



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

Held Via Zoom

On Tuesday 14th December 2021 at 6.30pm

Meeting started at 6.30pm

116. Members Present

L. Preece, Presiding.

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

Also In Attendance

Cllr. A. Woolcock.

Ff. Lewis, Clerk/RFO.

Apologies for absence *(Agenda item No 1)*

Cllr. M. Harrison, Cllr. H. Baker.

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

There were no new declarations of interest.

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

The Chair informed the council that Christmas chocolates have been bought for the children at GCG and Taigwaith School.

The Chair also informed the council that the Christmas competition has been advertised to members of the public.

119. Questions from the public. (Agenda item No 4)

There were no questions from members of the public.

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

Cllr. A. Woolcock informed the Council that there will be available funding allocated towards the additional service demand and response resulting from Covid.

Cllr. S Reynolds informed the council that there is a surgery due regarding highway concerns. Amongst the topics up for discussion will be the pelican crossing in Lower Brynamman, she assured the council that this topic is still on the Agenda. Cllr. S. Reynolds also informed the council that a bid has been made for play areas, included in the bid are improvements to the Basketball courts, Astroturf and flood lights.

6.45pm Cllr. A. Woolcock left the meeting.

121. 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 9th November 2021.

122. Matters arising. (Agenda item No 7)

Christmas Lights – It was agreed that the Clerk is to write a statement on the website and on social media to explain and apologise to the members of the public for the lack of Christmas lights.

123. Planning Applications. (Agenda item No 8)

Application No: P2021/1157

Applicants Name/Address: Mr Owain Llyr Roberts, 11 Brynllloi Road, Glanamman. SA18 1EQ

Site Location: 42 Twynerafail Place, GCG. SA18 1HY

Proposal: Part two storey part single story rear extension and porch to front elevation.

No Objections.

124. Correspondence. (Agenda item No 9)

Email received from NRW dated 30th November requesting a more specific date scale for the original request (previously circulated to all via email). The Clerk informed the council that an email was sent on the 8th December requesting that the information needed to be taken from October 2019.

Letter received from the British Legion dated 30th November 2021 thanking the council for their kind donation.

125. Adopt the Co-Option policy (Agenda item No 10)

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Reynolds, seconded by Cllr. S. Thomas that the cooption policy previously circulated by the Clerk be adopted. Cllr. S. Jordan abstained from voting. It was agreed by all other members present to adopt the policy.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Reynolds, seconded by Cllr. S. Thomas that the available seats are to be advertised for co-option as soon as possible. Cllr. S. Jordan abstained from voting. All of the other members present agreed to this proposal.

126. Finance Reports. (Agenda item No 11)

The Clerk previously circulated via email the Payments and Receipts for November 2021. There were no questions raised.

127. Discuss 1st draft of the recommended budget for 22/23. (Agenda item No 12)

A recommended budget for 2022/23 was previously circulated via email to all members.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Reynolds, seconded by Cllr. S. Jordan and agreed by all present that the Clerk is to calculate the costing of a member of staff at £9 per hour for 8 hours a week.

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Moore, seconded by Cllr. D. Jones to hold a Finance Meeting on 10th January 2022 to discuss the budget in greater detail and bring recommendations to the next full council meeting. It was agreed by 6 votes to 1 to hold the Finance Meeting. (Cllr. S. Reynolds disagreed with the decision).

128. Councillors Allowance. (Agenda item No 13)

It was noted that all councillors are entitled to a taxable allowance of £150. If councillors do not wish to take this allowance then they must opt out via the

Clerk, alternatively, anyone receiving this allowance must complete a PAYE form.

129. Youth Council. (Agenda item No 14)

Members of the council were very keen to try and encourage the youth to get involved with the council. It was suggested that members speak to the youth club for ideas and to invite the Mayor of the NPT Youth Council to a full council meeting.

130. Pwllfawatkin. (Agenda item No 15)

Cllr. S. Reynolds reported to the council that around twelve people attended the drop in session held at Cwmgors Community Centre. The documents are available at Cwmgors Community Centre for public viewing. The current application (letter received from FCC dated 19th November 2021) is for the safe closure of the landfill. It was noted that there is a need for an odour management plan. The current application made is for filling of the existing cell in a safe manner.

9.00pm the Chair called for an extension. All members present agreed with the extension.

Cllr. S. Thomas informed the council that the feedback they received from FCC was that currently there are approximately 26 places on site where they are continuously monitoring. Cllr. S. Thomas has provided her email address to FCC and is waiting for them to get in touch.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Jordan, seconded by Cllr. S Thomas that the council request that Pwllfawatkin carry out an independent evaluation of the site. Cllr. L. Preece and Cllr. S. Reynolds abstained from voting. It was agreed by all other members present to do so.

131. Reports and representations of Committees, Sub Committees and External Bodies. *(Agenda item No 16)*

A report from the OVW meeting that the Clerk attended on the 1st December 2021 was circulated via email to all members. There were no questions raised.

132. Consider any motions. *(Agenda item No 17)*

There were not motions to consider.

133. Questions to the Chair. *(Agenda item No. 18)*

There were no questions for the Chair.

The meeting was closed at 9.25pm.

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Dated **10/01/2022**