



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

### **Held Via Zoom**

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

**Meeting started at 6.35pm**

#### **104. Members Present**

L. Preece, Presiding.

Councillors: G. Moore, S. Jordan, D. Jones, S. Roach, R. Jones.

#### **Also In Attendance**

Martin Locock.

Ff. Lewis, Clerk/RFO.

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

Cllr. N. Treharne, Cllr. H. Baker, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. M. Harrison, Cllr. D. Davies,  
Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. A. Woolcock.

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

There were no new Declarations of personal interest.

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

The Chair announced that the Community Car scheme run from Canolfan Maerdy has been awarded funding from the Welsh Government for an electric car. The Chair also announced that the Covid testing has started at the Celtic Energy site up in Tairgwaith.

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

There were no questions from the public.

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

There were no updates.

**109. GCG Community Centre. (Agenda item No 6)**

The Chair informed the council that the Lease working group need to present a reasonable lease to a full council meeting before any decisions can be made. The Chair asked Martin Locock for his input. Martin Locock informed the council that progress has been made and that the lease working group need to finalise aspects of the lease. He was very hopeful that these matters will be finalised at their next meeting.

The Chair also raised with the council that there needs to be further discussion with regards to the lease of Y Lolfa.

***7.00pm Cllr. R. Jones joined the meeting and apologised for her lateness.***

**110. Verification and Confirmation of Minutes.** *(Agenda item No 7)*

**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:

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**111. Matters Arising.** *(Agenda item No 8)*

**Minute No. 94 – Matters Arising**

Cllr. D. Jones informed the council that there is no policy in place yet regarding the Independent Remuneration Report that was discussed at the previous One Voice Wales meeting.

Cllr. D. Jones wanted it noted that, with regards to the lease agreement for GCG Hall, the group should be a working group and not a Committee.

**Minute No. 96 – Planning Application**

**(East Pit Site)**

The Chair explained to the council how to view planning applications on NPTCC for future reference. Cllr. S. Jordan spoke to the council with regards to the letter received from the Coal Authority. Cllr. S. Jordan expressed her concerns with regards to the water levels/ situation at the site. It was proposed by Cllr. S. Jordan, seconded by the Chair and agreed by all that a letter should be sent to the local authority requesting an inspection from the reservoir panels to provide a report on the body of water at the site. Cllr. S. Jordan agreed to draft a letter and send it to the Clerk so that it can be forwarded on behalf of GCGCC. It was also agreed that a letter would be sent to National Resources Wales.

**Minute No. 100 – Zurich**

The council is awaiting a response from Zurich.

Minute No. 101 – Health Committee (Pwllfawatkin)

The Council asked the Clerk to resend the email previously sent asking for a zoom meeting with Jeremy Miles AS. Cllr. S. Roach reported back to the council that he was extremely concerned with the smells that have been coming from the site.

**112. Accounts for Payment (Agenda item No.9)**

It was agreed by all present that the Accounts totalling £4563.90 (Cheque No 104272 to 104283) be approved for payment.

The Chair requested that the Clerk compare prices for the work undertaken at Tairgwaith Park with the previous year. He also suggested that in future that GCGCC put out tenders.

**113. Planning Application (Agenda item No.10)**

***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, Tairgwaith, 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.

A full discussion with regards to the East Pit was made in Minute number 111 under matters arising.

***Application No: P2021/0141***

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

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

*Proposal:* Proposed new extraction system.

The Councillors were concerned with the potential smell that the extraction system may produce and were concerned with any complaints from local residents. The Councillors wanted to know if it would be a new extraction system or a replacement of an old extraction system.

**114. Correspondence** *(Agenda item No.11)*

Email received from Cllr. M. Harrison on behalf of Amman Valley foodbank, thanking GCG Community Council for their donation.

Email received from Cheryl Jordan on behalf of the Coal Authority with a response to the letter sent from GCG Community Council. The Clerk circulated the email to all councillors before the meeting.

Email received from Jenny Hall with a Celtic Energy Grant application attached. It was agreed by all that the application would be discussed further at the next Ordinary meeting of the council.

**115. Reports from other committees.** *(Agenda item No.12)*

One Voice Wales Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021.

Cllr. D. Jones reported back to the council that during the meeting a discussion was made with regards to the Swansea Bay Health Board. He confirmed that OVW had representatives on the board and that there was no need for a representative from GCGCC. Cllr. D. Jones also informed the council that one recommendation that OVW made, in ready for the Audit, was to ensure all staff contracts were up to date. The £150 councillor's allowance was also discussed at the meeting and he confirmed that this allowance is currently taxable but is still under negotiation. OVW are encouraging all councillors to participate in the training provided.

**116. To consider any motions.** *(Agenda item No.13)*

There were no motions to consider.

**117. Questions to the Chair. (Agenda item No.14)**

Cllr. G. Moore informed the council that Cllr. A. Herdman's funeral will be held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March and that all donations are to be made to the Downs Syndrome Association.

Cllr. D. Jones raised the question regarding the email previously circulated by the Clerk from Save life Cymru regarding Defibulators. He suggested that the council could look into putting one in the telephone kiosk in Cwmgors.

Cllr. R. Jones suggested to the council that we should look into the costs of the Community Centres and how they should be run in the future. She suggested that the council do a Community Consultation and ask the community for their recommendations. It was agreed by all that Cllr. R. Jones write a proposal to present to the council at the next Ordinary meeting.

**The meeting was closed at 9.00pm**

**Signed**

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**Dated**

**13/04/2020**