



GWAUN CAE GURWEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

18:30 on Tuesday, 9th May 2023 via Zoom

MEETING OPENED: 18:30

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr. S. Thomas (Chair), Cllr. C. Petrie (Vice-Chair), Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Humphreys, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. G. Thomas, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. L. Prescott & Cllr. S. Reynolds.

193. APOLOGIES (ITEM 1):

Cllr. S. Jordan.

194. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ITEM 2):

- a) Cllr. L. Preece – Canolfan Maerdy (11B) – Personal
- b) Cllr. S. Reynolds – Canolfan Maerdy (11B) – Personal

195. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS (ITEM 3):

Cllr. S. Thomas has been in touch with Insurers, Locksmiths, Estate Agents and Solicitors and is arranging quotes.

Cllr. S. Thomas attended the NPTCBC Community & Town Council Liaison Forum Meeting. Rhys George – Returning Officer (Electoral Services) gave a presentation on Voter ID for future elections. The Voter ID does not apply to Senedd or Local Government Elections in Wales, only General Elections and Police & Crime Commissioner Elections. Cllr. S. Thomas will share the presentation once distributed.

196. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (ITEM 4):

None.

18.39 Cllr. S. Reynolds joined the meeting.

197. COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR UPDATES (ITEM 5):

a) Cllr. S. Reynolds

- i. The crossing on the Brynamman Road is waiting for an electrical contractor in order for the work to continue.
- ii. Darren Rice developer for the dive centre at the old East Pit site, is waiting for Common Land deregistration before plans can continue to be made.

b) Cllr. S. Thomas

- i. Work being carried out on the A474 to address issue with blocked drains.



- ii. Discussions have been taking place regarding speed bumps in Cwmgors.

198. PREVIOUS MINUTES (ITEM 6):

a) Ordinary Meeting Minutes – 11th April 2023

Cllr. D. Jones had an issue with point 178 – Chairs Announcements. Cllr Jones wanted it noted that it was felt that Canolfan Maerdy using the site could jeopardise the sale of the school.

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PROPOSED BY: Cllr. G. Thomas **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. D. Humphreys

For: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Humphreys, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. G. Thomas & Cllr. S. Thomas.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

b) Ordinary Meeting Minutes – 2nd May 2023

Cllr. D. Jones questioned the ages group of the youth council, it was explained why the decision was made to have the age group from 11-21 for the youth council.

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Against: None.

Abstained: Cllr. G. Moore.

199. MATTERS ARISING (ITEM 7):

a) Ordinary Meeting – 11th April 2023

Cllr. D. Jones sought clarification on some matters.

200. PLANNING APPLICATIONS (ITEM 8):

None.

201. COMMUNITY FUNDS (ITEM 9):

None.

202. COMMITTEES & APPOINTMENTS (ITEM 10):

Cllr. D. Humphreys to join; Events Committee, Finance Committee, Health & Safety Committee, Health Services Sub-Committee & Personnel Committee.

Cllr. S. Lane to join; Events Committee & Youth Committee.



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Against: None.

Abstained: None.

203. POLICIES & PROCEDURES (ITEM 11):

a) Notices of Vacancy

Both Notices of Vacancy have expired and can now be advertised for Co-Option. Another application has been handed in today. This will be heard at an Extraordinary Meeting prior to the AGM.

b) Canolfan Maerdy – Property Management Agreement

Cllr. D. Jones objects to the word office and feels project is more appropriate. This was agreed. The names of the schedules will be taken out. Cllr. S. Reynolds would like to thank Cllr. L. Prescott for her work on the Agreement.

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PROPOSED BY: Cllr. L. Prescott **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. D. Humphreys

For: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Humphreys, Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. G. Thomas & Cllr. S. Thomas.

Against: None.

Abstained: Cllr. L. Preece & Cllr. S. Reynolds.

c) Tairgwaith Park Quotes

Sutcliffe Play – Option 2.

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PROPOSED BY: Cllr. D. Humphreys **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. L. Preece

For: Cllr. D. Humphreys, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. G. Moore, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. G. Thomas & Cllr. S. Thomas.

Against: None.

Abstained: Cllr. B. Davitt & Cllr. D. Jones.

204. REPORTS (ITEM 12):

a) Attendance Register

For information.



b) Training Plan & Log

A training for councillor safety has gone out today via email. Can Cllr's please respond ASAP so the training can be booked. Cllr. D. Humphreys to send list of courses he wishes to attend. Cllr. B. Davitt struggling to keep up with the speed of the training and asked if training could be recorded. It was explained that it could not. Cllr. L. Prescott attended the Community Engagement training which was good.

c) Payments

April is now complete.

Cllr. C. Petrie asked if Cllr. S. Thomas would merge the incoming and outgoing sheets than having two sheets a month, Cllr. S. Thomas explained she needs these laid out this way to keep on top the online payments sent and the booking fees arriving but advised Cllr. C. Petrie that he can issue his own Payment Statement if he wishes as it is in the remit of RFO.

Cllr. D. Jones questioned the TotalEnergies Gas payment for Cwmgors which is listed twice, Cllr. S. Thomas explained that this is for an outstanding quarterly payment but the Council have now begun paying by monthly Direct Debit rather than quarterly by BACS. This is why the Gas payment is listed twice in a single month. The Npower payment is for Lower Brynamman Gas.

d) Insurance Renewal Quote

Insurance quotes have been received. Discussion over the various quotes pursued and it was agreed by all after discussion that as the 3-year Community Council renewal from Zurich would be purchased. Cllr. G. Moore stated that Zurich have been very helpful over the years that the Council have been with them.

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Against: None.

Abstained: None.

e) Accounts & Audit Update

Cllr. C. Petrie is waiting for Bank Statements and list from Internal Auditor. Cllr. C. Petrie is working on this year's accounts and has raised some issues with the Finance Committee. Cllr. C. Petrie is still waiting for bank statements. Cllr. L. Preece will forward these as a matter of urgency.

205. CORRESPONDENCE (ITEM 13):

a) Community Safety Officer

Received a response from the Community Safety Office who will offer support regarding the traffic calming sign as you enter Cwmgors.



206. PLATES (ITEM 14):

None.

207. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION) (ITEM 15):

- a) Cllr. S. Reynolds has been informed that the Gateway to the Black Mountain monument is the responsibility of GCGCC. However, this needs to be clarified. Cllr. S. Thoms will explore this further. As far as any Councillors present were aware NPTCBC never handed the monument or Cenotaph over to GCGCC.
- b) New Standing Orders are coming out hopefully they will arrive before the AGM in two weeks. Cllr. S. Thomas asked if people could consider which is the best evening to meet for the Council meetings for the year as this will need to be decided at the AGM.
- c) Cllr. B. Davitt asked if we could have an in-person meeting. Cllr. S. Thomas explained that as we do not have facilities for a hybrid meetings so we cannot have an in-person meeting.

208. NEXT MEETING (ITEM 16):

- a) **Annual Meeting at 18:30 on Tuesday, 23rd May 2023**

MEETING ADJOURNED: 19:30

SIGNED:

DATE:

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