



Llangynwyd Middle Community Council

Minutes of the Remote Ordinary Meeting of Full Council Held in Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 11th October 2023 at 6.30pm

Present

Councillors: Kenneth Piper (KP) - Chairman, Pararajasingham Sasiruban (PS), Harry Davies (HD), Phillippa Etherington (PE) and PCSO Gareth Stoneham (GS)

Linda Williams (LW) - Minute Taker

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Colin Williams (CW) is unwell, and Cheryl John (CJ), Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer is on a long-term absence due to extenuating circumstances at home

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Public Address

None

4. Police Matters

Due to the late start of the meeting, GS had to leave before giving his report.

Action: Crime figures for September 2023 to be discussed at next meeting.

5. Ratification of the Minutes of the Remote Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday, 20th September 2023

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

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Remote Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday, 20th September 2023

Page 2 - Item 4 - Police Matters

The Clerk was asked to source and obtain quotations for signs notifying the public that motion sensor wildlife cameras are in operation in Parc Tir Iarll, but she needs to know exactly what is required before contacting firms.

Action: Clerk to obtain quotations for an A4 sign worded '24 Hour CCTV in Operation'.

Page 3 - Item 8 - Any Other Business

- Use of Llangynwyd Village Hall for Council Meetings

Clerk advised Council that hybrid meetings must be offered so that anyone wishing to attend remotely can do so; the village hall cannot facilitate such meetings.

Action: Clerk to contact Llangynwyd Primary School again to request use of a room there.

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- Trimming Back Overhanging Tree - Rear of Cwrt y Fedwen

The Clerk has written to the complainant requesting a meeting with Councillors and advising her that no attempt should be made to cut the tree, but there has been no response to date. Her rear boundary line has been taken back two meters meaning that she is encroaching on park land.

Resolved: Council will take no action.

- Wobbly Bench

Actions: Park warden to be reminded to cordon off the bench, and Clerk to obtain quotations to move the bench nearer the path.

Page 5 - Item 12 - Correspondence

- Meeting/Observations Regarding Emerging Proposals for Mynydd Ty-talwyn Energy Park

Some Councillors received an email from Mr P Smith opposing the proposal and asking for their views on the turbines, and another email was received from Mr B Morgan of Britain's Hidden History with background information on the proposed site.

PE has emailed the Energy Payback Scheme for more information on the proposal.

Action: Clerk to reply to both gentlemen thanking them for their emails and informing them that the Community Council is in the process of considering a response. The response is to be formulated at the next meeting.

- Co-option of a Councillor - Kyle Duggan (KD)

KD has not responded to the Clerk's correspondence regarding his co-option.

Action: Clerk to attempt contact again.

- Meeting with Llangynwyd Rangers BGCW FC - planned work at Llangynwyd Playing Fields

KP reminded Councillors of the meeting to be held at the pavilion on the 25th October 2023 at 6.30pm.

Action: As many Councillors as possible to attend to show support

7. Planning

- Neath Port Talbot - Replacement Local Development Plan 2023-2038 - Draft Delivery Agreement Consultation

Action: Any objections to be considered at next meeting

8. Finance and Accounts

Members were sent the following documents prior to the meeting:

- Excel spreadsheets with full details of all transactions between 01/04/2023 and 30/09/2023
- Unity Trust Bank statements for September 2023; there have been no NatWest transactions since 29th December 2021

Unity Trust Bank Balance

Opening on 01/09/2023: £85,435.09
Closing on 30/09/2023: £66,744.45

NatWest Bank Balance

Opening on 01/09/2023: £5,000.00
Closing on 30/09/2023: £5,000.00

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

- It was noted that the Christmas lights have been erected, and KP advised that the electricity is paid for by the Local Authority
- PE advised that the original throne ordered from Craft Wales is awaiting collection by firm.
- PE asked why there was a partial refund for the wildflower seeds.

Action: Clerk to advise at next meeting.

9. Parc Tir Iarll

- Extra tree bark is required for the park.

Action: PE to inform Clerk of quantity needed so that quotations can be obtained.

10. Correspondence

- Wales Air Ambulance - Community Council Appeal 2023

Resolved: £50 donation to be given.

- D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024

Action: To be discussed at next meeting.

11. Any Other Business

- Recruitment of new Councillors

HD presented Welsh and English posters to be displayed to attract new membership; PS agreed to display one in his shop.

Action: HD to send the posters to the Clerk.

- Clerk's membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) 2023/24

Resolved: To pay the fee of £187

- Fee for taking the minutes of meetings in the absence of the Clerk

Resolved: To pay a fee of £15.22 per hour on receipt of an invoice.

- Approval for the purchase of cakes and biscuits for the Remembrance event at Llangynwyd Village Hall

Resolved: Clerk to purchase the cakes and biscuits

- Approval for the purchase of Christmas selection boxes for the pupils of Cwmfelin and Llangynwyd Primary Schools, and the provision for surplus boxes

Resolved: Clerk to purchase the selection boxes; Moo Free where necessary; any surplus to be donated to a Maesteg charity for distribution.

12. Clerk's Report

- Remembrance Service 2023 - 11th November 2023

All arrangements have been made for the event.

Action: KP to attend and lay Council's wreath

- Annual Audit 2022/23

The audit is nearly complete, the Clerk expects to deliver the files to the internal auditor by 13th October 2023.

- Legal Proceedings Against Council - Previous Clerk

The plaintiff dropped his lawsuit before the court date.

13. Chairman's Report

None

14. Members' Reports

None

15. Date of Next meeting

Wednesday, 8th November 2023.at 6.30pm, venue to be confirmed by Clerk.

Chairman.....

Date.....