: P2020/0298

Applicants Name/Address: Mr Paul Boniface, Brynawel Farm, Heol Hir, Gwaun Cae Gurwen, SA18 1PP.

Site Location: Brynawel Farm, Heol Hir, GCG.

Proposal: Construction of balustrade to existing flat roof, dormer roof extension and formation of additional window in side elevation. No Objections.

Application No: P2020/0361

Applicants Name/Address: Mr Bernard Worrall, 25-27 Crown Hotel, Park Street, Lower Brynamman, SA18 1TF.

Site Location: 25-27 Crown Hotel, Park Street, Lower Brynamman.

Proposal: Internal alterations to facilitate the change of use of 1st and 2nd floors to provide a total of 6 flats (An addition of 5 new units).

Strong agreement that objections be made. There were many grounds for objection which included:

1. Issues regarding Parking and access.
2. Standard of the property in question.
3. Issues regarding Environmental Health.
4. The spreading of Knot Weed within the designated area.

The Chair will look into allowable objections and proceed with the objection.

9. Questions for the Chair

There has been no response from the Health board to date. The Chair will be in contact with them soon to explain the current need in the community. Cllr Leander Prescott confirmed that patients are waiting three days to be seen, even in emergencies. Cllr David Davies brought it to attention that Brynteg Surgery have merged with the main surgery in Ammanford and are still able to provide on the day consultations.

The CHC open surgery will be ready as soon as the current lockdown restrictions are eased.

Reports are still coming in that ATP are not fit for purpose and the current situation seems to be making a bad situation worse.

8.00pm Ffion Lewis, Assistant Clerk left the meeting.

10. Assistant Clerk (Agenda Item No 7)

It was a Unanimous agreement to extend the Assistant Clerk's contract until further notice.

The meeting was closed at 8.10pm

Signed..........

Dated **22/09/2020**