



GWAUN CAE GURWEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

18:30 on Monday, 11th November 2024

MEETING OPENED: 18:31

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

115. APOLOGIES (ITEM 1):

Cllr. L. Preece.

116. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ITEM 2):

Cllr. S. Thomas – Item 8 – Planning – Personal.

117. 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. Members were reminded they should read the papers before the meeting.

118. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (ITEM 4):

None.

119. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (ITEM 5):

No questions submitted by the public.

120. EXTERNAL REPORTS (ITEM 6):

a) NPTCBC

- The 2025/2026 Budget is dominating Council business at the moment but detailed information is quite scarce. There is a 9 million shortfall. There will be 5% cuts across all departments and directorates which will impact front line services. The Welsh Government Settlement will be announced in December.
- Celtic Leisure have been awarded a five year contract without any requirement or funding to increase staff benefits.
- A474 drainage works have been carried out, white line next to the ditch will be installed.
- Councillor Streetscene Surgeries took place, we pushed for Clwyd Road resurfacing and some yellow lines to be installed, we are waiting for outcome of these requests.

b) PCSO/CRIME

Not present.

c) LAC

Not present.

121. PREVIOUS MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING (ITEM 7):

a) ORDINARY MEETING – 09/09/2024

Following a discussion about the previous minutes it was noted that members can request their reason for abstaining/opposing a motion be noted in the minutes.

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

APPROVED

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

FOR: Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. E. Launchbury, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. N. Stonehouse, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: Cllr. C. Petrie & Cllr. S. Jordan.

ABSTAINED: Cllr. B. Davitt.

Chair asked if the Rialtas data is now uploaded to the cloud? Cllr. C. Petrie advised it has been done.

122. PLANNING APPLICATIONS (ITEM 8):

a) P2024/0510

No longer open to consultation.

b) P2024/0614

No comments, queries or concerns raised.

123. COMMUNITY FUNDS - GRANTS & DONATIONS (ITEM 9):

a) CWMGORS RFC – CELTIC ENERGY

MOTION: To award £3,537 with some minor corrections/confirmed details.

APPROVED

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

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

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

124. COMMITTEES & APPOINTMENTS (ITEM 10):

a) EVENTS COMMITTEE – CHRISTMAS EVENT

MOTION: To allocate some funds for a Christmas Party Event, currently pencilled in for 15th December, event will include volunteers, activities and donations from Y Lolfa, Busy Rascals, Flying Start and GCG Foodbank.

APPROVED

a) Carmel Cemetery Cleanup.

MOTION: To issue a plate to a resident who has been cleaning up Carmel Cemetery.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. C. Petrie **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. L. Prescott

FOR: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. E. Launchbury, Cllr. N. Stonehouse & Cllr. K. Tanner.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: Cllr. D. Jones, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. S. Thomas.

130. PRIVATE ITEMS (ITEM 16):

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. S. Thomas **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. L. Prescott

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

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

131. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (ITEM 17):

Cllr. B. Davitt asked about plans to sell Ysgol Y Glyn, Council advised there are no plans to sell the former school.

Chair attended Pwllfawatkyn Liaison Meeting, there is independent monthly monitoring, filters are in place to mitigate any risk and there is no evidence of hydrogen sulphide and NRW receive the monitoring reports. There was also discussion of a possible active travel route through the site connecting GCG to Pontardawe. Cllr. S. Jordan would like the Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5 results, Chair to pass information onto Cllr. S. Jordan when received. Cllr. S. Jordan requested this be added to the December Agenda.

Cllr. S. Jordan raised the response from the Coal Authority via Jeremy Miles' office and asked that an item be added to the December Agenda.

132. URGENT ITEMS (ITEM 18):

None.

133. NEXT MEETING (ITEM 19):

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

134. ADJOURNMENT: 20:30

SIGNED:  **DATE:** 09 / 12 / 2024