



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

Held Via Zoom

On Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 6.30pm

Meeting started at 6.35pm

69. Members Present

L. Preece, Presiding.

Councillors – G. Moore, S. Jordan, L. Prescott, D. Davies, D. Jones, S. Roach, M. Harrison, N. Treharne, H. Baker.

Also In Attendance

Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. A. Woolcock.

Ff. Lewis, Clerk/RFO

Apologies for absence *(Agenda item No 1)*

Cllr. A. Herdman.

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

There were no new Declarations of personal interest.

71. Chair's Announcements *(Agenda item No 3)*

The Chair had no new announcements.

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

There were no questions from the public as there was none present.

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

Cllr. S. Reynolds reported to the council that she was pleased with the response from the community with regards to the objections made against the planning application for the Pwllfawatkin site. She urged the community and council to keep up the support on any appeal that is needed in the future.

Cllr. S. Reynolds also reported to the council about the continued concern with the traffic and speeding within the community. She highlighted the need for a crossing by the Rugby Club and that there are plans being raised for this. NPTCC are also looking into other areas of concern and are looking into ways of slowing traffic down.

Cllr. S. Reynolds reported to the council on how Canolfan Maerdy has supported the community during the pandemic. Currently Canolfan Maerdy runs:

- Meals on Wheels service twice a week.
- Food Hub.
- Provides a shopping service and Medicine collection for people who are shielding and have no other support.
- Online shopping support.
- Community car for essential medical journeys.

Cllr. A. Woolcock informed the council that the Cabinet are due to discuss the budget for 2021/22. He informed the council that the public consultation will be until 12th February.

Cllr. A. Woolcock reported to the council the current situation with regards to the availability of vaccines in Wales. Currently the distribution is down to Westminster and not the Welsh Government. The GP practices are advising individuals not to contact the surgeries at the moment and to wait for the surgeries to contact individuals. He was very hopeful that the over 80s will

be contacted within the next week or two. Cllr. A. Woolcock also informed the council that the Health Board intend to post a letter to each household with the relevant information.

The chair thanked both Cllr. S. Reynolds and Cllr. A. Woolcock on behalf of the council for attending the meeting.

7.30pm Cllr. S. Reynolds and Cllr. A. Woolcock left the meeting.

74. 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 by all respectively:

Gwaun Cae Gurwen Community Council Ordinary Meeting 8th December 2020.

75. Matters Arising. *(Agenda item No 7)*

Minute No 66 – Planning Application 2020/0879

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Jordan and agreed by all that all individuals were to write a letter raising their concerns regarding the Bridleways.

Minute No 68

The cheque for S. Holloway has been written and sent.

It was suggested by Cllr. S. Jordan to copy in Jeremy Miles AM and county councillors in all future correspondence sent to PHW. It was also proposed that the council send a letter to PHW and Jeremy Miles AM.

Cllr. D. Davies proposed and was agreed by all that the council look into having a map of the community highlighting land boundaries for the view of the public.

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

It was proposed by Cllr. H. Baker, seconded by Cllr. M. Harrison and agreed by all that the Accounts totalling £6002.86 (Cheque No 104244 to 104263) be approved for payment.

8.30pm Cllr. D. Davies left the meeting.

77. Planning Application (Agenda item No.9)

Application No: P2020/1111

Applicants Name/Address: Mr Christopher Jones. 10 Water Street, GCG. SA18 1HA.

Site Location: 10 Water Street, GCG, SA18 1HA.

Proposal: Double and single story rear extension and porch to front elevation.

There were no objections.

Application No: P2020/1077

Applicants Name/Address: Mr. Alun Lewis. 18 Heol Y Gors, Cwmgors. SA18 1PE

Site Location: 18 Heol Y Gors, Cwmgors. SA18 1PE

Proposal: Demolish existing double and single story rear extension and construct new two story rear extension.

There were no objections.

78. Correspondence (Agenda item No.10)

Email received and presented to the council from Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. L. Prescott and Cllr. H. Baker informing the council of the Christmas Lights competition. It was a great success and all three councillors enjoyed walking around the

community. The councillors wanted to commend the community for their effort.

8.45pm Cllr. L. Prescott left the meeting.

Email received and presented to the council from R. Judd (appointed by Zurich). The Clerk reported to the council that she will organise a meeting via zoom with herself, R. Judd, Cllr. G. Moore and Cllr. L. Prescott.

9.00pm Extension of time was called.

79. Independent Remuneration Panel Report. (Agenda item No.11)

The Chair reported that after reading the Remuneration Panel Report that the council should look into setting up a scrutiny committee. Awaiting finalisation of the report for more details. It was recommended that the Clerk would send out an email to all members to see who had an interest in joining the committee and will discuss at the next ordinary meeting.

80. GCG Community Centre (Agenda item No.12)

It was reported that the management committee are unable to set up properly yet as they are awaiting a Lease agreement from the council. It was agreed by all to set up a subcommittee to organise the leases for all Community Centres. The subcommittee would also be available to help set up constitutions and other matters if needed.

The Chair informed the council that the Covid testing currently taking place at the Centre was run by the Health Board and that the vaccines were organised through Amman Valley Practice.

The Chair is currently waiting for conformation from the Practice when the vaccines will start so was unable to confirm what was happening with regards to the use of the Centre. The Councillors raised the concern that there needed to be clarity as who would be responsible for the refrigeration of the vaccines and the cleaning of the centre.

The Chair also reported back to council that he is waiting for Julie Morse from Swansea Bay Health Board to get in touch to be able to discuss the testing further.

81. Questions to the Chair (*Agenda item No.13*)

Cllr. S. Roach raised his concern regarding the amount of rubbish that was seen at the back of CKs Supermarket. The Chair asked the Clerk to send an email to Cllr. S. Reynolds.

The meeting was closed at 9.45pm

Signed  Dated 09/02/2020