



GWAUN CAE GURWEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

18:30 on Monday, 14th October 2024

MEETING OPENED: 18:34

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr. S. Thomas (Chair), Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. E. Launchbury, Cllr. N. Stonehouse & Cllr. K. Tanner.

94. ELECT CHAIR:

Chair is not present and Vice Chair is having technical difficulties.

MOTION: To appoint Cllr. S. Thomas as Chair of the meeting.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. L. Preece **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. K. Tanner

FOR: Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. N. Stonehouse, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: Cllr. E. Launchbury.

95. APOLOGIES (ITEM 1):

Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. L. Prescott & Cllr. S. Reynolds.

96. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ITEM 2):

Cllr. S. Thomas – Item 10 – Canolfan Maerdy – Personal (Dispensation).

Cllr. L. Preece – Item 10 – Canolfan Maerdy – Personal (Dispensation).

97. MEETING CONDUCT (ITEM 3):

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

98. DEAF BLIND ORG (ITEM 4):

Not present.

99. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (ITEM 5):

Cllr. L. Prescott is quite poorly and in hospital at the moment, will send a card wishing her well from Council.

100. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (ITEM 6):

No questions submitted by the public.

101. EXTERNAL REPORTS (ITEM 7):

a) NPTCBC

- Have started looking at the budget early as there is such a big gap to fill in the 2025/2026 Budget.
- Celtic Leisure have been awarded a five year contract without any requirement or funding to increase staff benefits.

b) PCSO/CRIME

My emails are being returned from our PCSO so I have reached out to establish if we have a new one.

c) LAC

Not present.

102. PREVIOUS MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING (ITEM 8):

a) ORDINARY MEETING – 09/09/2024

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

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. S. Thomas **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. E. Launchbury

FOR: Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. E. Launchbury, Cllr. N. Stonehouse, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: Cllr. S. Jordan & Cllr. L. Preece.

No Matters Arising.

103. PLANNING APPLICATIONS (ITEM 9):

a) P2024/0535

No longer open to consultation.

b) P2024/0726

No comments, queries or concerns raised.

c) P2024/0510

Residents have raised objections to this development due to overlooking and the impact of dropped curbs on the available parking, Council asked that an objection be submitted from the Council.

104. COMMUNITY FUNDS - GRANTS & DONATIONS (ITEM 10):

a) CANOLFAN MAERDY

Concerns were expressed that the pantry model required a small fee to use.

MOTION: To give a donation of £300 to the Half-Term Halloween Howler Event and £300 to the Food Pantry.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. S. Jordan **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. K. Tanner

FOR: Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. E. Launchbury, Cllr. N. Stonehouse & Cllr. K. Tanner.

AGAINST: Cllr. C. Petrie.

ABSTAINED: Cllr. D. Jones , Cllr. L. Preece & Cllr. S. Thomas.

105. COMMITTEES & APPOINTMENTS (ITEM 11):

a) TAIRGWAITH SCHOOL GOVERNOR

MOTION: To appoint Cllr. L. Preece as the Community Council School Governor.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. K. Tanner **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. D. Jones

FOR: Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. E. Launchbury, Cllr. N. Stonehouse, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: Cllr. L. Preece.

106. POLICIES & PROCEDURES (ITEM 12):

a) CWMGORS PARK

There have been some issues of anti-social behaviour, littering, including glass bottles which become broken. We could consider locking the gates to the park when we lock the Community Centre and unlocking again in the morning, this isn't likely to be an issue in winter but it may mean the park is less accessible in the summer months. Council suggests asking our PCSO to have a more active presence in the vicinity after dark.

b) H&S WORKING GROUP

Acting Clerk advised Council that a Working Group cannot have any powers delegated to it, it can only research, examine and make reports and recommendations to Council.

107. QUOTES & REPAIRS (ITEM 13):

None.

108. REPORTS (ITEM 14):

a) ATTENDANCE REGISTER

For information only.

b) PAYMENTS

Cllr. D. Jones advised Council that we have a resolution to have £20k held in reserves for maintenance and emergency repairs, he requests that we move the funds to our allocated reserves savings account.

Cllr. D. Jones would like the main savings account renamed to reserve funds.

Cllr. C. Petrie will find the email sent to him and upload the Rialtas account to the cloud system so the accountants can access it.

109. CORRESPONDENCE (ITEM 15):

a) COAL AUTHORITY

MOTION: To send the letter composed by the H&S Working Group to all our Senedd representatives and our MP.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. S. Jordan **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. C. Petrie

FOR: Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. E. Launchbury, Cllr. N. Stonehouse, Cllr. K. Tanner

AGAINST: Cllr. S. Thomas.

ABSTAINED: Cllr. D. Jones.

b) CONFERENCES

It was agreed that we wouldn't attend either conference this year.

c) COMMUNITY/TOWN COUNCIL CONSULTATION

Acting Clerk to draft a response and circulate to Council via email for feedback.

110. PLATES (ITEM 16):

No Plates.

111. PRIVATE ITEMS (ITEM 17):

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) 12, 13, 14 & 15 of [Part 4](#) of [Schedule 12A](#) of the above Act.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. K. Tanner **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. S. Thomas

FOR: Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. E. Launchbury, Cllr. N. Stonehouse, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

112. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (ITEM 18):

Blah

113. URGENT ITEMS (ITEM 19):

MOTION: To approve the purchase of 1,500L oil for Tairgwaith at a cost of £945.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. S. Jordan **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. E. Launchbury

FOR: Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Preece, Cllr. E. Launchbury, Cllr. N. Stonehouse, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

18:54 NEXT MEETING (ITEM 20):

ORDINARY MEETING AT 18:30 ON MONDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER 2024 VIA ZOOM.

114. ADJOURNMENT: 19:50

SIGNED:



DATE:

11 / 11 / 2024