



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

Held Via Zoom

On Tuesday 10th November 2020 at 6.30pm

Meeting started at 6.40pm

34. Members Present

Leonard Preece, Presiding.

Councillors - Geoff Moore, Sue Jordan, Leander Prescott, David Davies, David Jones.

Also In Attendance

Ffion Lewis, Assistant Clerk

Cllr. S. Reynolds, Sarah Thomas, Terry Pugh.

Apologies for absence *(Agenda item No 1)*

Stephen Roach, Adrian Herdman, Rachel Jones, Helen Barker, John Holmes, Nia Treharne, Mike Harrison.

35. Declarations of personal interest *(Agenda item No 2)*

There were no new Declarations of personal interest.

36. Chair's Announcements (Agenda item No 3)

The Chair announced that the Assistant Clerk has an office mobile telephone number which is 07484748207. The Chair also announced that the Christmas lights will be switched on the 1st December 2020 and switched off on the 6th January 2021.

The Chair reported to the members of the council that enquires have been made with regards to the planning discussed in the last meeting about the old gym in GCG. The Chair found that to make refurbishments to the gym it would cost in excess to three million pounds.

37. Questions from the Public. (Agenda item No 4)

There were no questions from the public.

38. Verification and Confirmation of Minutes. (Agenda item No 5)

Resolved that the following minutes of the Community Council (prints of which having been previously circulated to members) be taken as read, and the same are hereby verified, received and confirmed respectively:

Gwaun Cae Gurwen Community Council AGM Meeting 13th October 2020.

Gwaun Cae Gurwen Community Council Ordinary Meeting 19th October 2020.

39. Matters Arising. (Agenda item No. 6)

Minute No 30 – Clerk's Notice of Termination of Employment

It was reported that due to the current restrictions that a plate has not been presented to Lyn Llewellyn yet but will be done in due course.

Minute No 32 – Mobile Phone

It was reported that the Chair had kindly donated a mobile phone for office use and has also donated the first month line rental. All members of the council thanked the Chair.

Minute No 33 Presentation of plates

Cllr. L. Prescott reported to the council that she has collected the plates and will present these as soon as possible. All members of the council thanked Cllr. L. Prescott.

New Councillor Starter packs

It was agreed by all that the starter packs be issued to all new members of the council by the Clerk.

Purchase of new tablets/laptops

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Jordan, seconded by Cllr. L. Prescott and agreed by all to pursue this as soon as possible and defer to the Finance Committee.

40. Accounts for Payment (Agenda item No.7)

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Moore, seconded by Cllr. D. Davies and agreed by all that the Accounts totalling £10431.15 (Cheque No 104210 to 104232) be approved for payment.

41. Planning Application (Agenda item No.8)

Application No: P2020/0879

Applicants Name/Address: Celtic Energy Ltd – Mr Robert Thompson, 9 Beddau Way, Castle Gate Business Park, Caerphilly. CF83 2AX.

Site Location: East Pit Revised Opencast Mine, New Road, GCG, SA18 1UP

Proposal: Application for approval of details under condition 69 b (Nature Conservation Steering Committee / Biodiversity Action Plan) and 74 (Aftercare Scheme) of Planning permission P2018/0636.

There were many concerns raised with regards to the bridal paths. It was agreed by all that objections should be made to keep the bridal paths. It was reported that walkers would have access to the common but this would not hold for bikers. It was also reported that a steering committee would be set up to replace the liaison committee, which would comprise of two local authorities and would be officer based. The steering committee would be responsible for overseeing planning conditions, boundaries and the upkeep of the site for the next 25 years. It was proposed by Cllr. G. Moore, seconded by Cllr. D. Davies and agreed by all that a letter of objection be submitted from the council to raise the concerns discussed. It was also agreed that councillors should submit individual objections using the NPT Planning portal. The closing date for this is the 18th November 2020.

Application No: P2020/0453

Applicants Name/Address: Mr Daniel McCallum, 76-78 Heol Gwilym, Cwmllynfell. SA9 2GN.

Site Location: Former Primary School, Heol Y Gors, Cwmgors. SA18 1RF.

Proposal: Change of use of former primary school to a community enterprise, arts, education and energy centre, single story rear extension, external works and ground source heating details (Additional information received on 24/08/20, 03/09/20 and 08/09/20, Highways Technical Note received 21/10/20).

The main concern raised with this Planning was the potential increase of traffic onto the main road. One concern was that there are areas of the wall surrounding the school which could cause potential hazard for vehicles but this is being dealt with within the planning application.

42. Correspondence (Agenda item No.9)

Letter from Hilary Dover dated 4th November 2020 (previously circulated to all members). The council weren't entirely happy with the response received as some of the questions previously asked have not been answered, although it does appear that the Health board are keeping a watchful eye on Amman Tawe

Practice. It was agreed by all that Cllr. S. Jordan is to draft a letter of response and this would be passed to the assistant clerk and the Chair for signing.

20.23 Cllr. S. Reynolds left the meeting and offered her help for the future. The Chair thanked Cllr. S. Reynolds for attending and for the offer of help.

43. Date and times for the Finance and other committees (*Agenda item No.10*)

The Chair stressed how important it was that all committees arrange meetings as soon as possible.

It was agreed by all that the Finance and Personnel Committee to meet next week. Councillors would send in dates and times of availability to the Assistant Clerk as soon as possible. It was also agreed that all subcommittee members arrange times to meet amongst themselves.

20.41 Cllr. L. Prescott left the meeting.

44. Corona Virus Relief Fund. (*Agenda item No.11*)

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Jones, seconded by Cllr. G. Moore and agreed by all that this is to be deferred to the Finance Committee where they can establish the amount of money available. It was also agreed that the Finance Committee would discuss the way the money would be allocated.

45. Questions to the Chair. (*Agenda item No.12*)

It was reported by Cllr. D. Davies that there was suspicious behaviour at the Pwllfawtkin site. There should be no work going on at the site at the moment, other than emergencies, but unfortunately this does not look like to be the case. It was suggested that councillors should encourage members of the public to send in their complaints, especially every time they can smell the site. It was agreed that everyone should report any unsightly behaviour to Jeremy Miles AM.

Cllr. D. Jones suggested that the £150 councillor's allowance be added onto the Finance Committee Agenda for further discussion. It was agreed by all to do so.

21.08 The Chair applied the additional half hour to the meeting.

Cllr. S. Jordan reported that she has sent Keith an email suggesting holding a meeting via Zoom.

Cllr. S. Jordan thanked Cllr. G. Moore for the difficult work he's had to deal with in regards to the investigation originally undertaken by the previous Chair.

The meeting was closed at 9.34pm

Signed  Dated 08/12/2020