



## **GWAUN CAE GURWEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

**18:30 on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 via Zoom**

**MEETING OPENED: 18:30**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cllr. S. Thomas (Chair), Cllr. C. Petrie (Vice-Chair), Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. G. Thomas, Cllr. L. O'Hara, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Jordan & Cllr. S. Reynolds

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

None

**48 APOLOGIES (ITEM 1):**

Cllr. G. Moore & Cllr. D. Humphreys

**49 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ITEM 2):**

None

**50 MEMBER CO-OPTION (ITEM 3):**

Deferred to October Meeting as applicants unavailable.

**51 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS (ITEM 4):**

Chair apologised that there were so many late additions to the agenda, this was due to the handover from former Clerk to Chair.

**52 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (ITEM 5):**

None

**53 COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATE (ITEM 6):**

Cllr. S. Reynolds...

**54 MINUTES (ITEM 7):**

**a) Ordinary Meeting Minutes – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

Deferred to October Meeting.

**b) Joint Personnel & Finance Committee Extraordinary Meeting Minutes – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022**

**APPROVED:**

**Proposed:** Cllr. S. Reynolds **Seconded:** Cllr. G. Thomas



**For:**

Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. G. Thomas, Cllr. L. O'Hara, Cllr. L. Preece,  
Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. S. Thomas

**Against:**

None

**Abstained:**

None

**55 MATTERS ARISING (ITEM 8):**

None

**56 APPOINTMENTS (ITEM 9):**

**a) Tairgwaith Primary School Governor:**

**APPOINTED - CLLR. G. THOMAS AS TAIRGWAITH PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNOR:**

**Cllr. G. Thomas – Proposed:** Cllr. S. Thomas **Seconded:** Cllr. L. Prescott

**Cllr. L. Preece – Proposed:** Cllr. L. Preece **Seconded:** Cllr. S. Reynolds

**For Cllr. G. Thomas:**

Cllr. G. Thomas, Cllr. L. O'Hara, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Jordan & Cllr. S.  
Reynolds

**For Cllr. L. Preece:**

Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. D. Jones & Cllr. S. Thomas

**Against:**

None

**Abstained:**

Cllr. G. Thomas & Cllr. L. Preece

**b) Appoint Cllr. L. Preece to Finance & Personnel Committees:**

**APPOINTED:**

**Proposed:** Cllr. S. Thomas **Seconded:** Cllr. G. Thomas

**For:**

Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. G. Thomas, Cllr. L. O'Hara, Cllr. S. Reynolds  
& Cllr. S. Thomas

**Against:**

None

**Abstained:**

Cllr. L. Prescott & Cllr. S. Jordan

**57 PLANNING APPLICATIONS (ITEM 10):**

**a) 31/08/2022 – P2022/0686**

**b) 01/09/2022 – P2022/0744**



c) 20/09/2022 – P2022/0743

d) 21/09/2022 – P2022/0728

e) 22/09/2022 – P2022-0579

## 58 COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCE (ITEM 11):

Chair advised Councillors that all Councillors need to complete either the PAYE form to receive the Councillor's Allowance or the Opt Out Form to decline the payment. Councillor Allowance payment is a one-off annual payment of £150 and it is taxable income. The purpose is to cover any out-of-pocket expenses Councillors may incur. These payments need to be processed during this financial year and so it is essential that we get these forms in so MJB Business Solutions who handle our payroll can action them. Chair to send the forms to all Councillors.

## 59 CELTIC ENERGY COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND (ITEM 12):

### a) Cwmgors Rugby Club:

Council discussed the application and agreed to approve it on the provision that the match funding from NPT East Pit Revised Opencast Community Benefit Fund is granted and that if the applicant is VAT registered, they will increase their contribution and reduce what they are asking us for.

#### APPROVED:

##### For:

Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. G. Thomas, Cllr. L. O'Hara, Cllr. L. Preece,  
Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. S. Thomas

##### Against:

None

##### Abstained:

None

## 60 REPORTS (ITEM 13):

### a) Payments

#### i. Purchase of Park Maintenance Checklist:

As previously discussed by Council, agreed to purchasing a Maintenance Checklist from RoSPA for both Cwmgors and Tairgwaith Parks at a total cost of £60

#### APPROVED:

##### For:

Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. G. Thomas, Cllr. L. O'Hara, Cllr. L.  
Preece, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. S.  
Thomas

##### Against:

None



**Abstained:**

None

**b) Park Assessments**

**i. Cwmgors Park Assessment – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**ii. Tairgwaith Park Assessment – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

Cllr. D. Jones raised the matter of the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) in Lower Brynamman and it was agreed this be raised at the Finance Committee due to the lease coming to an end this year.

**61 CORRESPONDENCE (ITEM 14):**

**a) Send Letter to Healthcare Inspectorate Wales – Amman Tawe Practice:**

**APPROVED:**

**For:**

Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. G. Thomas, Cllr. L. O'Hara, Cllr. L. Preece,  
Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. S. Thomas

**Against:**

None

**Abstained:**

None

**b) Send Letter to Boundary Commission for Wales – Parliamentary Boundary Review:**

**APPROVED:**

**For:**

Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. G. Thomas, Cllr. L. O'Hara, Cllr. L. Preece,  
Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. S. Thomas

**Against:**

None

**Abstained:**

None

**c) Send Letter to Valuation Office Agency:**

**APPROVED:**

**For:**

Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. G. Thomas, Cllr. L. O'Hara, Cllr. L. Preece,  
Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. S. Thomas

**Against:**

None

**Abstained:**

None



## 62 STAFFING (ITEM 15):

### a) Adopt Recommendation of Finance & Personnel Committees:

**APPROVED:**

**For:**

Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. G. Thomas, Cllr. L. O'Hara, Cllr. L. Preece,  
Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. S. Thomas

**Against:**

None

**Abstained:**

None

- b) Motion that pursuant to Section 100A (4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded for the following items of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 14 and 15 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the above Act.

**APPROVED:**

**For:**

Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. G. Thomas, Cllr. L. O'Hara, Cllr. L. Preece,  
Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. S. Thomas

**Against:**

None

**Abstained:**

None

## 63 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (ITEM 16):

### a) Next Meeting Agenda Items:

- i. Cllr. S. Jordan – East Pit Safety Concerns
- ii. Cllr. L. Preece – Christmas Pantomime

### b) Plates & Gifts for Members of the Community:

Council discussed 3 Community Members approaching their 90<sup>th</sup> Birthdays and agreed to present plates. Council discussed a Community Member approaching their 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday and agreed to present a plate if this was not done for their 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and to present a gift if a plate was already presented. Chair to liaise with Neath Port Talbot Mayors Office regarding presentations.

**APPROVED:**

**For:**

Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. G. Thomas, Cllr. L. O'Hara, Cllr. L. Preece,  
Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. S. Thomas



**Against:**

None

**Abstained:**

None

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 20:20**

**SIGNED:**

*Forah Thomas*  
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**DATE:**

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