



Llangynwyd Middle Community Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Full Council Held in the Chamber, Maesteg Town Council Offices on Wednesday, 10th August 2022 at 6.30pm

Present

Councillors: Richard Howells (RH) - Chairman, Anne Wilkes (AW), Pararajasingham Sasiruban (PS), Phillippa Etherington (PE), Kenneth Piper (KP), Paul John (PJ) and Colin Williams (CW)

Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs): Kevin Aston (KA) and Stacey Morgan (SM) and Police Constable (PC) David Johnson (DJ)

Cheryl John (CJ) - Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer

1.Apologies for Absence

Cllr Harry Davies (HWD) sent his apologies.

2.Declarations of Interest

None

3.Public Address

None

4.Amalgamation of Community Councils

Cllr Malcolm James was unable to attend the meeting therefore, item to be discussed another time.

5. Police Matters

The Chairman welcomed the police officers to the meeting as GS was unable to attend. KA went through the March to July 2022 crime figures for Council.

CW requested a graph of the crime statistics for the past few years, the Clerk advised that she could provide this information if required.

The ongoing dangerous parking outside Cwmfelin and Llangynwyd Primary Schools was raised again, the Clerk advised that this has been reported many times in the past to both the local police and the Local Authority.

Action: the local police to liaise with both schools.

6.Ratification of the Minutes of the Remote Ordinary Meeting of Full Council Held on Wednesday, 9th March 2022

There are only two existing Members of the previous Council; HWD agreed their accuracy at the July 2022 meeting, and PS agreed them at this meeting due to his absence last month.

Resolved: the minutes be confirmed as a correct record.

7.Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Remote Ordinary Meeting of Full Council Held on Wednesday, 9th March 2022

Nothing discussed due to the late ratification of the minutes.

8.Ratification of the Minutes of the Remote Ordinary Meeting of Full Council Held on Wednesday, 13th July 2022

Resolved: the minutes be confirmed as a correct record.

9.Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Remote Ordinary Meeting of Full Council Held on Wednesday, 13th July 2022

Page 3 - Item 16 - Love it Don't Trash it! - BCBC Initiative for Primary Schools

Pupils of all eight schools in Maesteg will enter a competition by creating a poster to advertise the campaign in the Llynfi Valley; to be judged by RH and the Mayor of Maesteg Town Council.

Page 4 - Item 20 - Creation of New Email Addresses for Council Business

PS was asked to do so at his earliest convenience.

Action: Clerk to remind HWD.

Page 4 - Item 21 - Correspondence

- PJ gave a brief report on the Bridgend County Borough's Destination Management Plan Town and Community Council Workshop.

Action: Clerk to circulate the slides which were shared at the workshop.

Page 4 - Item 22 - Clerk's Report

- The Independent Review Panel for Wales' allowance is taxable.

Action: those Councillors who pay tax to submit a copy of their self-assessment return to the Clerk as proof of declaration for audit purposes.

- The meeting to discuss Ynysawdre Community Council's repayment was not required as the money was included in the insurance settlement.

Action: Clerk to make the repayment of £6,000 as soon as possible.

Page 5 - Item 23 - Chairman's Report

- Not everyone is making the most of the training sessions offered by One Voice Wales and encouraged by Council.

Action: Clerk to remind those Councillors of these opportunities.

10.Planning Applications

- Planning Application Consultation: P/22/449/FUL - Mr R C Smith, 4 Maesteg Road, Maesteg. CF34 9LB - Regrade rear garden to form two patio areas including new steps and fence

There were no objections to this application.

- Neath Port Talbot Council Replacement Local Development Plan (2021-2036) - Candidate Site Register - Informal Consultation

No comments made.

11.Finance and Accounts

CJ distributed the following for the NatWest Bank Account:

- Record of the financial transactions (1st April 2022 to 31st July 2022)
- Bank transactions (1st August 2021 to 31st July 2022)

Bank Balance

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

The closing balance on 31st July 2022 was £5,000.00

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

- Record of the financial transactions (1st April 2022 to 31st July 2022)
- Bank statements (1st July 2022 to 31st July 2022)

Bank Balance

The opening balance on 1st July 2022 was £71,047.14

The closing balance on 31st July 2022 was £64,428.60

Resolved: all accounts be approved on the attached Excel spreadsheet.

Council also gave its approval for the first payment of an invoice for legal representation in an ongoing case with an ex-member of staff:

- Red Kite Law - Invoice Number: 78648 - £1,026.30

Action: Clerk to pay the invoice as soon as possible.

12.Parc Tir Iarll

PE advised Council of her concerns relating to the lack of management, maintenance and health and safety at the park.

Action: Clerk to agenda the concerns for discussion at the next meeting of the Environment, Biodiversity and Amenities Committee.

13.Responsibility for the Hopcyn Cross

All attempts to establish ownership have failed.

Action: RH to make more enquiries and report back to Council at the next meeting.

14.Youth Representation on Council - Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 ss. 118-119

Council agreed that youth representation would be very beneficial.

Action: Clerk to advertise for expressions of Interest.

15.Community Engagement

Referred to the Environment, Biodiversity and Amenities Committee.

Action: Clerk to agenda item for the next meeting of the committee.

16.Correspondence

- A Fairer Council Tax - Consultation

No comments made.

- T&CC Representation on Bridgend Local Access Forum

Nobody volunteered.

- Signing up to the Civility and Respect Pledge

Referred to the Policies and Procedures Committee

Action: Clerk to agenda item for the next meeting of the committee.

17.Clerk's Report

- The Lone Alert contact details for an emergency now need updating; PE, KP and PJ volunteered.

Action: the relevant information is to be passed on to the firm

- One of the two large 'Parc Tir Iarll' nature boards was vandalised but it has now been repaired by the Housemartins Men's Shed who had refurbished them not so long ago.
- A report has been sent to BCBC of Japanese Knotweed on the side of the road leading down to the sports pavilion in Llangynwyd.
- The contract on the Clerk's mobile phone is finishing shortly, a new handset is not required so a sim only deal will be sought.
- CW has volunteered to be a member of both the Environment, Biodiversity and Amenities Committee and the Rights of Way Committees.
- The defibrillator at Llangynwyd Village Hall is out of use on the circuit due to a delay on the delivery of the replacement pads.
- The Council's Facebook page has been created but who will administer it?

Action: Clerk to agenda this for the next Personnel Committee.

- Use of the Chamber for meetings at Maesteg Town Council Offices will cost £10.
- Cllr Malcolm James has asked if Council will arrange for the cutting of overgrowth on Railway land opposite the Railway Inn. He has been advised that a Community Council cannot take responsibility for the work of another organisation.

18.Chairman's Report

RH reported:

- The trees on the A4063 between Cwmfelin and Llangynwyd are overgrown.

Action: Clerk to report this again to BCBC.

- The links for him to join two One Voice Wales training sessions were never sent; one free session has been offered as an apology for these oversights.

19.Members' Reports

- PE reiterated the urgent need for a tree survey at the park; maybe the funding that has been allocated to Parc Tir Iarll through the Cwm Taf Nature Network can be used for this purpose.

Action: more information to be obtained about this source of funding and what it covers.

- PS mentioned that an ex-Councillor was interested in becoming a Member again, he was advised that a written application would be required by the Clerk. He also stated that he did not want the IRPW allowance for Councillors and that he cannot always attend meetings, he was told to always send his apologies if he cannot attend and to write to the Clerk to decline the allowance.
- AW is very disappointed with the flowers in the hanging baskets on Llan Square this year.
- A few Councillors mentioned that they found the website difficult to navigate and that its appearance was dated.

Action: Clerk to investigate issues.

20.Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 14th September 2022 at 6.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.40pm

Chairman.....

Date.....