



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

Held Via Zoom

On Tuesday 13th April 2021 at 6.30pm

Meeting started at 6.30pm

The Chair called for a two minute silence in honour of His Royal Highness the Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh.

1. Members Present

L. Preece, Presiding.

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

Also In Attendance

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

Colin Petrie, Sarah Thomas, Martin Locock.

Ff. Lewis, Clerk/RFO.

Apologies for absence (Agenda item No 1)

Cllr. H. Baker, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. M. Harrison, Cllr. D. Davies.

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

There were no new Declarations of personal interest.

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

The Chair announced that after the publication of three available seats on GCG Community Council that these seats have been filled by the following people: Cllr. S. Reynolds for the Lower Brynamman ward, Colin Petrie for the Cwmgors ward, and Sarah Thomas for the Tairgwaith ward. All three candidates will be officially introduced at the next ordinary meeting once all the relevant paperwork has been received by the Clerk.

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

There were no questions from the public.

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

Cllr. A. Woolcock was pleased to announce to the council that after the consultation held at NPTBC with regards to the proposed budget that County Council were able to reduce the original proposed raised Council tax figure of 3.75% to 2.75%. Cllr. A. Woolcock reported back to the council with regards to the letter sent to Nicola Pearce and the response received from the Coal Authority (previously circulated to all councillors). He noted that the Coal Authority state that they are aware of the potential changes in the existing audit outflows at Lower Brynamman and will be including Lower Brynamman in the site monitoring plans.

Cllr. S. Reynolds expressed how important it is to encourage members of the community to keep pushing for a cycle path/ walking route in Tairgwaith. She also stressed the importance of needing a safe route for cyclists and walkers to travel towards Pontardawe. Cllr. S. Reynolds informed the council that she has been working with Maerdy Youth and Organised Chaos. They have money for 6 months to engage with the young people hanging around in our parks and similar and involve them in more organised activities as these are allowed.

7.00pm Cllr. A. Woolcock left the meeting.

6. 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 9th March 2021.

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

Minute No. 111 – Matters Arising – Health Committee (Pwllfawatkin). The Clerk reported to the Council that she had contacted Jeremy Miles to arrange a zoom meeting, like requested. Unfortunately, only Cllr. S Jordan had responded, therefore, the Clerk could not arrange a meeting. It was agreed by all present to send an email to the authorities and copy in Jeremy Miles.

Minute No. 114 – Celtic Energy Grant

The council discussed in detail with regards to the Celtic Energy Grant received from 'Y Lolfa' and it was agreed by all to award them the requested sum of £3906.

Minute No. 117 – Question to the Chair – Defibrillator.

Cllr. R. Jones raised the question whether there were grants available to be able to place more defibrillators within the community. It was agreed by all that there was a need to look into this further to see if there are grants available and whether there are organisations available to help.

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

It was agreed by all, moving forward, that it was suffice for the Clerk to produce monthly and quarterly reports for all councillors at Ordinary meetings.

It was agreed by all present that the Finance Committee need to meet on a more frequent basis. Ideally at least every quarter.

9. Planning Application (Agenda item No.9)

Application No: P2021/0326

Applicants Name/Address: Mr John O'Mahoney. 37 Graig Road, GCG. SA18 1EG.

Site Location: 37 Graig Road, GCG. SA18 1EG.

Proposal: Single story rear extension and detached garage.

No Objections.

10. Correspondence (Agenda item No.10)

Email from Wayne Preston (previously circulated via email to all councillors) requesting to meet with councillors to discuss Bryn Rovers AFC at their convenience.

Letter received from Steve Ball via email (previously circulated via email to all councillors). It was agreed that Cllr. S. Jordan would draft a response and send to the Clerk.

11. Reports from other committees. (Agenda item No.11)

The Lease Working Group.

Cllr. D. Jones reported to the council that in the last working group Martin Locock contacted NPTBC for advice regarding Business Rates. Cllr. D. Jones announced that the working group are getting close to finalising a lease agreement.

12. To consider any motions. (Agenda item No.12)

There were no motions to consider.

13. Community Consultation questionnaire. (Agenda item No.13)

Cllr. R. Jones had previously sent a mock questionnaire to the Clerk. This was then circulated previously to all members of the council. It was agreed by all councillors present to discuss the proposal further at the next Ordinary Meeting as they felt that they needed more time to look at the questionnaire.

The meeting was closed at 9.10pm

Signed.......... Dated 11/05/2021