



GWAUN CAE GURWEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

18:30 on Tuesday, 11th October 2022 via Zoom

MEETING OPENED: 18:30

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Lynda Williams

64 APOLOGIES (ITEM 1):

Cllr. D. Humphreys

65 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ITEM 2):

Cllr. S. Thomas – Co-Option Lynda William (Item 3) – Prejudicial Interest

66 MEMBER CO-OPTION (ITEM 3):

a) Lynda Williams:

CLLR. C. PETRIE– PRESIDED OVER THIS ITEM.

LYNDA WILLIAMS LEFT THE MEETING AT 18:42

CLLR. S. THOMAS LEFT THE MEETING AT 18:42

DECLINED:

VOTES: For: 1 Against: 5 Abstained: 2

CLLR. S. THOMAS INVITED BACK AND RE-JOINED THE MEETING AT 18:56

LYNDA WILLIAMS INVITED BACK AND RE-JOINED THE MEETING AT 19:05

Current Vacancies:

Cwmgors – 1

Gwaun Cae Gurwen – 2

Lower Brynamman – 1

CLLR. S. THOMAS – PRESIDED OVER REMAINDER OF MEETING FROM 19:05

67 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (ITEM 4):

Quotes requested for repairs to Tairgwaith Park



The boiler in GCG hall has been fixed at cost of £121.20

Quote to trim bushes in Tairgwaith Community Centre and remove waste – £350

Recovered access to Council supplier accounts.

68 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (ITEM 5):

None

69 COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR UPDATES (ITEM 6):

a) Cllr. S. Reynolds:

Various meetings have been postponed.

No information yet on proposals for the coming budgets.

Resolution on the climate emergency raised by Green Party however an action plan has not yet been provided

Mayor has been in our community last week to celebrate a resident's 100th birthday and will be back again on Thursday for another 2 residents' 90th birthdays.

Repairs work done on main road in GCG and Cemetery Road, Cwmgors due to flooding last week and there will be further visits as longer-term solutions are sought.

CLLR. G. THOMAS JOINED THE MEETING AT 19:09

Cllr. G. Thomas joined the meeting and informed Cllr. S. Reynolds that the priority signage approaching the traffic calming upon entering Cwmgors has been damaged and is no longer visible. Cllr. S. Reynolds to inform highways however there are plans to replace the current traffic calming measures with speed bumps in the near future.

70 PREVIOUS MINUTES (ITEM 7):

a) Ordinary Meeting Minutes - 12st July 2022

APPROVED:

Proposed by: Cllr. C. Petrie **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. Jones

For:

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

Against:

None

Abstained:



None

b) Ordinary Meeting Minutes - 26th September 2022

APPROVED:

Proposed by: Cllr. C. Petrie **Seconded by:** Cllr. L. Prescott

For:

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

Against:

None

Abstained:

Cllr. G. Moore

c) Extraordinary Meeting Minutes - 4th October 2022

APPROVED:

Proposed by: Cllr. D. Jones **Seconded by:** Cllr. L. Preece

For:

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

Against:

None

Abstained:

Cllr. S. Jordan

71 MATTERS ARISING (ITEM 8):

a) Ordinary Meeting Minutes - 12th July 2022

None

b) Ordinary Meeting Minutes - 26th September 2022

None

c) Extraordinary Meeting Minutes - 4th October 2022

None

72 PLANNING APPLICATIONS (ITEM 9):

No comments.



73 CELTIC ENERGY COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND (ITEM 10):

a) Cwmgors Rugby Club

Cllr. D. Jones informed that the VAT item had been changed as requested. Cllr. S. Reynolds informed that the VAT item had been removed from all contributors and that the NPTCBC bid had been approved.

APPROVED:

Proposed by: Cllr. S. Thomas **Seconded by:** Cllr. L. Prescott

For:

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

Against:

None

Abstained:

None

74 COMMITTEES & APPOINTMENTS (ITEM 11):

a) Asset & Estates Sub-Committee of Finance Committee

Creation of new Sub-Committee to manage and maintain the Council's assets and estates, including the Asset and Risk Registers, insurance and repairs.

APPROVED:

Proposed by: Cllr. S. Thomas **Seconded by:** Cllr. L. Preece

For:

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

Against:

None

Abstained:

None

75 POLICIES (ITEM 12):

CLLR. S. REYNOLDS LEFT THE MEETING AT 19:37

a) Finance Committee Terms of Reference (Oct 2022)

APPROVED:



Proposed by: Cllr. S. Thomas **Seconded by:** Cllr. C. Petrie

For:

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

Against:

None

Abstained:

None

b) Personnel Committee Terms of Reference (Oct 2022)

APPROVED:

Proposed by: Cllr. G. Thomas **Seconded by:** Cllr. L. Preece

For:

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

Against:

None

Abstained:

None

c) Asset & Estates Sub-Committee Terms of Reference (Oct 2022)

APPROVED:

Proposed by: Cllr. L. Preece **Seconded by:** Cllr. G. Moore

For:

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

Against:

None

Abstained:

None

Councillors reminded that anyone, including the public can attend and members for the new sub-committee were sought.

APPOINTED: Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr S. Thomas, Cllr. C. Petrie & Cllr. D. Jones



Cllr. L. Prescott gave her update for Item 16 (Any Other Business) before giving apologies and leaving.

CLLR. L. PRESCOTT LEFT THE MEETING AT 20:09

76 REPORTS (ITEM 13):

a) Payments

Discussion on the payments documents and processes inherited from the former Clerk best way going forward.

b) Repairs

Quotes are being sought for the roof repairs required at GCG Community Centre.

Issue of fallen leaves and rubbish at Cwmgors park raised.

c) Purchases

Agree to purchase Kettle & Toolkit for GCG. Discussion on purchase of vacuum cleaner for GCG Hall and agreement that a domestic cordless vacuum is not suitable but agreed to spend up to £200 on a suitable commercial use vacuum.

APPROVED:

For:

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

Against:

None

Abstained:

None

77 ACCESS TO MEETINGS (ITEM 17):

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

Against:

None

Abstained:



None

CLLR. L. PREECE CALLED FOR AN EXTENSION TO THE MEETING AT 21:07.

MEETING EXTENSION AGREED BY ALL

78 CORRESPONDENCE (ITEM 13):

None

79 PLATES (ITEM 15):

None

80 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION) (ITEM 16):

a) Christmas Pantomime

Cllr. L. Preece raised the offer he had received for holding 2 Christmas Pantomime events in our community at a cost of under £1000.

APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE:

For:

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

Against:

None

Abstained:

None

b) Celtic Energy East Pit – Public Safety

Cllr. S. Jordan raised concerns of the steep drop and the deep cold waters at the site that members of the community are accessing. Cllr S. Jordan to email Chair and members with further details. Chair will raise points from Cllr. S. Jordan with Celtic Energy at upcoming meeting about fencing.

b) Ysgol y Glyn, Lower Brynamman

Cllr. L. Prescott informed Council that part of the chain-link fence has disappeared and children's play equipment had been placed onto our land possibly from a neighbouring property. Cllr. S. Thomas agreed to take photos and report back.

81 NEXT MEETING (ITEM 18):

Tuesday, 8th November 2022 at 18:30



83 MEETING ADJOURNED (ITEM 19): 21:30

SIGNED:

Arak Thomas

DATE:

08 / 11 / 2022