



**Minutes** of FULL COUNCIL meeting held in The Old Carnegie Library, Park Road, Coedpoeth on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00pm – 8.50pm.

Actions to be highlighted **RED**

**PRESENT**

Cllrs: A Wedlake (County) - Chair, V Jones – Vice, G Cutler, G Williams, G Kelly, P Wilson, G Price, K Davies, S Bradley, L van Ryswyk,

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs V Bolton – Clerk

**APOLOGIES**

Cllrs K Wynne, Y McCarroll

**208. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**209. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**210. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That minutes of Full Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 be accepted with no matters arising.

Proposer: Cllr V Jones

Seconder: Cllr G Cutler

Vote: AIF

**211. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

i) Councillor Resignation – Mark Roberts - to notify council and address comment from him regarding not providing information for Grievance hearing – Cllr Wedlake informs lack of response was due to family illness/emergency and not deliberate.

Signed by Chair.....

## **212. COUNCILLORS COMMUNICATIONS**

Most councillors reported attending recent committee meetings.

Cllr S Jones reported meeting with new Community Agent Tracey Kirkham to discuss possibility of working together on wellness sessions. Also, that she had helped to ensure repairs to broken drains and drains covers on High Street.

Cllr Kelly – attended Penygelli School reading and writing day – working with children.

Cllr Price reported 2 large potholes on Tabor Hill

Cllr G Williams – had reported potholes on Castle Road – now repaired.

**RESOLVED:** that Cllr S Jones is assigned to Finance Committee. That Cllr V Jones is assigned to Cemetery Committee

Proposer: Cllr G Kelly

Seconder: Cllr G Williams

Vote: AIF

## **213. POLICE REPORT**

Provided by PCSO Howsam. Shared by Clerk. Cllr Wedlake encouraged councillors to share feedback to PCSOs.

Also, Q's: Regarding the 'Knock and Run' incidents which seem to be more frequent than reported – plan to address? What affects number of incidents?

## **214. WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLORS - COEDPOETH**

Cllr A Wedlake reported that:

WCBC – budget set – cuts relating to education + gardening support, due to poor administration and UK government cuts. Funding assigned to improve productivity.

St. David's Day celebrations very good

Penygelli school – notice given on fixed contracts.

Areas for 30 mph zones to be reviewed – 5 criteria – High Street probably won't be changed.

Walkabout with Environment Department delayed – Cllr Williams mentioned water by Plas Pentwyn flooding during storms.

## **215. CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk reported that:

In addition to items on list provided, much time been spent dealing with snooker bookings when Caretaker not present affecting work and concentration.

Several calls/emails from residents trying but failing to make contact with WCBC regarding housing / gardening / footways issues.

Signed by Chair.....

Cllr Kelly – questioned staff recruitment and Staffing Committee involvement – Clerk explained 2 members of staffing committee had informally interviewed the only candidate for each role – Caretaker and Community Agent. Also, Caretaker had started role some weeks ago but had health issues causing delay and has now restarted contract.

## **216. PLAS POWER SOLAR + ENERGY STORAGE PROJECT – STATUTORY CONSULTATION LAUNCH**

**Clerk to prepare report** to identify concerns and questions to bring to consultation meeting with BP-Lighthouse

**Cllr Wedlake to arrange meeting** as Lighthouse contacted him directly.

## **217. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

|      |                                |             |
|------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| i)   | Invoices for payment 12.03.24- | £24,491.12  |
| ii)  | Direct Debits – 12.03.24       | £7,063.10   |
| iii) | Payroll Feb 24 -               | £7,445.17   |
| iv)  | Bank Balances as at 29.02.24   | £89,503.00  |
| v)   | Income as at 29.02.24          | £270,031.00 |
| vi)  | Expenditure as at 29.02.24     | £278,576.00 |

**RESOLVED:** To **authorise all payments** as reported

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

**RESOLVED:** To authorise **transfer of £15,000** from Reserve Account to Current Account

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

## **218. COUNCILLORS TABLETS x 4**

Costs:

- i) CWOWDEFU Tablet 10-inch Android 12 Tablets PC 6GB RAM 128GB ROM Octa Core 2.4G / 5G WiFi Tablet - £66.66 + VAT (Amazon)
- ii) LENOVO Tab M8 8" Tablet (4th Gen) - 32 GB, Grey - £74.16 + VAT (Currys)
- iii) Lenovo Tab M10 (3rd Gen) ZAAG - tablet - Android 11 or later - 32 GB - 10.1" - £97.00 + VAT (Currys)

**RESOLVED:** To authorise **purchase of 4 tablets** – option iii) – with an inclusion of + or – 10% to cost

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

## **219. HABITUAL OR VEXATIOUS COMPLAINANTS' POLICY**

**RESOLVED:** that policy is accepted

Proposer: Cllr G Kelly                      Seconder: Cllr G Cutler    Vote: AOIF

Signed by Chair.....

Abstained: Cllr G Price

Cllr K Davies leaves the meeting at 8.33pm

**219. CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED:** that

- i) Clerk obtains quotes for noticeboards.
- ii) Clerk obtains quotes for work to be carried out to clear exterior of Lodge and have boundary fence replaced.
- iii) Contract for Cemetery Maintenance to be awarded to Dan Hodgson, Big Tree Company – see contract.

Proposer: Cllr V Jones

Seconder: Cllr L van Ryswyk

Vote: AIF

**220. LIGHTING CONTRACTOR - MEGA**

**RESOLVED:** that MEGA price increases are authorised to accounts

Proposer: Cllr G Price

Seconder: Cllr P Wilson

Vote: AIF

**221. INTERNAL AUDIT QUOTE**

**RESOLVED:** To authorise Sharon Jones / JDH Business Services Ltd for Internal Audit 2023-24 and to accept quote of £935 + VAT

Proposer: Cllr V Jones

Seconder: Cllr G Kelly

Vote: AIF

**223. 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:

None

**NEXT MEETING**

Full Council to be held at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024** at the Old Carnegie Library, Park Road Coedpoeth LL11 3TD.

**Meeting Ended 8.50pm**

Signed by Chair.....