



GWAUN CAE GURWEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

18:30 on Tuesday, 8th November 2022 via Zoom

MEETING OPENED: 18:40

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr. S. Thomas (Chair), Cllr. C. Petrie (Vice-Chair), 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:

Brian Davitt & Rachel Rees-Jones (Canolfan Maerdy)

83 APOLOGIES (ITEM 1):

Cllr. D. Humphreys & Cllr. D. Jones

84 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ITEM 2):

Cllr. G. Moore – Member Co-Option (Item 4) – Personal
Cllr. L. O'Hara – Planning Application (Item 10-A & 10-B) – Prejudicial
Cllr. L. Preece – Canolfan Maerdy (Item 3) – Personal
Cllr. L. Preece – Canolfan Maerdy (Item 11) – Personal
Cllr. S. Reynolds – Canolfan Maerdy (Item 3) – Personal
Cllr. S. Reynolds – Canolfan Maerdy (Item 11) – Personal
Cllr. G. Thomas – Canolfan Maerdy (Item 3) – Personal
Cllr. G. Thomas – Canolfan Maerdy (Item 11) – Personal
Cllr. S. Thomas – Canolfan Maerdy (Item 3) – Personal
Cllr. S. Thomas – Canolfan Maerdy (Item 11) – Personal
Cllr. S. Thomas – Co-Option Response (Item 18-D) – Prejudicial

85 CANOLFAN MAERDY – COMMUNITY GARDEN AT Y BANWEN FIELD (ITEM 3):

SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE, A 3 YEAR LEASE OF Y BANWEN FIELD TO CANOLFAN MAERDY FOR COMMUNITY GROWING PROJECT (LEASE TO BE DRAWN UP BY ASSETS & ESTATES SUB-COMMITTEE):

Proposed by: Cllr. L. Prescott **Seconded by:** Cllr. L. O'Hara

For:

Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. O'Hara, Cllr. L. Prescott & Cllr. S. Jordan

Against:

None



Abstained:

Cllr. S. Thomas, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. G. Thomas, Cllr. L. Preece & Cllr. S. Reynolds

Rachel Rees-Jones from Canolfan Maerdy gave a presentation on a project for community garden areas utilising land adjacent to Canolfan Maerdy in Tairgwaith, Heol y Gors Park in Cwmgors and land at Ysgol y Glyn in Lower Brynamman, with request for a 3 year lease from the Council.

RACHEL REES-JONES LEFT THE MEETING AT 19:10

86 MEMBER CO-OPTION (ITEM 4):

a) HELEN BAKER:

Proposed by Cllr S. Reynolds and agreed by all to give Helen a final opportunity at the next meeting having been on the list since June.

b) BRIAN DAVITT:

BRIAN DAVITT LEFT THE MEETING AT 19:30

ACCEPTED:

VOTES: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstained: 2

BRIAN DAVITT RE-JOINED THE MEETING AT 19:31

Current Vacancies:

Gwaun Cae Gurwen – 2

Lower Brynamman – 1

87 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (ITEM 5):

Members were reminded that once approved, minutes cannot then be changed under Matters Arising and that Matters Arising was not an opportunity to raise other items.

Meeting documents can be printed for members if requested.

Still some work to do on outstanding payments.

Chair will meet briefly with each Councillor to get updated copies of declarations, interests and allowance forms signed.

Thanked Cllr. G. Moore for work done with sorting out paper work.

88 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (ITEM 6):

None



89 COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR UPDATES (ITEM 7):

a) CLLR. S. REYNOLDS:

Budget updates are due. Welsh Government warn there is a huge deficit coming of around £4 million, possibly double deficit so one-year to be almost double. The Local Authority has been looking for warm-house funding for warm places and food funding. The hardship fund has been open for a while with details on the NPTCBC website.

Locally, flood risks have been an issue and sandbags have been delivered to GCG Hall so they are available quickly if needed. Work has been carried out on Maes Y Glyn to stop future flooding.

b) CLLR. S. THOMAS:

Budget consultation will be held in Cwmgors Community Centre on either the 22nd November or the 1st December.

90 PREVIOUS MINUTES (ITEM 8):

a) ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES – 11TH OCTOBER 2022

APPROVED:

Proposed by: Cllr. G. Thomas **Seconded by:** Cllr. G. Moore

For:

Cllr. S. Thomas, Cllr. C. Petrie, 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

91 MATTERS ARISING (ITEM 9):

No matters arising.

92 PLANNING APPLICATIONS (ITEM 10):

a) 26/10/2022 – P2022-0847

b) 31/10/2022 – P2022-0849

c) 08/11/2022 – P2022-0926

93 COMMUNITY FUNDS (ITEM 11):

a) GCG FOODBANK



PURCHASE 3 FARESHARE SHARES UP TO A COST OF £2,500 FOR A YEAR TO BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN CANOLFAN MAERDY & GCG FOOD BANKS:

Proposed by: Cllr. L. Prescott **Seconded by:** Cllr. L. O'Hara

For:

Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. L. O'Hara, Cllr. L. Prescott & Cllr. S. Jordan

Against:

None

Abstained:

Cllr. S. Thomas, Cllr. G. Thomas, Cllr. L. Preece & Cllr. S. Reynolds

Request received from GCG Foodbank regarding the sharp increase in those requiring food parcels, for assistance to buy food or pay for FareShare. Last year a single share was bought and shared between GCG Food Bank and Canolfan Maerdy Food Hwb.

94 COMMITTEES & APPOINTMENTS (ITEM 12):

a) RFO:

APPOINTED: CLLR. C. PETRIE

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

For:

Cllr. S. Thomas, 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. C. Petrie

Cllr. L. Prescott to take over minutes for future Council Meetings.

b) ACTIVE TRAVEL JOINT WORKING GROUP:

APPOINTED - CLLR. G. THOMAS & CLLR. L. PRESCOTT

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

For:

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

Against:

None



Abstained:

Cllr. G. Thomas & Cllr. L. Prescott

Cllr. G. Thomas highlighted the need for a safe cycle and foot path between Cwmgors and Rhyd-Y-Fro via the Pwllfawatkin site, utilising parts of the old railway line and will liaise with Pontardawe Town Council to create this Working Group.

95 POLICIES (ITEM 13):

None

96 REPORTS (ITEM 14):

a) Payments

Items have been circulated

97 CORRESPONDENCE (ITEM 15):

a) YSGOL Y GLYN & LOWER BRYNAMMAN

VALUATION FOR LARGER BUILDING WITH OBJECTIVE OF RAISING FUND TO RENOVATE SMALLER BUILDING FOR COMMUNITY USE:

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

For:

Cllr. S. Thomas, Cllr. C. Petrie, 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) TAIRGWAITH PARK PROPOSAL

CLLR. S. THOMAS TO GET QUOTES FOR BOTH REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OPTIONS. NPTCBC OFFICER P. HINDER TO BE INVITED TO NEXT MEETING.

c) COMMUNITY GARDENS & ALLOTMENTS

CLLR. S. THOMAS TO RESPOND TO NPTCBC ADVISING OF CURRENT & PLANNED PROVISIONS IN COMMUNITY.

98 PLATES (ITEM 16):

None



99 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION) (ITEM 17):

a) BRITISH LEGION – POPPY APPEAL

PROPOSED INCREASING THE USUAL DONATION OF £100 TO £150 THIS YEAR DUE TO ADDITIONAL COSTS INCURRED FOR PARADES:

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

For:

Cllr. S. Thomas, Cllr. C. Petrie, 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) PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY REVIEW

PROPOSED THE COUNCIL WRITE TO THE BOUNDARY COMMISSION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS' REPORT (SHARED WITH COUNCIL VIA EMAIL PRIOR TO START OF MEETING):

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

For:

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

Against:

None

Abstained:

Cllr. L. Prescott

100 ACCESS TO MEETINGS (ITEM 18):

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.

For:

Cllr. S. Thomas, Cllr. C. Petrie, 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

BRIAN DAVITT LEFT THE MEETING AT 20:53

CLLR. S. THOMAS EXTENDED THE MEETING AT 20:59

CLLR. S. THOMAS LEFT THE MEETING AT 21:15 FOR ITEM 18D

CLLR. C. PETRIE CHAIRED ITEM 18D

CLLR. L. O'HARA LEFT THE MEETING AT 21:33

**CLLR. S. THOMAS RE-JOINED THE MEETING AT 21:38 AND CHAIRED THE
REMAINDER OF THE MEETING**

CLLR. G. THOMAS LEFT THE MEETING AT 21:38

101 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION) (ITEM 17):

a) HEATING FUEL

**CLLR. S. THOMAS ASKED FOR COUNCIL'S APPROVAL TO PURCHASE 2,000
LITRES OF OIL UP TO A COST OF £2,000:**

For:

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

Against:

None

Abstained:

None

102 NEXT MEETING (ITEM 19):

Tuesday, 13th December 2022 at 18:30

103 MEETING ADJOURNED (ITEM 20): 21:40

SIGNED:

DATE:

13 / 12 / 2022