



Llangynwyd Middle Community Council

Minutes of the Remote Ordinary Meeting of Full Council Held in Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 26th July 2023 at 6.30pm

Present

Councillors: Kenneth Piper (KP) - Chairman, Colin Williams (CW), Pararajasingham Sasiruban (PS), and Harry Davies (HD)

Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer - Cheryl John (CJ)

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Phillippa Etherington (PE) could not attend as she was away, and PCSO Gareth Stoneham (GS) was on annual leave.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Public Address

None

4. Police Matters

The PCSO was not in attendance so the discussion on the crime statistics for February to June 2023 had to be deferred.

5. Ratification of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting Held on Friday, 20th January 2023

Council read the minutes and **resolved** that they be approved.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting Held on Friday, 20th January 2023

None

7. Ratification of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Full Council Held on Wednesday, 22nd February 2023

Council read the minutes and **resolved** that they be approved.

8. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Full Council Held on Wednesday, 22nd February 2023

None

9. Ratification of the Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday, 14th March 2023

Council read the minutes and **resolved** that they be approved.

10. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday, 14th March 2023

None

11. Ratification of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday, 21st March 2023

Council read the minutes and **resolved** that they be approved.

12. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday, 21st March 2023

None

13. Ratification of the Minutes of the Policies and Procedures Committee Meeting Held on Wednesday, 22nd March 2023

Council read the minutes and **resolved** that they be approved.

14. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Policies and Procedures Committee Meeting Held on Wednesday, 22nd March 2023

None

15. Ratification of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting Held on Wednesday, 28th June 2023

Deferred

16. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Annual Meeting Held on Wednesday, 28th June 2023

Deferred

17. Planning

Council considered the following applications:

- Planning application consultation: P/23/101/APN - Neuadd Domos Farm, Llan Road, Llangynwyd. CF34 9SF - Prior notification for a silage pit for storage of forage (3 walls with no roof)
- Planning application consultation: P/23/118/FUL - Maes Cadlawr Farm, Piggery Lane, Llangynwyd. CF34 9RU - Demolish part of existing structure; construct two storey side extension; balcony to rear with 2.0m high privacy screen to western elevation
- Planning application consultation: P/23/138/FUL - 9 Jenkins Terrace, Cwmfelin, Maesteg. CF34 9LA - Single storey rear extension; Single storey side extension to garage
- Planning application consultation: P/23/170/DPN - Cwmfelin Primary School, Maesteg Road, Cwmfelin, Maesteg. CF34 9LD - Prior notification to demolish caretaker's single storey outbuilding
- Planning application consultation: P/23/231/FUL – Lluest, Maesteg Road, Llangynwyd. CF34 9SN - Extend vehicular access and dropped kerb onto A4063
- Planning application consultation: P/23/341/FUL - 21 Y Dderwen, Llangynwyd. CF34 9HX - Front & rear dormers and alterations

- Planning application consultation: P/22/564/FUL - 21 Cwrt y Fedwen, Cwmfelin, Maesteg. CF34 9GH - Boundary fence between properties to front of dwelling
- Planning application consultation: T/23/3/TPO - Rear of 1-5 Parc Tyn y Waun, Llangynwyd, Maesteg. CF34 9RG - 30%-40% reduction to Holly, Hazel and Sycamore hedge to the rear

Resolved: no objections to any of the applications.

18. Finance and Accounts

Members were sent the following documents prior to the meeting:

- Excel spreadsheets with full details of all transactions between 01/04/2022 and 31/03/2023
- Excel spreadsheets with full details of all transactions between 01/04/2023 and 30/06/2023
- Unity Trust Bank statements from February 2023 to June 2023; there have been no NatWest transactions since 29/12/2021

Unity Trust Bank Balance

Opening on 01/02/2023: £62,832.59

Closing on 31/03/2023: £51,126.26

Opening on 01/04/2023: £51,126.26

Closing on 30/06/2023: £94,209.13

NatWest Bank Balance

Opening on 01/02/2023: £5,000.00

Closing on 31/03/2023: £5,000.00

Opening on 01/04/2023: £5,000.00

Closing on 30/06/2023: £5,000.00

Council **resolved** that the excel spreadsheets be approved.

Members were also sent the following document prior to the meeting:

- The final spreadsheet for 2022/23 outlining expenditure and income against budget

Council **resolved** that the spreadsheet be approved.

Copies of two invoices:

- The Staples (Banner Group Ltd) Invoice Number: 1346908 - office stationery
- The One Voice Wales' invoice for membership 2023/24

Council **resolved** that these payments be approved.

19. Correspondence

- Electoral arrangement review

Council **resolved** that if necessary, it would be best to amalgamate with Maesteg Town Council.

Action: Clerk to advise Bridgend County Borough Council of the decision.

- Painting of Bridge by Old Tyler's Arms

Council **resolved** that Members would paint the bridge white.

Action: Clerk to contact the Local Authority to get advice on the paint(s) and quantity/quantities to purchase.

- Pre-application Consultation - Llangynwyd Playing Fields

No objections were raised.

- Pre-Application Proposal for Additional Storage Buildings - Bridgend Paper Mill

No objections were raised.

- Notice of making a definitive map modification order - addition of byway open to all traffic from County Road at Brynllwarch Fawr Farm to east of railway crossing, addition of restricted byway to link to Bridleway 32 Llangynwyd Middle and upgrading of Bridleway 32 Llangynwyd Middle to a restricted byway

Council **resolved** that the following observations be sent to the Local Authority:

Council's concerns are with the railway and the rickety bridge due to the health and safety issues, and there being no more infrastructure in place for people/horses to safely cross the line. Also, Members are mindful that the farmer will have his privacy compromised.

The Community Council are against this happening.

20. Parc Tir Iarll

- Consideration of quotes for installation of water at park

Council compared the three quotes obtained for this work, which ranged in cost between £3,780 and £19,224

Resolved: LSV Water Ltd be offered the contract at £3,780 (incl. VAT) and a new connection fee of £1,079 be paid to Dwr Cymru.

- Vandalism at park - storytelling area and nature trail lecterns

This has been reported to the PCSO who will make every effort to patrol the area.

Action: Clerk to make enquiries about the installation of a motion sensed wildlife camera

- Another 100 linear metres of tarmac pathway laid
- Dispute with Craft Wales over original order for log circle and throne

Council **resolved** that the invoice for £1,434 for just the materials could be paid as they had already been made when order was cancelled.

21. Any Other Business

- Annual Report 2022/23

Councillors were sent the report prior to the meeting,

They **resolved** that it be approved and published on the website.

Action: Clerk to agenda the appointment of a social media/community engagement officer for a personnel meeting

- Zurich Insurance Policy 2023/24

All the insurance paperwork and asset register were sent to Members prior to the meeting.

Council **resolved** that the asset register be approved, and the invoice paid.

- Renewal of Health and Safety Contract with Peninsula

Council considered the renewal of the contract but **resolved** that it was overkill for such a small organisation, and that such services could be arranged on an ad hoc basis in future.

- Purchase of a training resource from Planning Aid Wales - 'Planning: From Start to Finish'

Council **resolved** that it would not be purchased this year, but would be considered in 2024/25 should membership increase; the resource is only available for 12 months.

- Use of Llangynwyd Village Hall for Council Meetings

Council **resolved** that meetings would continue to be held in Maesteg Town Council Offices; the Chamber is spacious, and all the equipment is there to hold hybrid meetings.

Action: Clerk to thank the trustees of the village hall for accommodating Council over the years, and to advise them of Council's intentions.

- IRPW 2023/24 – senior role payment for PE

PE has taken on much of the management responsibilities for Parc Tir Iarll;

Council **resolved** to pay her £500 for all her hard work.

22. Clerk's Report

None

23. Chairman's Report

None

24. Member's Reports

HD advised that some slate has come away on the top left corner of the Maid of Cefn Ydfa monolith, located off Cwmfelin roundabout on Heol Neuadd Domos, at the top of the footpath steps down to Parc Tir Iarll.

Action: Council asked HD to obtain more information and report back to Council.

25. Date of next Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday, 9th August 2023

Chairman.....

Date.....