



GWAUN CAE GURWEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

18:30 on Tuesday, 23rd April 2024

MEETING OPENED: 18:35

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr. S. Thomas (Chair), Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. K. Tanner.

237. APOLOGIES (ITEM 1):

Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Jones & Cllr. Ff. Lewis.

238. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ITEM 2):

Cllr. L. Preece – Quotes & Repairs (Item 16) – Personal.

239. MEETING CONDUCT (ITEM 3):

Chair welcomed all and asked that phones be set to silent. Reminded members to raise their electronic hand to vote or indicate if they wish to speak, to wait to be called before speaking and remain on mute while not speaking. Members were reminded to treat each other with dignity and respect.

240. CO-OPTION APPLICATIONS (ITEM 4):

No Co-Option Applications.

241. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (ITEM 5):

Chair wished Cllr. D. Jones who is unwell a fast and full recovery and sends her sympathies to Cllr. L. Preece who has had a family bereavement.

Chair also pointed out that Councillors are summoned to a Council Meeting not invited and we should not be struggling with quorum at meetings. Chair reminded Councillors about the 6 months rule.

242. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (ITEM 6):

No Members of the Public present.

243. COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS (ITEM 7):

CLLR. S. REYNOLDS:

Been advised that Pontardawe Pool will be closing this year, this will be blamed on the state of the pool but this is down to age and it should be noted that there was a plan to have a new pool built to replace this one when the 21st century school was built, given that is no longer proceeding there are currently no



a) ACCOUNTANTS

MOTION: To employ Bevan Buckland as the Council accountants.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. L. Prescott **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. L. Preece

FOR: Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: Cllr. C. Petrie.

MOTION: To accept the quotes for all services offered (Bookkeeping, Year End Reporting, Tax Returns & Annual Returns) for the 2024/2025 financial year and all outstanding accounts.

APPROVED

PROPOSE/D BY: Cllr. L. Preece **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. K. Tanner

FOR: Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: Cllr. C. Petrie.

MOTION: To upgrade Rialtas licence to allow 2 users and to add cloud services.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. S. Thomas **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. L. Preece

FOR: Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. A. Lacey, Cllr. S. Lane, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

253. REPORTS (ITEM 17):

a) ATTENDANCE REGISTER

For information only.

b) PAYMENTS

No questions, queries or comments.

Cllr. S. Thomas explained we will be starting a new document for the next meeting as this report takes us up to the end of the 2023/2024 financial year.

19:11 CLLR. S. LANE LEFT THE MEETING.

254. CORRESPONDENCE (ITEM 18):

a) COMMUNITY CUSHIONS

Cllr. S. Thomas to get a quote for these for Council to consider purchasing one for GCG Community Centre and perhaps one for each Community Centre.



255. PLATES (ITEM 19):

No Plates.

256. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (ITEM 20):

Cllr. S. Jordan asked if there has been any response from the Coal Authority regarding the letter sent by the Vice Chair. Cllr. L. Prescott & Cllr. S. Thomas both confirmed they have not received any response as yet.

The Senedd, Climate Change, Environment & Infrastructure Committee will be meeting soon, Cllr. S. Jordan will be in attendance, East Pit is likely to come up. Any Councillors who have any comments or questions should forward them to Cllr. S. Jordan to raise them on our behalf.

Cllr. L. Prescott advised there is a plant known as 'Lady's Smock' growing at GCG Community Centre, this plant is beneficial to biodiversity, Cllr. L. Prescott will install a small barrier around the plant to protect it and ensure it doesn't get damaged during maintenance and grass cutting.

Cllr. L. Prescott notified Council that there was some vandalism to the boundary fence at the front of GCG Community Centre, someone had pulled the fencing off the posts and it was hanging down over the pavement, Caretaker has repaired this with cable ties, this is a secure repair but may be easier to vandalise in future.

Cllr. S. Thomas advised Council that there is some damage to the rendering around the windows at the rear of Tairgwaith Community Centre, this is allowing water to get into the exterior walls and this is doing some damage, it isn't too bad yet but we do need to get this looked at and fixed if we don't want structural and/or damp issues going forward.

Cllr. C. Petrie agreed to check and request any payments we need to make until Cllr. D. Jones is available, so that Cllr. S. Thomas can act as a signatory.

257. URGENT ITEMS (ITEM 21):

Council approved the purchase of 1,500 Litres of oil for GCG.

258. NEXT MEETING (ITEM 22):

Ordinary Meeting at 18:30 on Tuesday, 14th May 2024 via Zoom.

259. MEETING ADJOURNED: 19:33

SIGNED:

DATE:

14 / 05 / 2024