



GWAUN CAE GURWEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

18:30 on Monday, 9th December 2024

MEETING OPENED: 18:35

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr. L. Prescott (Chair), Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

135. APOLOGIES (ITEM 1):

Cllr. S. Jordan, Cllr. E. Launchbury & Cllr. L. Preece.

136. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ITEM 2):

Cllr. S. Thomas – Item 14B – Pwllfawatkin – Personal.
Cllr. S. Reynolds – Item 14B – Pwllfawatkin – Personal.
Cllr. L. Prescott – Item 14B – Pwllfawatkin – Personal.
Cllr. K. Tanner – Item 14B – Pwllfawatkin – Personal.
Cllr. S. Thomas – Item 9A – Tairgwaith – Personal
Cllr. S. Reynolds – Item 9A – GCG – Personal.
Cllr. K. Tanner – Item 9A – GCG – Prejudicial.

137. 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.

138. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (ITEM 4):

Need to advertise Clerks position.

Would like to thank the highways staff and others for their efforts throughout the storm and cleaning up afterwards.

Chair wished Cllr. Sonia Reynolds a Happy Birthday.

139. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (ITEM 5):

No questions submitted by the public.

140. EXTERNAL REPORTS (ITEM 6):

a) NPTCBC

- Storm Darragh: 10 trees came down along main road in Tairgwaith, 6 of which blocked the road and 1 took down a power cable while another took out the internet, brick bus shelter was knocked down near Hermon Chapel.
- Christmas Lights: Banner in GCG has moved and come lose, all post lights are out on Brynamman Road and Heol Cae Gurwen, 3 of 4 lights are out in Tairgwaith and Cwmgors Banner still needs fixing.
- Local History Boards in Lower Brynamman and Tairgwaith are down.
- Bus Shelter by Tairgwaith Community Centre is damaged and needs repair or replacement.
- Some residents have asked about an alternative route in and out of Tairgwaith, there isn't one currently and there are no suitable options to change this.
- RLDP Consultation starts on the 12th December 2024.

b) PCSO/CRIME

Acting Clerk read out crime figures for November.

c) LAC

Not present but sent written report to Chair:

- Caseload of 43 people in ward.
- Seeking Christmas presents for children.
- Will be attending Canolfan Maerdy Warm Hub.
- Community Events:
 - Photography Group on Wednesday's at 10:30 in GCG Library.
 - Joseph's Smile Santa Parade on 14th December.
 - GCG Christmas Event at GCG Community Centre.
 - Community Carol Service at Hermon Chapel at 15:00 on 16th December.
 - Community Service at Glan Garnant Home tomorrow.

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

a) ORDINARY MEETING – 11/11/2024

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

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. K. Tanner

SECONDED BY: Cllr. S. Reynolds

FOR: Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: Cllr. B. Davitt.

b) MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. B. Davitt raised concern over Ysgol Y Glyn, Acting Clerk clearly stated that the Council has no plans to develop or sell the site and any such decision would have to be made by full Council but we have agreed to get all our assets valued for both insurance purposes and so that we can accurately declare our assets in our annual returns.

142. PLANNING APPLICATIONS (ITEM 8):

None.

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

a) TAIRGWAITH/GCG PTA

MOTION: To give a donation of £300 to both Tairgwaith and GCG PTA with a stipulation that it not be spent on chocolate or sweets.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. S. Thomas **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. S. Reynolds

FOR: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Reynolds & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: Cllr. K. Tanner.

b) WALES AIR AMBULANCE

MOTION: To give a donation of £500 to Wales Air Ambulance.

APPROVED

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

FOR: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

c) PLANT DEWI

MOTION: To give a donation of £300 to Plant Dewi.

APPROVED

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

FOR: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

144. COMMITTEES & APPOINTMENTS (ITEM 10):

None.

145. POLICIES & PROCEDURES (ITEM 11):

a) H&S WORKING GROUP TOR

Deferred to future meeting.

146. QUOTES & REPAIRS (ITEM 12):

None.

147. REPORTS (ITEM 13):

a) ATTENDANCE REGISTER

For noting.

b) PAYMENTS

No comments, questions or issues raised.

c) BUDGET

Acting Clerk presented the proposed budget and Council discussed.

MOTION: To accept the proposed budget and set the precept of 4% or £122,214.68 for the 2025/26 financial year.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. S. Reynolds **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. L. Prescott

FOR: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

148. CORRESPONDENCE (ITEM 14):

a) Y LOLFA BROADBAND

MOTION: To agree to pay half the costs of the broadband at GCG Community Centre.

APPROVED

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

FOR: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

b) PWLLFAWATKIN

Deferred to a future meeting pending more information.

c) AVALON GLEN

Discussion took place regarding the proposed letters and what information we are requesting, it was agreed to write to Avalon Glen only but to also request copies of Minutes and Reports from the Technical Working Group and to then decide how to proceed once we have received a response.

MOTION: To send the letter to Avalon Glen with the addition of requesting the Minutes and Reports from the Technical Working Group.

APPROVED

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

FOR: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

149. PLATES (ITEM 15):

None.

150. 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. C. Petrie

FOR: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

151. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (ITEM 17):

None.

152. URGENT ITEMS (ITEM 18):

MOTION: To purchase 1,750 L oil for GCG Community Centre.

APPROVED

PROPOSED BY: Cllr. S. Reynolds **SECONDED BY:** Cllr. L. Prescott

FOR: Cllr. B. Davitt, Cllr. C. Petrie, Cllr. L. Prescott, Cllr. S. Reynolds, Cllr. K. Tanner & Cllr. S. Thomas.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

153. NEXT MEETING (ITEM 19):

ORDINARY MEETING AT 18:30 ON MONDAY, 13TH JANUARY 2025 VIA ZOOM.

154. ADJOURNMENT: 20:28

SIGNED: _____

DATE: ___/___/___