



GWAUN CAE GURWEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

18:30 on Tuesday, 11th June 2024

MEETING OPENED: 18:30

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr. K. Tanner (Chair), Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. S. Thomas.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Anna Rowlands – Canolfan Maerdy – Manager
Alison Davies – NPTCBC – LAC

18. APOLOGIES (ITEM 1):

Cllr. D. Jones & Cllr. L. Prescott.

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ITEM 2):

Cllr. L. Preece – Item 6 – Canolfan Maerdy – Personal (Dispensation).
Cllr. S. Reynolds – Item 6 – Canolfan Maerdy – Personal (Dispensation).
Cllr. S. Thomas – Item 11B – Planning Committee – Personal.
Cllr. D. Keeley – Item 12C – Y Lolfa – Personal.
Cllr. S. Thomas – Item 15A – Clerk’s Expenses – Personal.
Cllr. D. Keeley – Item 21A – Planning Application – Personal.
Cllr. S. Thomas – Item 21 – Planning Committee – Personal

20. 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 everybody with dignity and respect.

21. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS (ITEM 4):

Notice of Vacancy for Gwaun Cae Gurwen Ward issued on 6th June 2024.

22. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (ITEM 5):

No Members of the Public present.

23. CANOLFAN MAERDY – YSGOL Y GLYN/Y BANWEN (ITEM 6):



Anna Rowlands introduced herself as the General Manager at Canolfan Maerdy and gave a presentation on the progress and plans of the Community Growing Project that includes three sites, one of which is located at the Community Council's field in Y Banwen and has expanded into the school yard and sheds behind Ysgol Y Glyn, this includes Amman Valley Maker Space occupying one of the sheds on a permanent basis. Canolfan Maerdy are asking to have the access via Ysgol Y Glyn and to continue to use the yard and sheds behind to be extended as well as a longer lease on the field to access funds via grants to carry out more improvements to the site.

Following a discussion it was agreed to create a document that will formalise the access, use and responsibilities for Canolfan Maerdy and Amman Valley Maker Space to continue to use the rear of the Ysgol Y Glyn site, this will then come to Council for approval.

24. PCSO REPORT (ITEM 7):

PCSO not present.

25. LAC REPORT (ITEM 8):

Nothing to report.

26. PREVIOUS MINUTES (ITEM 9):

a) Ordinary Meeting – 14/05/2024

MOTION: To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. D. Keeley

SECONDED BY: Cllr. B. Davitt

FOR: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: Cllr. L. Preece.

b) Annual General Meeting – 28/05/2024

MOTION: To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. S. Thomas

SECONDED BY: Cllr. C. Petrie

FOR: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: Cllr. L. Preece.

c) Extraordinary Meeting – 28/05/2024

MOTION: To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. D. Keeley

SECONDED BY: Cllr. S. Thomas

FOR: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr.



L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

27. MATTERS ARISING (ITEM 10):

No Matters Arising.

28. PLANNING APPLICATIONS (ITEM 11):

a) P2024/0160

The window to respond to this application has expired.

b) P2023/0217

MOTION: To oppose the application to extend the timescale.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. S. Jordan

SECONDED BY: Cllr. S. Reynolds

FOR: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: Cllr. S. Thomas.

29. COMMUNITY FUNDS – GRANTS & DONATIONS (ITEM 12):

a) Eisteddfod yr Urdd 2025

MOTION: To give a donation of £300 to Eisteddfod yr Urdd 2025.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. S. Thomas

SECONDED BY: Cllr. S. Jordan

FOR: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

b) Neath Model Railway Club

MOTION: To approve the previous Celtic Energy Grant application following receipt of the clubs constitution.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. B. Davitt

SECONDED BY: Cllr. S. Reynolds

FOR: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

c) Y Lolfa



MOTION: To give a £300 donation to Y Lolfa.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. K. Tanner

SECONDED BY: Cllr. L. Preece

FOR: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: Cllr. D. Keeley.

30. COMMITTEES & APPOINTMENTS (ITEM 13):

- a) OVW Local Area Committee

MOTION: To replace Cllr. S. Thomas with Cllr. B. Davitt.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. S. Thomas

SECONDED BY: Cllr. S. Reynolds

FOR: Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: Cllr. B. Davitt.

- b) Personnel Committee

MOTION: To add Cllr. S. Reynolds to the Personnel Committee.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. S. Thomas

SECONDED BY: Cllr. D. Keeley

FOR: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: Cllr. S. Reynolds.

31. QUOTES & REPAIRS (ITEM 15):

- a) Clerks Expenses

MOTION: To approve the Acting Clerk's expenses claim of £727.91 and to approve Cllr. S. Thomas authorising the payment on behalf of Council in the absence of a third signatory.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. L. Preece

SECONDED BY: Cllr. S. Reynolds

FOR: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. K. Tanner.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: Cllr. S. Thomas.

- b) Christmas Panto

MOTION: To approve paying for two Christmas Panto events at GCG and Tairgwaith



Community Centres.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. S. Thomas

SECONDED BY: Cllr. L. Preece

FOR: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

32. **POLICIES & PROCEDURES (ITEM 14):**

- a) Meeting Schedule 2024-2025

MOTION: To change the meeting schedule to the second Monday of the month.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. S. Thomas

SECONDED BY: Cllr. D. Keeley

FOR: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: Cllr. S. Jordan.

33. **REPORTS (ITEM 16):**

- a) Attendance Register

For information only.

19:41 **CLLR. S. REYNOLDS DISCONNECTED FROM THE MEETING**

- b) Payments

No question or concerns raised.

34. **CORRESPONDENCE (ITEM 17):**

- a) Kids Cancer Charity

Thank you message for donation.

- b) Little Book Den

Thank you certificate for donation.

35. **PLATES (ITEM 18):**

No Plates.

36. **PRIVATE ITEMS (ITEM 19):**

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 Paragraph(s) 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the above Act.



APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. C. Petrie

SECONDED BY: Cllr. S. Thomas

FOR: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

19:43 ALISON DAVIES DISCONNECTED FROM THE MEETING

19:44 CLLR. C. PETRIE DISCONNECTED FROM THE MEETING

19:44 CLLR. S. REYNOLDS REJOINED THE MEETING

19:52 CLLR. B. DAVITT DISCONNECTED FROM THE MEETING

37. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (ITEM 20):

No Other Business.

38. URGENT ITEMS (ITEM 21):

No Urgent Items.

a) P2024/0160

No question or concerns raised.

b) P2023/0217

MOTION: To request more information from Planning.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. S. Reynolds

SECONDED BY: Cllr. S. Jordan

FOR: Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. D. Keeley, Cllr. Ff. Lewis, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. K. Tanner.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: Cllr. S. Thomas.

39. NEXT MEETING (ITEM 22):

ORDINARY MEETING AT 18:30 ON MONDAY, 8TH JULY 2024 VIA ZOOM.

40. ADJOURNMENT: 20:10

SIGNED:

DATE:

08 / 07 / 2024