



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

Held Via Zoom

On Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 6.30pm

Meeting started at 6.30pm

149. Members Present

S. Thomas, Presiding.

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

Also In Attendance

Cllr. A. Woolcock.

Ff. Lewis, Clerk/RFO.

Bethan Nicholas – Thomas (Youth Mayor), J. Holloway (Youth Services).

Apologies for absence (*Agenda item No 1*)

There were no apologies for absence.

It was agreed by all present to bring item number 5 of the Agenda forward.

150. Presentation from the Youth Council (*Agenda item No 5*)

The Chair welcomed the Youth Council to the meeting. Bethan gave a very in depth presentation to the council of her role on the Youth Council as the Youth

Mayor. Every member of the Youth Council are based in Neath Port Talbot. Bethan also informed the council of the initiatives that the Youth council have and are currently undertaking.

- Environment initiative.
- Disabled school initiative – they are looking into how to make schools more sustainable and inclusive. They are currently working on the feedback they've received.
- School uniform – looking into a system for reusing school uniforms.
- Fruit Tree initiative – Two trees have been planted in each schools involved in the scheme.

The Chair thanked Bethan and J. Holloway for attending the meeting and for their presentation.

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

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

152. Chair's announcements (Agenda item No 3)

There were no announcements from the Chair.

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

There were no questions from members of the public.

154. To receive any updates from County Council. (Agenda item No 6)

Cllr. A. Woolcock informed the council that the leisure services have come back to NPTCBC. He also informed the council that county have submitted plans to Welsh Government for the opening of three Welsh Schools within Neath Port Talbot. Cllr. A. Woolcock spoke about the land at Banwen Place, Lower

Brynamman, he informed the council that back in the 80s the land should have been transferred to council ownership. Cllr. A. Woolcock also informed the council that he has been in contact with Celtic and is currently waiting for the council to accept the land as village green.

7.00pm Cllr. L. Preece joined the meeting and apologised for being late.

Cllr. S. Reynolds reassured the council that no planning has been made for this land and there is nothing planned for the future. Any planning on common land has to go through LDP. Cllr. S. Reynolds is very pleased that Celtic Leisure has come back to NPTCBC.

Cllr. S. Reynolds informed the council of the progress at Pac Y Wern. Currently there are conversations going on with Cwmgors RFC regarding the flood lights. Contractors have been identified for the work that is needed and work should start towards the end of the month.

7.18pm Cllr. A. Woolcock left the meeting.

155. 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:

Minutes of the Finance Meeting held on the 10th January 2022.

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 11th January 2022.

156. Matters arising. (Agenda item No 8)

Updates from County Council

Cllr. S. Reynolds informed the council that she is currently in discussion with regards to Active Travel. Cllr. S. Reynolds has written to Lee Waters with asking questions regarding the conditions surrounding the Active Travel criteria.

Christmas Lights

Cllr. S. Thomas informed the council that she would email the members of the Christmas Lights committee to organise a meeting.

157. Planning. (Agenda item No 9)

Application No: P2021/0075

Applicants Name/Address: Mr Robert Thompson, 9 Beddau Way, Caerphilly. CF83 2AX.

Site Location: East Pit East Occs, Tairgwaith. SA18 1UP.

Proposal: Application for approval of details under Condition 69 a (Written scheme for the setting up and running of a Nature Conservation Steering Committee) of planning permission P2018/0636.

The Clerk informed the council that a letter has been sent requesting that a seat is made available for a member of the council. Cllr. S. Reynolds informed the council that A. Rees will be available to speak to councillors after the elections.

Application No: P2022/0043

Applicants Name/Address: Mr James Daley, Land adj to 65 Heol Y Gors, Cwmgors. SA18 1PT.

Site Location: Land adj to 65 Heol Y Gors, Cwmgors. SA18 1PT. *Proposal:* Detached residential property.

No Objections.

Application No: P2022/0056

Applicants Name/Address: Mr Michael James, 48 Park Street, Lower Brynamman. SA18 1TG.

Site Location: 48 Park Street, Lower Brynamman. SA18 1TG.

Proposal: Conversion of Ground Floor former Post Office to living room of domestic house.

No Objections.

158. Correspondence (Agenda item No 10)

Email received from T. Boothroyd dated 31st January 2022 circulated via email from the Clerk. The Clerk informed the council that she has sent an email asking to see the information. Notes sent from Cllr. S. Reynolds of a discussion with Planning lead on East Pit, previously circulated to all members via email from the Clerk.

159. Adopt the Terms of Reference for the Health & Safety Working Group (Agenda item No 11)

Resolved that the Terms of Reference for the Health & Safety Working Group (previously circulated via email from the Clerk) be adopted.

160. Letter drafted by the Health & Safety Working Group (Agenda item No 12)

It was proposed by Cllr. L. Preece, seconded by Cllr. C. Petrie and agreed by all present that the Clerk is to send the letter drafted by Cllr. S. Thomas requesting that the information provided by NRW is sent in a different format.

161. Review the TOR and Constitution for GCG management committee (Agenda item No 13)

Resolved to send the Terms of Reference and Constitution to GCG hall management committee with the following amendments:

TOR:

No. 4 to read as follows:

Councillors may attend meetings of the Management Committee and be allowed to speak and vote, with a limit of 5 Councillors and a preference to Gwaun Cae Gurwen Councillors.

Add the following as No. 5:

Councillors may not be Officers.

Constitution:

No. 7, Officer Selection, item b) to read as follows:

All Members are eligible to be Officers, except those representing Gwaun Cae Gurwen Community Council.

No. 8 c) viii as follows:

Such items as are stated in the notice of the meeting.

162. Finance Reports (Agenda item No 14)

A query was raised with regards to the npower invoice. The Clerk informed the council that she has emailed npower.

163. Celtic Energy Grant (Agenda item No 15)

Cllr. L. Preece declared an interest with Canolfan Maerdy.

Due to the lack of members present available to vote on this Grant application it was agreed by all present to defer this item to a later date.

164. GCG Community Hall (Agenda item No 16)

Cllr. M. Harrison thanked Cllr. S. Thomas for creating the Terms of Reference and Constitution on behalf of the management committee.

165. Y Glyn (Agenda item No 17)

Cllr. G. Moore has given Cllr. S. Reynolds the keys for a site visit. Cllr. S. Reynolds informed the council that she has been up to Y Glyn, unfortunately she was unable to gain access to the lower school. Cllr. S. Reynolds was able to gain access to the large school. She has asked the PCSO to keep an eye on the building. Cllr. S. Reynolds also informed the council that the building is in need

of renovation to get it up to an acceptable standard. It was agreed by all present that there is a need to secure the building.

9.00pm Cllr. S. Thomas called for an extension to the meeting. It was agreed by all present.

166. Reports from other Committees (Agenda item No 18)

There were no reports from other committees.

167. To consider any motions (Agenda item No 19)

There were no motions to consider.

168. Questions to the Chair (Agenda item No 20)

There were no questions for the Chair.

169. To consider exclusion of the press and public. (Public bodies (Admissions to meetings)) Act 1960 due to commercially sensitive and business issues (Agenda item No 21)

Agreed by all present.

170. Staffing structure (Agenda item No 22)

An in depth discussion was made by all present regarding staff.

The meeting was closed at 9.20pm.

Signed..........

Dated **08/03/2022**