



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

Held Via Zoom

On Tuesday 11th May 2021 at 6.30pm

Meeting started at 6.35pm

14. Members Present

L. Preece, Presiding.

Councillors: G. Moore, S. Jordan, D. Jones, S. Roach, R. Jones, S. Thomas, C. Petrie, H. Baker, S. Reynolds, M. Harrison.

Also In Attendance

Cllr. A. Woolcock.

Ff. Lewis, Clerk/RFO.

Apologies for absence *(Agenda item No 1)*

Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. N. Treharne.

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

Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. C. Petrie and Cllr. S. Thomas declared an interest with Canolfan Maerdy.

16. Introduce the new Councillors *(Agenda item No 3)*

The Chair welcomed and introduced Cllr. Sarah Thomas as the new representative for the Tairgwaith ward, Cllr. Colin Petrie as the new representative for the Cwmgors ward and Cllr. Sonia Reynolds as the new representatives for the Lower Brynamman ward.

17. Chair's Announcements *(Agenda item No 4)*

The Chair announced that there will be a need for a discussion and a vote at a future meeting in how the Council will conduct their meetings post Covid.

18. Questions from the Public. *(Agenda item No 5)*

There were no questions from the public.

19. To receive any Updates from county council. *(Agenda item No 6)*

Cllr. A. Woolcock congratulated the three new councillors.

Cllr. A. Woolcock informed the council of the attended closure of Barclays Bank Plc in Ammanford and asked the council to support him with opposing this closure. It was agreed by all members present to write a letter to Barclays Bank Plc voicing their concerns.

7.04pm Cllr. A. Woolcock left the meeting.

7.05pm Cllr. R. Jones joined the meeting and apologised for her lateness.

20. 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:

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

Minute No. 5 – Updates from county council.

Cllr. M. Harrison raised the question regarding the cycle path and asked what the Council should be doing to support the creation of the path. Cllr. S. Reynolds informed the council that the second round of consultation is due and urged that all councillors take part in this consultation process. Cllr. S. Reynolds also informed the council that there is currently a live consultation regarding the railway routes and it was vital that people take part in this consultation.

Minute No. 10 – Correspondence.

The Clerk reported to the council that she is still waiting for a response from Steve Ball.

It was agreed by all present for the Clerk to resend the original email sent to Keith Reid requesting that he provides the council with the data needed. The Clerk is to specifically stipulate in the email to release the data under the freedom of information request.

Cllr. S. Reynolds stressed that it's important for the councillors representing GCG Community Council on the PHW liaison committee to attend regularly. Cllr. G. Moore informed the council that due to Covid there hasn't been a meeting and is waiting for the meetings to start again.

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

Application No: P2021/0293

Applicants Name/Address: Mr Mark Hadley. 74 Heol Cae Gurwen, GCG. SA18 1PB

Site Location: 74 Heol Cae Gurwen, GCG. SA18 1PB.

Proposal: Two storey rear extension.

No Objections.

Application No: P2021/0420

Applicants Name/Address: Mr Martyn Davies. Ty Gwyn, Brunel Way, Neath. SA11 2FP.

Site Location: 23 Maes Gareth Edwards. GCG. SA18 1RU.

Proposal: Works to 2x Oak trees covered by Tree Preservation Order T202/A6: - Remove dead wood from crowns and reduce the branches overhanging the garden by 3m.

No Objections.

Application No: P2021/0453

Applicants Name/Address: Mr David Radford. Cwmamman House, Lane from Station Road to Gorsto Farm. Lower Brynamman. SA18 1SN.

Site Location: Cwmamman House, Lane from Station Road to Gorsto Farm, Lower Brynamman. SA18 1SN.

Proposal: Proposed two storey side extension.

The Chair will find out what a Proposed Lawful Development Certificate entails.

23. Correspondence (Agenda item No.10)

Email from Robin Judd (Zurich) informing the Clerk that a repudiation of the claim was sent to the Claimant's Solicitors on 03.03.21 and is yet to receive a response.

Letter from Canolfan Maerdy dated 10th May 2021. It was agreed by all present that Cllr. G. Moore will liaise with the Clerk to send out all previous correspondence related to this letter to all councillors. The councillors agreed that a decision on how to respond will be made after receiving the relevant information.

24. Community Halls. (Agenda item No.11)

The Clerk informed the Council that she has created and sent out Risk assessments, cleaning schedules, track and trace forms, Booking forms and relevant guidelines on the reopening of the halls to all members of staff and management committees. The Clerk was thanked for her work.

25. Community Consultation Questionnaire. (Agenda item No.12)

Cllr. R. Jones explained to the council her proposal and thanked Cllr. S. Jordan for the input she provided via email. After a lengthy discussion the councillors agreed to create two separate questionnaires, one regarding the Community and Community Centres, the other regarding the Health Board.

9.00pm the Chair called for an extension of the meeting.

26. Celtic Energy Grant. (Agenda item No.13)

Celtic Energy Grant received from GCG Community Management Committee (previously circulated via email). It was agreed by all for the Clerk to send Martin Locock an email asking for a copy of the constitution, Bank statements, and to give an outline of the size and dimensions of the art work. It was proposed and agreed by all that once the information was provided that the Councillors would make a decision via email to the Clerk.

9.10pm Cllr. H. Baker left the meeting.

27. Monthly finance report. (Agenda item No.14)

The Clerk reported to the council that she has been working with the team in Rialtas to get the system up and running again. It is now usable and therefore she is able to input all data for the financial year 2020/21. The Clerk is hoping that all year end reports will be available for all councillors shortly. The Clerk also reported to the Council that a VAT refund claim has been submitted to

HMRC for 2018/19 and 2019/20 (information previously circulated via email).
The Clerk previously circulated via email, the cheque payments made for April 2021, no queries made.

28. Reports from other committees. (Agenda item No.15)

Cllr. D. Jones informed the council that the lease previously circulated by the Clerk wasn't correct and that there was an updated version. The Clerk will email Martin Locock requesting the updated version and circulate to all councillors.

29. To consider any motions. (Agenda item No.16)

There were no motions to consider.

30. Questions to the Chair. (Agenda item No.17)

There were no questions for the Chair.

The meeting was closed at 9.35pm

Signed.......... Dated 08/06/2021