



## **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council**

### **Held Via Zoom**

**On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 6.30pm**

**Meeting started at 6.35pm**

***Cllr. G. Moore raised his hand and informed the council of the passing of Cllr. A. Herdman. The Chair called for a minute silence.***

### **88. Members Present**

L. Preece, Presiding.

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

### **Also In Attendance**

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

Shaun Burgess.

Ff. Lewis, Clerk/RFO.

### **Apologies for absence** (Agenda item No 1)

Cllr. N. Treharne.

Cllr. D. Davies sent apologies for late attendance due to work commitments.

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

There were no new Declarations of personal interest.

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

The Chair announced that he has received an email from Amman Valley Practice informing him that the Rugby Club isn't a suitable venue to carry out vaccines.

#### **91. Questions from the Public. (Agenda item No 4)**

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

#### **92. To receive any Updates from county council. (Agenda item No 5)**

Shaun Burgess, the Emergency planner for NPTCC, gave a very in depth presentation to the council on Covid testing. He expressed the importance of testing centres and how they've played a key role in helping to prevent the spread of Covid. He explained that the team set up testing units in strategically placed areas. He expressed that it's even more important now to have these testing units in place to help with ensuring that the vaccine programme is a success. Cllr. L. Prescott raised her concerns with regards to the issue with appropriate signage. When the testing first started there wasn't enough signage to direct people to GCG Hall. Shaun Burgess assured the council that they would make sure that this wouldn't be an issue. The Councillors, County Councillors, along with Shaun Burgess, discussed possible outdoor facilities available for the testing to take place. Cllr. S. Reynolds expressed how important Covid testing is for the community and that there were facilities available within the GCG Community to be able to help. Cllr. A. Woolcock reiterated the importance of Covid testing and how it should be kept within the community.

***7.24pm Cllr. S. Reynolds left the meeting and the Chair thanked her for attending the meeting.***

Shaun Burgess informed the Council that he would contact his colleagues in the morning to discuss possible siting for the testing to be able to continue. As soon as he has more details he will get in touch.

***7.28pm Shaun Burgess left the meeting and the Chair thanked him for attending the meeting.***

Cllr. A. Woolcock reminded the Councillors that the consultation period for NPTCC Precept will be closing shortly and encouraged all to take part. He also informed the council that the fire authority have offered to assist with transportation for the vaccine programme. He also expressed how please he was with how quickly Wales are acting with the vaccination programme.

***7.41pm Cllr. A. Woolcock left the meeting and the Chair thanked him for attending the meeting.***

***7.42pm Cllr. D. Davies joined the meeting and apologised for his lateness.***

**93. 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 Emergency Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021.

It was agreed by all that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 be verified with the following amendments:

**Minute 75. Matters Arising.**

Under Planning Application 2020/0879 the clerk is to add the Chair was to write a letter asking why the bridleways came to a dead end.

Under Minute 68, to change "Cllr. D. Davies suggested" to "Cllr. D. Davies proposed and agreed by all".

#### **94. Matters Arising. (Agenda item No 7)**

##### Minute No 75 – Matters Arising.

The councillors asked if NPTCC would be able to provide GCGCC with a map of the community. The councillors asked the Clerk to email Cllr. A. Woolcock to ask for further advice on the matter.

##### Minute No 79 – Independent Remuneration Report.

The Chair informed the Council that he spoke to One Voice Wales with regards to setting up a scrutiny committee. One Voice Wales informed the Chair that it didn't apply to GCG Community Council and it only applied to Councils that have a cabinet, such as NPTCC. He was also informed that due to the fact that GCG Community Council had subcommittees, this was sufficient.

##### Minute No 80 – GCG Community Centre.

Cllr. M. Harrison asked about the lease subcommittee. It was agreed by all present that Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. D. Jones and Cllr. M. Harrison, along with a member of the GCG Management Committee, would be members of the lease subcommittee.

##### Minute No 81 – Questions to the Chair.

The Clerk informed the council that she sent an email to Cllr. S. Reynolds. Cllr. S. Roach informed the council that the situation has gone worse since the previous meeting. He informed the council that there were sharp shelving/ metal objects at the back of CK's supermarket and expressed his concern with how dangerous the situation was. Cllr. L. Prescott expressed her concern with the liquid running from in between CK's and the takeaway restaurant. She was especially concerned with what the liquid was and whether it was hazardous. Cllr. L. Prescott agreed to take photos and send them to the Clerk. It was agreed by all that that an email is to be sent to Cllr. S. Reynolds from the Clerk explaining the concerns raised from the councillors.

**95. 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 £6251.94 (Cheque No 104264 to 104271) be approved for payment.

***9.02pm vote of extension on the meeting. Passed. Cllr. H Baker left the meeting.***

**96. Planning Application (Agenda item No.9)**

***Application No: P2021/0069***

*Applicants Name/Address:* Mr Jaswinder Brar. 48 Kiln Ride, Finchamstead, Wokingham. Berkshire. RG40 3PH.

*Site Location:* 58 Heol Cae Gurwen, GCG. SA18 1HG

*Proposal:* Lawful development certificate (existing use) to confirm A3 use of ground floor only.

There were no objections.

***Application No: P2021/0075***

*Applicants Name/Address:* Mr. Robert Thompson. 9 Beddau Way, Castlegate Business Park. Caerphilly. CF83 2AX.

*Site Location:* East Pit East Occs, Taigwaith, GCG. SA18 1UP.

*Proposal:* Application for approval of details under conditions 69 a (written scheme for the setting up and running of a nature conservation steering committee) of planning permission P2018/0636.

The councillors were unable to comment as the link that NPT provided to view the planning application did not work.

**97. Correspondence** *(Agenda item No.10)*

Letter received from Robert & Son proposing an increase to charges. It was agreed by all to continue using Robert & Son and that the increase was fair for the work he provides.

Email received from Mari Thomas, previously circulated by the Clerk informing the council on the decision made by Cwmgors Community Hall Committee to not allow the Covid testing to take place at Cwmgors Hall.

Email received from Dafydd Humphreys thanking the council for the presentation plate he received. (Email circulated to all councillors previously).

**98. Covid Testing** *(Agenda item No.11)*

This item was discussed fully in minute number 92, above.

**99. Electronic devices** *(Agenda item No.12)*

It was proposed by Cllr. L. Preece, seconded by Cllr. D. Davies that the purchases of electronic devices be postponed to a future date. Cllr. L. Prescott and Cllr. S. Jordan abstained from voting but it was agreed by the remaining councillors to postpone to a future date.

**100. Update from the meeting with Zurich** *(Agenda item No.13)*

Cllr. L. Prescott and Cllr. G. moore reported to the council that the meeting was very successful. Zurich are in the process of preparing statements on the councils behalf. They will update the council when they have more information.

**101. Reports from other committees. (Agenda item No.14)**

Health Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021 via zoom.

Minutes of the meeting were previously circulated by the Clerk from Cllr. L. Prescott.

Cllr. L. Prescott reported to the council that she has sent emails, on behalf of the council, to PHW, Hilary Dover, Jeremy Miles AM and Dr. Lloyd. No replies as of yet.

**102. To consider any motions. (Agenda item No.15)**

Cllr. L. Prescott raised her concerns regarding the flooding from communities due to old coal mines. It was agreed by all that the council should send a letter to the coal authority addressing these concerns.

**103. Questions to the Chair. (Agenda item No.16)**

There were no questions for the Chair.

**The meeting was closed at 9.57pm**

**Signed**

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**Dated**

**09/03/2020**