



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

**Held Via Zoom**

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

**Meeting started at 6.30pm**

**102. Members Present**

L. Preece, Presiding.

Councillors: D. Jones, S. Thomas, C. Petrie, S. Reynolds, G. Moore, S. Jordan, R. Jones.

**Also In Attendance**

Cllr. A. Woolcock.

Ff. Lewis, Clerk/RFO.

Members of the Public.

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

Cllr. M. Harrison.

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

There were no new declarations of interest.

**104. Chair's announcements (Agenda item No 3)**

The Chair informed the council that there will be a Remembrance service held at GCG and Lower Brynamman Cenotaph on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November. It was agreed by all present that the Chair would lay the wreath at GCG and Cllr. G. Moore at Lower Brynamman.

The Chair informed the council that the water leak at Tairgwaith Hall has now been fixed.

**105. Questions from the public. (Agenda item No 4)**

A member of the public asked Council if GCGCC had anything to do with Awel Aman Tawe (the old Cwmgors School). The Council informed the member of the public that this was not a council owned venture and if they required any more information the Council would gladly put them in touch with Awel Aman Tawe.

**106. To receive any updates from County Council. (Agenda item No 5)**

Cllr. A. Woolcock informed the council that the procession held at Lower Brynamman for the Remembrance service will commence from St Cathryn's Church at 12pm.

Cllr. A. Woolcock also informed the council that there will be a Covid centre in Pontardawe on Wednesdays and Fridays. More details to follow.

Cllr. A. Woolcock informed the council that NPTCBC are now holding their consultation period for their Welsh Strategic Plan, this will run until January 2022, any question or comments to be sent to [education@npt.gov.uk](mailto:education@npt.gov.uk).

Cllr. A. Woolcock has written to the Boundary Commission outlining his concerns regarding initial proposals regarding the joining of certain boundaries.

He doesn't agree with some of the proposals and has conveyed this in his letter.

**6.55pm Cllr. A. Woolcock left the meeting.**

Cllr. S. Reynolds informed the council that the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan went through the committee and is moving forward.

Cllr. S. Reynolds also informed the council that the decision on the future of Leisure services has been deferred to a later date to enable more information to be made available. The provision of Leisure services will be an essential element in supporting those with physical and mental impact to recover from the pandemic.

Cllr. S. Reynolds informed the council that she held a walk in surgery at the end of October with regards to Celtic and the Commoners. There will be a consultation with the Local Development Plan after May.

**107. 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:

GCGCC Ordinary Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

GCGCC Finance Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

GCGCC Personnel Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021.

**108. Matters arising. (Agenda item No 7)**

**Minute No 80 – Member Vacancies.**

The Clerk informed the Council that a Co-option policy needs to be created before co-opting new members onto the council. This will be done within the next week and circulated to all councillors.

#### Minute No 86 – Correspondence.

Cllr. G. Moore informed the council that an email has been sent to Canolfan Maerdy and he will resend the email.

#### Minute 91 – Christmas Lights.

The Chair informed the council that the dates for the switch on/off of the lights have been sent to the relevant people.

Cllr. S. Thomas asked if the Christmas Committee have organised a meeting yet as she hasn't received an invitation regarding this. There hasn't been a meeting to date, all members of the Committee agreed to liaise via email to organise a meeting.

#### Minute 97 – Recommendations to council from the Finance Committee.

- Proposed by Cllr. S. Thomas, Seconded by Cllr. S. Reynolds to increase the training budget. Cllr. S. Jordan abstained from voting. Agreed by all other members present.
- Proposed by Cllr. S. Thomas, Seconded by Cllr. C. Petrie to keep the money previously allocated for Y Glyn in a separate bank account. Agreed by all present.
- Proposed by Cllr. S. Thomas, Seconded by Cllr. S. Reynolds to remove the remainder of the Celtic Energy Fund from the main Bank Account and keep separate in the Bank Account ending in 058 minus the amount currently in that account. Agreed by all present.
- Proposed by Cllr. S. Thomas, Seconded by Cllr. C. Petrie to re-asses the bank accounts closer to the financial year end and allocate any money remaining to reserves. Agreed by all present.
- Proposed by Cllr. S. Thomas, Seconded by Cllr. G. Moore to create a Parks budget for replacement/ repairs of play equipment. Agreed by all present.
- Proposed by Cllr. D. Jones, Seconded by Cllr. S. Reynolds to charge Aman Tawe practice for the use of GCG Hall when used for Covid vaccines. Cllr.

L. Preece and Cllr. G. Moore abstained from voting. Agreed by all other members present.

Cllr. D. Jones requested an agenda item for councillors allowance of £150 to put on the agenda of the next Ordinary Meeting.

Minute 98 – Christmas Decoration Budget.

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Moore, Seconded by Cllr. S. Thomas that a budget of £150 be allocated towards the Christmas decoration prizes and to be taken from the Financial Assistance budget. Agreed by all present.

***7.55pm Cllr. S. Reynolds left the meeting.***

Minute 101 – Staff Salaries.

Proposed by Cllr. S. Thomas, Seconded by Cllr. S. Jordan and agreed by all present to accept the recommendations made at the Personnel Meeting.

**109. Planning Applications. (Agenda item No 8)**

***Application No: P2021/1014***

*Applicants Name/Address:* Neville and Elinor Staines and Jones, 1 Glyn Road, Brynamman, SA18 1SS.

*Site Location:* Land at 15 Glyn Road, Brynamman. SA18 1SS.

*Proposal:* Construction of retaining walls and associated ground works related to Planning Permission P2020/0614 (Detached dwelling and detached garage).

No Objections.

**110. Correspondence. (Agenda item No 9)**

Email received from NRW dated 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The information received from NRW was not the information requested. It was proposed by Cllr. S. Thomas, Seconded by Cllr. C. Petrie and agreed by all present to resend a letter

requesting the correct information. Cllr. S. Thomas will draft a copy and send to the Clerk who will then send the letter to NRW.

***Cllr. S. Jordan requested that Agenda item No 11 to be brought forward as she would need to leave the meeting soon. It was agreed by all present to do so.***

**111. Implementation of Council email address. (Agenda item No 11)**

The Chair thanked Cllr. S. Thomas for the help she has provided the Clerk with setting up councillor email addresses. The Chair informed the council that councillors will now receive all information via their new councillor email addresses. Anyone who has difficulty in setting these up are to contact Cllr. S. Thomas or the Clerk.

***8.20pm Cllr. S. Jordan left the meeting.***

**112. Finance Reports. (Agenda item No 10)**

The Clerk previously circulated via email the Schedule of Payments made in October 2021 along with the Finance reports issued at the Finance Committee meeting. There were no questions raised.

**113. Reports and representations of Committees, Sub Committees and External Bodies. (Agenda item No 12)**

There were no reports.

**114. To Consider any motions. (Agenda item No 13)**

There were no motions to consider.

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

There were no questions for the Chair.

**The meeting was closed at 8.30pm.**

Signed.......... Dated 14/12/2021