



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

Held Via Zoom

On Tuesday 8th December 2020 at 6.30pm

Meeting started at 6.50pm

58. Members Present

Leonard Preece, Presiding.

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

Also In Attendance

Ffion Lewis, Clerk/RFO

Apologies for absence *(Agenda item No 1)*

Stephen Roach, Adrian Herdman, Rachel Jones, Mike Harrison, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. A. Woolcock.

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

There were no new Declarations of personal interest.

Cllr. L. Preece announced that he will no longer be chairing the NPT local action group and therefore there will be no need to declare a personal interest with regards to this group in the future.

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

The Chair announced that he has received a list of recommended laptops, chrome books and tablets. He will send the list via email to all members of the council so that the council can pursue with making purchases of four devices as agreed in previous meetings.

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

There were no questions from the public as there was no one present.

62. To receive any Updates from local county councillors. (Agenda item No 5)

Both Cllr. S. Reynolds and Cllr. A. Woolcock wrote to the Clerk sending their apologies for their absence. There were no updates.

63. Verification and Confirmation of Minutes. (Agenda item No 6)

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 Ordinary Meeting 10th November 2020.

Gwaun Cae Gurwen Community Council Personnel Meeting 17th November 2020.

Gwaun Cae Gurwen Community Council Finance Meeting 17th November 2020.

64. Matters Arising. (Agenda item No 7)

Minute No 52 – Purchase of electronic devices

It was agreed that the Chair and Clerk to purchase up to four devices with the budget of £1000 as soon as possible.

Minute No 53 – Corona Virus Relief Fund

The Chair reported that he has been in contact with Fareshare to explore all possible options available. Fareshare have confirmed that it is possible for GCGCC to make a payment on behalf of a nominated foodbank and Fareshare would then organise delivery to the foodbank. It was proposed by Cllr. G. Moore, seconded by Cllr. D. Davies and agreed by all to make a payment for a year supply of food through Fareshare.

Minute No 54

CHQ No. 104160 It was reported to the council that unfortunately SLCC will not reimburse the remainder of Lyn's membership fees.

Minute No 55 – Questions from Annual return

The Chair and Clerk have been informed from the Internal Auditor that he has received three variations. The Chair and Clerk are working alongside the Internal Auditor to try and rectify this issue.

Minute No 56 – Policy for Councillors Allowance

It was agreed by all that this should be added onto the Agenda of the next Finance Meeting.

65. Accounts for Payment (Agenda item No.8)

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Moore, seconded by Cllr. D. Davies and agreed by all that the Accounts totalling £6019.21 (Cheque No 104233 to 104243) be approved for payment.

66. Planning Application (Agenda item No.9)

Application No: P2020/0746

Applicants Name/Address: Ms Cansu Isbilir, Pen Cae Du, Rhos Y Mynydd Farm Access Road, GCG. SA18 1PP.

Site Location: Pen Cae Du, Rhos Y Mynydd Farm Access Road, GCG. SA18 1PP.

Proposal: Demolition of existing single story rear wing, construction of single story side and rear extensions, front porch, first floor rear extension, together with alternations to roof including increased ridge height.

No objections.

Application No: P2020/0871

Applicants Name/Address: CK Supermarket Ltd, Head Office, Embankment Road, Morfa. Llanelli. SA15 2BT.

Site Location: CK's Supermarket, 2-6 Heol Cae Gurwen, GCG, SA18 1HB.

Proposal: Variation of condition 4 of planning permission P2020/0285 (External alterations comprising of new windows and doors, relocation of existing café area plus two new retail units)

No Objections.

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 (Revised Cond. 74 Details received December 2020 – Bridleways)

It was reported that there were over 90 objections received with regards to the last application. There have been amendments with regards to the Bridleways but there was still a concern as the Bridleway comes to a dead end, which is not ideal. There has been no explanation given to why this is the case as to date. The council raised concerns with regards to the Liaison committee with the lack of members of the community council on said committee.

67. Correspondence (Agenda item No.10)

Letter received and presented to the council from The Royal British Legion thanking the council for their generous donation.

Letter received and presented to the council from McDermott Smith Law Ltd representing Mr. B. Worrall of 27 & 29 Park Street regarding a claim made with regards to knotweed. This was discussed extensively amongst the council. There is evidence to support that the council have been treating the land in question for knotweed. The council have decided to engage with a solicitor with regards to the matter. It was also a concern at how under managed the proprietors land has been kept. It was proposed by Cllr. D. Jones; seconded by Cllr. L. Prescott and agreed by all that the clerk should contact NPTCC legal team for further advice on this situation.

68. Questions to the Chair (Agenda item No.11)

It was reported that the Health Board have been using GCG Hall to administer Covid testing. The question raised by all was who gave the clinic permission to use the hall as the councillors weren't aware that the hall was being used for testing until it had actually started.

Cllr. L. Prescott reported to the council that the Christmas light committee have discussed and made arrangements for this year's competition. Cllr. L. Prescott will send the Clerk an email requesting the message that is to be put on social media to advertise this.

Cllr. D. Davies reported to the council that a member of the public has generously been walking around the area as Father Christmas donating chocolate to the local children. Cllr. D. Davies would like to thank the person for his generosity. It was proposed by Cllr. D. Davies, seconded by Cllr. G. Moore and agreed by all that the council is to present a plate and a cheque for £50 to said person to express the councils gratitude.

Cllr. S. Jordan that we are yet to receive a response from Public Health Wales with regards to the recent letter sent raising concerns about the Pwllfawatkin

site. It was proposed that the Chair try and organise a meeting with Jeremy Miles AM when it is safe to do so. The council would like Public Health Wales to release the data that they have continually been asking for.

Cllr. D. Jones reported back to the council the meeting held by One Voice Wales on 2nd December 2020.

- It was reported that Gaynor Richards from CVS was present and that the CVS AGM meeting will be held on 23rd January 2021.
- Also in attendance was Kyle Robinson who works for HM Land Registry, his main objective in the meeting was to encourage councils to register land and explained how to do so.
- OVW spoke about the Liaison Committee and are awaiting for things to get back to normal before submitting questions.
- There was a discussion regarding the new arrangements that will come into force with Audit Wales.
- OVW discussed the matter regarding the councillor's allowance. They are trying to negotiate with HMRC to have this tax free. Currently this allowance still needs to go through PAYE until been advised otherwise.
- OVW stressed that councillors should be encouraged to attend the courses available and make use of the available grants available to attend these courses.
- It was reported that the next OVW meeting is expected to take place in March.

The meeting was closed at 9.15pm

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Dated

12/01/2020