



Minutes of EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held in The Old Carnegie Library, Park Road, Coedpoeth on Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 7.00pm – 9.17pm.

Actions to be highlighted **RED**

PRESENT

Cllrs: A Wedlake (County) - Chair, V Jones – Vice, L van Ryswyk, Y McCarroll, G Cutler, G Williams, GI Kelly (via Zoom)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs V Bolton – Clerk

APOLOGIES

Cllrs M Roberts, P Wilson, G Price

155. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

156. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Several residents expressed interest regarding AP 12 relating to the Cemetery.

A resident wanted to report potholes which had been filled temporarily but has since deteriorated.

157. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That minutes of Extraordinary Council held on 17th October 2023 be accepted with no matters arising.

Proposer: Cllr V Jones Seconder: Cllr L van Ryswyk Vote: AOIF

Abstained: Cllrs G Williams (not been present)

Signed by Chair.....

158. COUNCIL MEMBER APPLICANTS

- i) Elaine Churchill
- ii) Kim Davies – not present
- iii) Gary Slegg – not present

RESOLVED: After attaining a majority vote from all councillors present, for each applicant with a show of hands, that Kirsty Wynne, Sarah Bradley and Elaine Churchill become Council members by co-option.

Other applicants having not yet attended cannot be voted upon.

Clerk to contact all 3 to arrange signing Declaration of Acceptance of Office before next meeting. Also, to inform Electoral Services WCBC.

Sarah Bradley: Proposer: Cllr Y McCarroll Second: Cllr V Jones

Vote: 4 members

Kirsty Wynne: Proposer: Cllr G Cutler Second : Cllr V Jones

Vote: 7 members

Elaine Churchill: Proposer: Cllr G Williams Second : Cllr Y McCarroll

Vote: 7 members

159. CEMETERY – (moved forwards on agenda)

RESOLVED: To install initial 5 ashes vaults in cemetery. Clerk to arrange.

Proposer: Cllr V Jones Second: Cllr G Williams Vote: AIF

RESOLVED: To authorise Scribe Cemetery. Clerk to arrange.

Proposer: Cllr V Jones Second: Cllr L van Ryswyk Vote: AIF

160. CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS

Cllr Wedlake reported that Cemetery funding application had been submitted and the Community Garden and 2 applications for the Parish Hall were progressing.

He thanked Cllr V Jones for his support with covering opening hours and Clerk for working flexibly to cover hours also.

As Chair of Governors for Ysgol Penygelli, he reported that there are several upcoming events for Christmas with both schools and urged Councillors to attend.

Cllr Wedlake also suggested that having moved monthly Full Council meetings to the 1st Tuesday in the month to accommodate him earlier in the year, that they could be moved back to the 2nd Tuesday in the month to assist the Clerk with preparation of papers.

Signed by Chair.....

He urged all councillors to attend the Dec meeting as it will be when the budget for 2024-25 will be presented and Precept will be decided upon.

161. COUNCILLORS COMMUNICATIONS

Cllr G Williams - unable to spend much time on council matters due to work commitments

Cllr G Cutler – attended planning meetings for Remembrance Day and Christmas and Christmas decoration session

Cllr V Jones – attended planning meetings for Remembrance Day and Christmas and Christmas decoration session;
Big Park Project meeting – funding applications discussed.
Also Plas Pentwyn Management meeting being held Wed 8th November.

Cllr Y McCarroll - planning meetings for Remembrance Day and Christmas and Christmas decoration session

Cllr L van Ryswyk - planning meetings for Remembrance Day and Christmas and Christmas decoration session

162. WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLORS - COEDPOETH

Cllr K Childs reported that:

- BPP – Tony Wyatt applying for funding
- Play and Youth scheme – received 4 raised flower beds via funding and donations of plants from Erlas Walled Garden
- Gardening Group – needing volunteers
- Housing Issues – taking up majority of time – work on Maes y Capel has started but will take approx.. 12 mnths
- Solar Farm – meeting with LitehouseBP and MPs and members of Senedd – on BBC news – Litehouse listening to residents well
- Plas Pentwyn Halloween – 80+ tickets sold – only Kathryn to run event from management committee
- Wednesday Walking Group – 13 pathways – to report on state of footpaths
- Walkabout with Beck from Broughton Housing Officer – looking to utilise Environment Budget to reduce traffic/ parking congestion on roads

Cllr A Wedlake reported that:

- Solar Farm – residents made clear not against plan but wanted to negotiate changes with LitehouseBP regarding WHO minimum distances for equipment
- Ongoing housing cases he is dealing with
- As council workers strike ends that bins have now been emptied and almost back to normal
- Lamp replaced on corner of Heol Celyn and Heol Hafod is very good
- Smithy Road parking – looking into altering flow of traffic to address issue.
- Nant pathways to be assessed

Signed by Chair.....

163. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk reported that:

- i) Staff pay increases regarding NJC scales
- ii) Streetlight faults, updates and requests for shields
- iii) Cemetery grant application and above ground ashes vaults
- iv) Grants – applications to be submitted
- v) Christmas planning and staff get together
- vi) Energy suppliers – changes and reduced costs
- vii) Holiday closure – suggestions for providing cover
- viii) Councillor applications and Admin/Caretaker role

164. FINANCIAL REPORTS

i)	Invoices for payment-	£6,711.53
ii)	Direct Debits –	£8,229.12
iii)	Payroll October 23 -	£5,786.31
iv)	Bank Balances as at 31/10/23	£90,229.15
v)	Income as at 31/10/23	£178,089.00
vi)	Expenditure as at 31/10/23	£167,754.00
vii)	Transfer Request 02.11.23 -	£15,000.00

RESOLVED: To authorise all payments and transfers as reported.

Proposer: Cllr Cllr V Jones Seconder: L van Ryswyk Vote: AIF

165. SOLAR FARM

Cllr Wedlake reported that he was keen to obtain residents thought – regarding safety, samples of land. Also plans including Battery storage proposed near the wooded area, transparency and surveys of bats, otters and great crested newts.

166. BIG PARK PROJECT

RESOLVED: To commit to £2500 legal fees to support with legal searches and discovering liabilities. To continue to support the play area on the site.

To accept Option 2 from WCBC to take over Freehold of whole site at Penygelli fields

Proposer: Cllr V Jones Seconder: Cllr G Williams Vote: AIF

167. BOWLING GREEN SUPPORT

Cllr Wedlake declared a personal but not prejudicial interest and left the room.

RESOLVED: To arrange a meeting with Bowling Club members to discuss financial support and methods of involving Council

Proposer: Cllr Y McCarroll Seconder: Cllr G Cutler Vote: AIF

Cllr Wedlake returned to room

168. COMMUNITY GARDEN

Signed by Chair.....

RESOLVED: To authorise application to National Lottery Heritage Fund - £50k.

Proposer: Cllr L van Ryswyk Seconder: Cllr V Jones Vote: AIF

169. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES

PROPOSAL(Failed): To pay allowances in November instead of at end of financial year.

Proposer: Cllr V Jones Seconder: None Vote: None

Therefore, proposal failed and allowances to be paid at end of financial year.

170. APPLICATION TO START CILCA TRAINING

RESOLVED: To authorise payment for Clerk to begin CiLCA Training

- i) 4 hrs per week to complete
- ii) £250 Training - £450 Qualification (when ready)

Proposer: Cllr G Williams Seconder: Cllr V Jones Vote: AIF

171. STREETLIGHTING QUOTE

RESOLVED: To authorise payment for:

- i) shields for Lamps 80 + 85 Smelt Road = £80.24
- ii) Update from Sodium to LED for Lamp 79 Smelt Road = £309 + VAT
- iii) Callout fee = £61.08 + VAT

Proposer: Cllr L van Ryswyk Seconder: Cllr Y McCarroll Vote: AIF

172. SNOOKER TABLE RECOVERING

RESOLVED: To authorise payment for 1 Table to be recovered using Alliance Snooker Ltd at a cost of £550 + VAT = £660

Proposer: Cllr V Jones Seconder: Cllr Y McCarroll Vote: AIF

173. URGENT MATTERS

RESOLVED: Notice of items that should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B (4B) of LGA 1972.

Cemetery Strimming

RESOLVED: To authorise Big Tree Company to complete 1 further strimming of entire cemetery before winter

Proposer: Cllr G Williams Seconder: Cllr V Jones Vote: AIF

- i) Insurance Change of Providers – to minute
 - a. Change of provider
 - b. Reduction in cover to streetlamps
 - c. Increase in cover for Public Liability
 - d. Cybersecurity cover to be added
 - e. Reduction in cost of coverage by approx.. £1000

174. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960) and Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12 A public and press be excluded during the following items:

None

NEXT MEETING

Full Council to be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 5th December 2023 at the Old Carnegie Library, Park Road Coedpoeth LL11 3TD

Meeting Ended 9.17pm

Signed by Chair.....