



GWAUN CAE GURWEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

18:30 on Monday, 8th July 2024

MEETING OPENED: 18:30

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mariyasekaran Janisatan – Co-Option Applicant
Natasha Stonehouse – Co-Option Applicant

41. APOLOGIES (ITEM 1):

Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. L. Prescott & Cllr. S. Reynolds.

42. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ITEM 2):

No Declarations of Interest.

43. 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.

44. CO-OPTION APPLICATIONS (ITEM 4):

a) Mariyasekaran Janisatan

Jan was experiencing connectivity issues so this application was deferred to September's meeting.

b) Natasha Stonehouse

There was a discussion and question and answer session with Natasha Stonehouse.

MOTION: To co-opt Natasha Stonehouse onto Council.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. S. Thomas

SECONDED BY: Cllr. K. Tanner

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

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

45. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS (ITEM 5):

Chair advised Council that Cllr. D. Jones is still in hospital but will hopefully be discharged on Friday to rehabilitate with family.

46. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (ITEM 6):

No Questions from Members of the Public.

47. NPTCBC REPORTS (ITEM 7):

- a) Cllr. S. Reynolds

Not present.

- b) Cllr. S. Thomas

Very little to report as most activities went on hold for the general election campaign period.

48. PCSO REPORT (ITEM 8):

PCSO not present.

49. LAC REPORT (ITEM 9):

LAC not present.

50. PREVIOUS MINUTES (ITEM 10):

- a) Ordinary Meeting – 11/06/2024

Cllr. C. Petrie was unhappy that the minutes stated that he left the meeting when his connection dropped.

Cllr. C. Petrie would like the minutes to be more verbose and to clearly note the details of any discussions that take place.

Cllr. S. Thomas advised that Minutes are not meant to be detailed or extensive, they are only meant to be a record of decision taken.

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

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. K. Tanner

SECONDED BY: Cllr. D. Keeley

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

AGAINST: Cllr. C. Petrie.

ABSTAINED: None.

51. MATTERS ARISING (ITEM 11):

Cllr. S. Jordan raised the matter of the letter sent to the Coal Authority under Minute 219 b from the Minutes for the Extraordinary Meeting held on 26/02/2024, Cllr. S. Jordan would like it noted how long we have been awaiting a response.

Cllr. S. Jordan raised the fact that the response to our email regarding P2023/0217 in Minute 38 b of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11/06/2024 was not satisfactory.

52. PLANNING APPLICATIONS (ITEM 12):

No Planning Applications.

53. COMMUNITY FUNDS – GRANTS & DONATIONS (ITEM 13):

- a) Little Book Den/Y Lolfa

MOTION: To donate £40 to Little Book Den for a book bundle for the 'Find a Book' project run in collaboration with Y Lolfa GCG.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. S. Thomas

SECONDED BY: Cllr. K. Tanner

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

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

54. COMMITTEES & APPOINTMENTS (ITEM 14):

No Committees or Appointments.

55. POLICIES & PROCEDURES (ITEM 15):

No Policies or Procedures.

56. QUOTES & REPAIRS (ITEM 16):

No Quotes or Repairs.

57. REPORTS (ITEM 17):

- a) Attendance Register

For information only.

Cllr. C. Petrie asked about how many meetings members can miss before breaching the 6 month rule. Cllr. S. Thomas advised it is 6 months from the last meeting you attended.

- b) Payments

No question or concerns raised.

- c) RoSPA Reports

Cllr. L. Preece was concerned by the issues raised in Tairgwaith Play Area after the new installation. Cllr. S. Thomas suggested these issues are with the older installations not the new ones.

Cllr. K. Tanner raised concerns over the repairs needed in the Skate Park. Cllr. S. Thomas explained that this is the first assessment that has been carried out on the Skate Park since it was built and advised she is not sure who to contact about repairs to this as it is more specialist than the play areas. Cllr. L. Preece to email Cllr. S. Thomas regarding who installed the Skate Park.

Cllr. S. Thomas raised issues of littering at all the parks. Acknowledged we do not have a Caretaker for Lower Brynamman which raises some issues with emptying bins, suggested Lower Brynamman Councillors may need to pick this up in the meantime.

58. CORRESPONDENCE (ITEM 18):

No Correspondence.

59. PLATES (ITEM 19):

No Plates.

60. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (ITEM 20):

Cwmgors Community Centre Management Committee:

Cllr. C. Petrie raised some matters in connection with Cwmgors Community Centre Management Committee.

- AGM

There has been no AGM due to a member being hospitalised, they are planning to hold it in August.

Cllr. L. Preece stated that the Management Committee hasn't submitted their account to Council for at least a decade, which is an annual requirement of the Management Committee.

- Tables & Chairs

They would like them taken to GCG.

Cllr. S. Thomas advised that they do not want all of them taken away so would need numbers but will also need to hire someone locally to relocate them to GCG and subsequently relocate the GCG surplus to Lower Brynamman and there are issues with access/storage in Lower Brynamman at the moment.

- Sanitary Bins

There are no sanitary bins in the toilets.

Cllr. S. Thomas advised there is one in each of the toilets under the sinks.

- Bathroom Mirrors

There are no mirrors in the toilets.

Cllr. S. Thomas advised that the safety mirrors that would be needed in a public building are exceedingly expensive.

- Council Notice Boards

There are no keys to the notice boards so committee members need to use a screwdriver to open them. Cllr. S. Thomas advised there are keys to all 8 notice boards although they no longer fit the Cwmgors one as people have been using screwdrivers to access it.

Cllr. S. Thomas advised these are Council notice boards and not meant to be accessed by the management committee, they are for us to put up notices which we are legally required to display, while we would be quite happy to include event notices etc. we cannot have other people hiding or taking down our notices. Cllr. S. Thomas also advised that the notice boards are not in

a good condition and Council will need to consider whether to repair or replace them at some point.

Cllr. C. Petrie also suggested that we do not know how many notice boards we have or where they all are.

Cllr. S. Thomas advised we have 8 notice boards and is aware of the location of all of them, along with the 4 historic boards we have.

Health & Safety Committee:

Cllr. S. Jordan suggested that a meeting of the Health & Safety Committee should take place soon.

Cllr. S. Thomas advised that it was down to someone from the Health & Safety Committee to call a meeting elect a Chair and agree some Terms of Reference to submit to Council for approval. Cllr. S. Thomas advised of the email address for the Health & Safety Committee and which Councillors are members of the Health & Safety Committee and suggested they arrange this via email amongst themselves. Cllr. S. Thomas also advised that only statutory functions/meetings (i.e. Planning) can be carried out during the summer recess in August.

Cllr. S. Jordan suggested we should request another inspection of Amman Tawe Practice.

In-Person Meetings:

Cllr. B. Davitt raised the possibility of in-person meetings going forwards.

Cllr. L. Preece advised that we are legally obliged to make meetings available online.

Cllr. S. Thomas reminded Council that there is an issue with using Zoom via Cwmgors Community Centre which is the only Community Centre with internet access. Cllr. S. Thomas also pointed out that the wireless signal is not good in most of the building.

Cllr. C. Petrie suggested that the PA system might be useful to address issues.

61. URGENT ITEMS (ITEM 21):

No Urgent Items.

62. NEXT MEETING (ITEM 22):

ORDINARY MEETING AT 18:30 ON MONDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER 2024 VIA ZOOM.

63. ADJOURNMENT: 19:54

SIGNED:



DATE:

09 / 09 / 2024