



## **CYNGOR CYMUNDOL COEDPOETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of FULL COUNCIL held in Plas Pentwyn Resource Centre, Coedpoeth on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7.00pm-9.10pm.

### **PRESENT**

Cllrs: B Brown - Chairman, V Jones, S Scheurleer, P Wilson, G Price, Y McCarrol, L Van Ryswyk, GI Kelly, Gr Kelly, Cllr A Wedlake

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs V Bolton – Clerk, Mr N Acott - Locum Clerk Associate

### **APOLOGIES**

Cllr S Edwards, PCSO S Howsam, Cllr K Childs

### **58. WELCOME**

Chairman welcomed Councillors and thanked them for their attendance at the meeting being held at Plas Pentwyn, Coedpoeth

### **59. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr B Brown declared interest in agenda item 11 – Remote Meetings Equipment.

### **60. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public present

## **61. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – Cllr Brown thanked the family and those involved with arranging the engraving of two additional names to be added to the Coedpoeth War Memorial. He also thanked all those who organised and attended Remembrance Sunday this year. In addition, he thanked Cllr. Scheurleer for his hard work in ensuring the new lighting was just finished on time for Remembrance Sunday.

Cllr Scheurleer who assisted the community-based project work to Coedpoeth War Memorial reported upon the recent visit by Wrexham Mayor Cllr. Brian Cameron who presented small gifts to family, and certificates to Coleg Cambria students and others who were part of project team.

He also informed Council the colour of lighting can be changed, however Cllr Price pointed out that the current red coloured lighting is better for wildlife. Further discussion on future maintenance of lighting would be needed by parties concerned.

FOOTWAY LIGHTING - Chair shared information regarding the repair to a streetlight on Smelt Road, which has twice been prevented by a resident who has told the engineer attending that the Council have agreed to not replace the bulb or fix the light. The lady has made numerous contacts with the previous Clerk's and recently requested contact with the current Clerk to discuss her concerns.

The lighting company Mega have now billed the Council twice at £95 per visit, and the light remains unfixed.

**RESOLVED:** That an invoice should be sent to this resident to recoup the costs for the two visits made to fix the light, which she prevented.

Proposer: Cllr Gr Kelly      Seconder: Cllr Y McCarrol

## **62. MINUTES**

### **RESOLVED**

- i) That Minutes of Full Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 be accepted  
Proposers: Cllr V Jones      Seconder: Cllr S Scheurleer
- ii) That Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be accepted.  
Proposers: Cllr Gr Kelly      Seconder: Cllr A Wedlake

### **63. WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLORS – WARD UPDATES**

**Cllr K Childs** – not present but forwarded information by email:

Many housing issues with residents, repairs, allocations and evictions

Signage and lighting

Link road Ysgol Bryn Tabor resurfaced and is being brought up to standard for adoption by WCBC

Recently met with Tony and Mark re CUFC, Big Park, and we have arranged to meet with officers on Thursday.

Warm spaces session at Plas Pentwyn last Friday, we are hoping to arrange further meetings in new year

MUGA, confirmation from Craig Matthews WCBC that fences due to be renewed and pitch repaired early new year

Discussions and ongoing developments re: Nant Mill and Clywedog Valley Partnership

Ongoing developments of Plas Pentwyn community garden re inclusion for people with mobility issues, etc

**Cllr A Wedlake** – reported that similar to Cllr Childs, concerns were:

- Predominately housing issues with 1 bedroom stock being reduced because of refurbishment of residences.
- Maes y Capel is also currently empty due to refurbishment – the small rooms here will be increased in size which will lead to the loss of bedrooms. Lighting issues have been mainly dealt with, and builders have been reported for mishandling waste
- Resurfacing of the road by Ysgol Bryn Tabor has been completed
- Plas Pentwyn is offering Warm Spaces facilities over the coming months
- Work on the MUGA has stopped whilst a survey is carried out on repairs needed
- Nant Mill – Transfer of Assets is progressing well with Expression of Interests being agreed with WCBC

- Concerns over the WCBC Planning meetings – lack of accountability for decisions being made by WCBC – Planning meetings being affected by other issues being introduced leading to inappropriate pressure being placed on the Planning Committee. Cllr GI Kelly asked about the progress of the Local Development Plan – Cllr A Wedlake believes it is 7 yrs late.
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**Cllr S Scheurleer** – reported on progress of the Big Park Project:

- Due to financial situation of the Community Council he felt that the Council was no longer in a position to financially support costs associated with the assets transfer of the field, or with legal aspects of the whole transfer process. However, he appreciated the offer of Council's continuing support and offer of other assistance should this be required.
- The Football Club are looking to discuss with the WCBC having just the field and changing facilities transferred to them at this time, with the Football Association of Wales offering support

#### **64. CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk reported on:

- a) First week in role being able to attend community activities – Remembrance Day, Knit and Natter Group, St. Tudfils Coffee morning
- b) IT situation in office – security, connection, WiFi, printer problems, concerns about shared access and use of personal licenses. Further information and costings to be provided
- c) The need to employ an IT company to ensure security of systems and provide IT support
- d) Christmas opening hours for Parish Hall and Old Library

#### **65 CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS**

##### **RESOLVED**

That If staff are willing, to open facilities at Parish Hall and Old Library for normal hours over Christmas on 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Proposer: Cllr G Price Seconder: Cllr P Wilson

## **66. WREXHAM COUNTY PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Details circulated with agenda of planning application for P/2022/0992 - 17 Rhos Berse Road, Coedpoeth. Change of use of domestic garage to dog day care building

**RESOLVED** That WCBC be informed that Council OBJECTS with concerns about increased noise, dogs barking, and parking issues

Proposer: Cllr A Wedlake    Seconder: Cllr G Price

## **67. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Details circulated with agenda. Council was reminded of earlier discussions and reports and meetings about financial concerns regarding low level of reserves, provisional estimates 2023/24, and Council Tax Precept 20223/24 options.

In respect of November payments Associate Locum Clerk advised that National Joint Councils (NJC) had notified pay rise from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 of between 4 and 10% dependent upon spinal column point of employee.

### **RESOLVED**

- i. That Schedule of Payments for November 2022 be accepted

Proposer: Cllr GI Kelly    Seconder: Cllr V Jones

- ii. That the Financial Statement as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be accepted

Proposer: Cllr A Wedlake    Seconder: Gr Kelly

- iii. That Financial Estimates 2023/24 be accepted with following changes as agreed at the Extraordinary Meeting:-

- a. Performance management of staff and reduction of staff costs by 30K
- b. Review of hire charges for facilities to help increase income
- c. New income line for disposal of land 50k
- d. New expenditure lines for contribution to reserves 5K and building survey 5k
- e. Implementation of nine action points as agreed at recent Extraordinary meeting.
- f. Review of service contracts

Proposer: Cllr A Wedlake    Seconder: Gr Kelly

- iv. That Council Tax Precept 2023/24 be £230,384 (Band D equivalent £134.10) Option 2 inflation increase.

Proposer: Cllr Gr Kelly      Seconder: Cllr A Wedlake

Abstained: Cllrs V Jones/B Brown

## **68. WORKING GROUPS**

To help support Clerk and Council in work going forward it was proposed that Working Groups should be established in relation to aspects of future Management and Financial proposals:

### **RESOLVED**

- i. Hire Fees / Charges for Parish Hall, Snooker Room, Community Rooms, Bowling.  
Cllrs Gr Kelly, G Price, L Van Ryswyk, Y McCarrol
  
- ii. Staffing:  
Cllrs G Kelly, A Wedlake, P Wilson, G Price, V Jones
  
- iii. Property / Assets / Disposals  
Cllrs P Wilson, Y McCarrol, G Price, L Van Ryswyk

Chairman to be ex Officio member of all working groups

Terms of Reference:

Each group will be tasked with work associated with named area of operation/service and report back to Council. The purpose of exercise will be to increase income generation and reduce expenditure whilst focussing on opportunities to support community development, promote partnership working, and source external funding opportunities.

## **69. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Confidential information removed

Chairman\_\_\_\_\_