

Minutes of the Remote Meeting of Full Council Held in Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 9th March 2022 at 6.30pm

Present

Cllr Idris Williams (IW) - Chairman, Cllr John Hughes (JH), Cllr Harry Davies (HWD), Cllr Pararajasingham Sasiruban (PS), Cllr Rob Lewis (RL) and Cllr Ceri Reeves (CR)

Cheryl John (CJ) - Clerk

1.Apologies for Absence

Due to a family issue, JH-R sent her apologies; no other apologies were received.

2.Declarations of Interest

None

3.Public Address

Nobody requested a link to join the meeting.

4.Police Matters

Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Gareth Stoneham (GS) went through the crime figures for January and February 2022 for Council.

5.Ratification of the 'Public' Minutes of the Remote Meeting of Full Council Held on Wednesday, 12th January 2022

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

7.Matters Arising from the 'Public' Minutes of the Remote Meeting of Full Council Held on Wednesday, 12th January 2022

Page 2 - Item 11 - Chairperson's Report

Additional bars for the most recent Chairmen need to be added to the chain of office, however, the existing ones are different sizes, the information on them is not

uniform and they are worn and shabby looking. Council agreed that the use of a specialist firm would probably be a better option in this instance.

Action: Three quotes to be obtained for the purchase of a new chain of office using the same jewel.

The Clerk asked Council if there should be a reward for the winners of the Parc Tir Iarll nature trail competition; ten in Cwmfelin Primary School and five in Llangynwyd Primary School.

Action: A certificate is to be given to each of the winners; it is reward enough to have a nature trail lectern made from their picture.

Page 3 - Item 11 - Correspondence

The reinstatement of boundaries for some rear fencing in Cwrt y Fedwen has still not been actioned by residents, despite a letter from Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) as they are encroaching on parkland.

The fly-tipping behind some of the rear fences in Cwrt y Fedwen is still an issue, although, BCBC has written to residents asking for its removal.

BCBC also requested the removal of gates in rear fencing in Cwrt y Fedwen because they are creating easy access onto parkland; this has not been done either.

A site meeting has been suggested to discuss the way forward with all these issues.

Action: Request some dates and times from BCBC so that it can be arranged.

Page 4 - Item 11 - Condition of Certain Steps in Park - Wooden Edging

When the contractor started work, he noticed that the condition of the handrail on the steps at the access point to the park was poor, he also identified the need for the creation of two new steps at the bottom due to the steep incline. At the same time, the park warden advised that due to the wood being new, in wet weather, it would become slippery. The cost of installing a new handrail and two new steps would be £2,499.53 (incl. VAT), and an anti-slip product for the warden to paint on the wooden edging would cost £55.33 (incl. VAT). Andrew Mason, BCBC agreed to pay half of the cost for the new handrail and two new steps.

Resolved: As the contractor had commenced work at the park, it made sense for him to install the new handrail and two new steps. Council also agreed the one-off use of the anti-slip product for safety purposes.

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An attempt was made to stop cars joining the A4063 from the B4282 by taking a right turn. However, the Chief Inspector supports the police's original response, and believes a significant number of drivers turn into Maiden Street rather than use the A4063/B4282 junction. The proposal is likely to displace even more vehicles

onto Maiden Street which is a terraced residential area and has a narrow carriageway and along some section is prone to significant on street parking.

Page 5 - Item 11 - Operation London Bridge

Maesteg Town Council has given approval for the residents of Llangynwyd Middle to attend the offices in Maesteg to sign a book of remembrance on the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Action: An advertisement to be put on the website and noticeboards at the time of her passing.

Page 6 - Item 11 - Support for Clerk to Attain CiLCA Qualification

Paul Egan, One Voice Wales has conducted the job evaluation on the role of Clerk at Llangynwyd Middle.

Action: Personnel Subcommittee to be convened to discuss the report and make an informed decision on how Council proceeds.

Paul Egan, One Voice Wales can also do the job evaluation on the role of Park Warden at Llangynwyd Middle, providing Council provides him with a Person Specification.

Action: A Person Specification to be created and then approved by the Personnel Subcommittee.

Page 6 - Item 11 - Allotment at Parc Tir Iarll

There is someone interested in taking on the allotment who lives nearby.

Action: An agreement to be signed by both parties and the person to pay a nominal fee of £25 per annum.

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- Nature Network Project

The Cwm Taf Nature Network Project will be discussed at the Town and Community Council Forum on 1st August 2022.

Action: Council representative to report back to Council at the following monthly meeting.

Page 9 - Item 17 - Chairman's Report

As of 14:29 on 1st February 2022, the Planning Authority had not received an application for the building of houses on the site of the old 7777 in Llangynwyd; opposite YGG Llangynwyd. If an application had been received, the Community Council would have been consulted.

9.Planning Applications

- 1) Planning Application Consultation: P/22/21/FUL - Mr R Lewis, 40 Mill Street, Maesteg. CF34 9HT - Remove porch; construct two storey/first floor rear extension; single storey side extension
There was no objection to this application.
- 2) Planning Application Consultation: P/22/42/FUL - Mr G Andrews - Land south of Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd (off Factory Lane). CF34 9RW - Retention of vehicular access, gate and hardstanding

JH-R wrote to BCBC on 17th February 2022, and Council upheld the comments she made:

“regarding the new access to a field which has now been applied for in retrospect, I wish to make a few comments/concerns.

- As a local community councillor a number of residents have brought to my attention the concerns regarding the entrance.
- Last summer there was a near miss involving a vehicle leaving the field area.
- As you approach the main road from Llangynwyd village along factory lane you have a clear view of the junction that you are approaching however due to the angle, position of vehicles as they leave the entrance of the field they are not possible to sight.
- It is my opinion that to have a secluded entrance so close to a main road is not in the best interest of highway safety especially that this lane is also utilised by cyclists, horses and walkers.
- In addition to this the field and area that they are approaching is from a higher level making it even more difficult to notice a vehicle pulling out and although I am aware of this concealed entrance many may not.”

10.Finance and Accounts

CJ distributed the following for the NatWest Bank Account:

- Record of the financial transactions (1st April 2021 to 28th February 2022)
- Bank transactions (2nd March 2021 to 28th February 2022)

Bank Balance

The opening balance on 1st April 2021 was £5,000.00

The closing balance on 28th February 2022 was £5,000.00

CJ also distributed the following for the Unity Trust Bank Account:

- Record of the financial transactions (1st April 2021 to 28th February 2022)
- Bank statements (1st January 2022 to 28th February 2022)

Bank Balance

The opening balance on 1st January 2022 was £25,263.37

The closing balance on 28th February 2022 was £6,712.90

An expenditure against budget report was also distributed to all Members.

11.Clearing of New Drains at Parc Tir Iarll

The new drains which have been installed by BCBC are getting blocked during windy weather and heavy rainfall, causing the flooding of back gardens in Cwrt y Fedwen. The Park Warden regularly cleans them however, she only works part time hours; 3 hours per day in the winter and 6 hours 12 minutes in the Summer, Monday to Friday, also, she does not work on bank holidays or if the weather is particularly bad.

An action point under Item 7 (Page 3 - Item 11 - Correspondence) is the request of some dates and times from BCBC for a site meeting to be arranged to discuss all issues relating to Cwrt y Fedwen, this issue can be discussed as part of that meeting.

12.The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

An Environment, Biodiversity & Amenities Subcommittee was scheduled for 2nd March 2022 to discuss any plans Council may have for the jubilee, however, only HWD attended, and the Park Warden was the only person to send apologies; the meeting could not go ahead.

Councillors were asked if they would like to do anything to mark the occasion, but nothing was proposed.

13.Correspondencesite

- Donation to The Noah's Ark Appeal

Action: £100 donation to be given.

- Donation to Bridgend Carers Centre

Action: £100 donation to be given.

- Public Space Protection Order Consultation - Anti-social behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

Action: BCBC to be notified of Council's agreement to the proposals to extend existing Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO).

14.Clerk's Report

- The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has agreed a 1.75% pay award from 1st April 2021; Clerk has actioned the increase through payroll from March 2022; eleven months arrears due to staff in March.
- Due to storms, two trees were damaged in Parc Tir Iarll. Council gave approval for a tree surgeon to undertake the necessary work at a cost of £250.
- The new noticeboard at the park has been vandalised, Caerau Men's Shed who constructed it have been notified.

Resolved: a stronger door and lock to be fitted.

15.Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

16.Members' Reports

Nothing to report.

17.Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 13th April 2022

Meeting closed at 8.05pm

Chairman.....

Date.....