



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

**Held Via Zoom**

**On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 6.30pm**

**Meeting started at 6.30pm**

### **137. Members Present**

L. Preece, Presiding.

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

### **Also In Attendance**

Cllr. A. Woolcock.

Ff. Lewis, Clerk/RFO.

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

Cllr. H. Baker.

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

There were no new declarations of interest.

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

On behalf of the council, Cllr. S. Thomas wished the Chair a very Happy Birthday.

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

There were no questions from members of the public.

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

Cllr. A. Woolcock informed the council that the 2022/23 budget for NPTCBC will be out for consultation until February 1<sup>st</sup> 2022, where they are working towards a 0% rise.

Cllr. S. Reynolds spoke to the council regarding the transfer of the common land and informed the members that she has sent in the concerns raised from members of the community. The final decision on the planning from Welsh Government is due on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022. If by this point that no serious concerns are raised then a decision will be made by the end of the financial year. Cllr. S. Reynolds also informed the council that she has spoken to the staff at planning and East Pit to organise a site visit but due to the current covid restrictions, this is not possible.

**6.50pm Cllr. A. Woolcock left the meeting.**

**142. 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 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

With the following amendments:

Last paragraph on page 5 to read:

*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.*

#### **143. Matters arising. (Agenda item No 7)**

##### Updates from County Council

Cllr. S. Reynolds informed the council that the bid for Park Werin has been approved and the work will be carried out by the end of March.

Cllr. S. Reynolds also informed the council that they are currently waiting for the outcome on the consultation for the Active Travel, she has asked for the planned route to be raised to a high priority rather than medium and has gained support for this. We won't know the outcome of the consultation until after the new financial year.

##### Christmas Lights

The Clerk informed the council that she has sent an email requesting a quote for fixing the dummy poles. She also informed the council that she is looking into who is responsible for the cost. The councillors present all agreed that the Christmas Committee need to meet earlier in the year to be able to overcome such obstacles.

##### Youth Council

Agreed that the Clerk is to send an email to the Mayor's office inviting the Youth Mayor to the next Ordinary Meeting.

#### **144. Correspondence. (Agenda item No 8)**

Response received from NRW previously circulated by the Clerk.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Thomas to create a Health and Safety working group so that discussions regarding Pwllfawatkin and the Health board can take place and any findings/ recommendations can be brought back to full council. Cllr. S. Jordan seconded the proposal. Cllr. D. Jones abstained from voting all other member present agreed with the proposal.

It was agreed by all members present that Cllr. S. Thomas, Cllr. C. Petrie and Cllr. S. Jordan will participate in the Health and Safety working Group. It was also agreed that the Clerk is to send an email inviting all members of the council to join the group if they wish to do so.

**145. Discuss the recommended Budget previously circulated via email.**

*(Agenda item No 9)*

The councillors present agreed with the recommendations made at the Finance meeting.

It was recommended that the Finance Committee will explore available grants for future funding.

**146. Precept for 2022/23.** *(Agenda item No 10)*

Following a detailed discussion it was proposed by Cllr. G. Moore, seconded by Cllr. S. Reynolds and agreed by all present that the Precept for 2022/23 be approved at £109,703. Noted, that this represented an increase in Council Tax Band D of £1.79 for the year.

**147. Consider any motions.** *(Agenda item No 11)*

Cllr. S. Thomas proposed that when important information is published on the website that the link is to be shared amongst all councillors. Cllr. M. Harrison seconded this proposal and it was agreed by all present.

**148. Questions to the Chair. (Agenda item No. 12)**

Cllr. S. Reynolds asked the Chair if there has been any contact with regards to Y Glyn site. Cllr. G. Moore informed the council that he's now got keys. Cllr. S. Reynolds informed the council that she has been in contact with Menshed to discuss the possibility of their return. Cllr. S. Reynolds would also like a site visit to assess the situation of the building.

**The meeting was closed at 8.50pm.**

Signed..........Dated.....08/02/2022.....