



# Cyngor Cymuned **Glyntraian** Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> January 2023

At the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall

### **Present:**

Councillor Graham Barrow  
Councillor Robin Boston  
Councillor Pam Hughes  
Councillor Edith Jones  
Councillor Emma Jones

Councillor Laura Bell McMillan

Also present: Stephanie Masters (Clerk), Davena Davies (Community Agent)

Chairman opened the meeting at 6pm

### **Action**

### **1/0123 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from Cllr Colin Hidden (personal circumstances) and Councillor Sarah Hawkes (personal circumstances)

### **2/0123 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

#### **(a) Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

None

#### **(b) Requests for dispensations**

None

### **3/0123 Reports**

#### **(a) Police Report**

No report

PH informed Councillors that she had seen an adult and a child on a quad riding around Dolywern on

New Year's Eve between 10:00pm and 11:00pm. **PH** asked **SM** to report the incident to PCSO Gareth Jones.

**SM**

**(b) WCBC Councillor Trevor Bates**

No report

**4/0123 Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**(a) Minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2022 were reviewed and approved as a true and correct record. Proposed by RBo and seconded by PH. Unanimously agreed.**

**(b) Matters Arising**

- Following the complaint raised at the last meeting about the rubbish from Mellow Mountain being left again in the bins at The Swan, **SM** had sent another letter to the owner of the property.
- A warm space grant from WCBC had been applied for and a decision on the application would be made on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023. **SM** advised that a grant from Adult Social Service had also been applied for.
- £250.16 of the money being held for 'Helping Hands' in the Community Agent account had been used to fund the groceries for the hampers.
- **SM** had informed Gareth Morris that WCBC is responsible for siting the litter bins on his land without permission and advised he contact them directly to resolve the problem.
- The Wales Air Ambulance was running a Community Council Appeal and had requested a donation towards the costs of providing their service. Discussion had been deferred at the last meeting. The request was reviewed but no decision to provide a donation was taken. The Charity had also drawn attention to their campaign to prevent the closure and relocation of the service from Welshpool airport.

**5/0123 Correspondence**

**SM** had received:

- Notification that the Dolywern playground was not on the WCBC Play Area list. **SM** had sent an email to the Landscape Officer at WCBC requesting the playground be added to the list.
- An application had been received from Ysgol Cynddelw requesting a s137 donation towards the cost of the bus to take the children for swimming lessons. This was discussed later in the meeting.
- Notification of an inspection of the generation and export meters for the FIT licence for the solar panels. Scottish Power to advise inspection date.
- Notification that the Council's Precept request must be sent by 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023.
- An invoice from Rhys Hughes for the final grass cut of the Memorial Bank in Pontfadog.

- Email from YesCymru requesting a donation of £50 - £100 towards their efforts to explore the possibilities and potentialities for an Independent Wales. This was not discussed any further because the Council does not hold a power to make this type of donation.
- An email from a resident requesting the Council find out what is happening with a bungalow in Bro Dewi (Llwynmawr), which has remained empty for nearly two years. She had applied for OAP housing for her father who is a priority applicant. **GB** asked **SM** to get an update from WCBC Housing to establish when the property would be available again and reasons for the delay.

**SM**

### 6/0123 Community Agent

**DD** reported:

- Warm Space room has been redesigned to look more comfortable and encourage people to attend. Before Christmas, we had roughly 10 people attending and hope to increase this further in the coming months.
- After filling in a cost-of-living crisis survey - won a £75 gift voucher which was donated to the Community Christmas lunch. This enabled us to pay for the Christmas lunch without needing to spend any of the money donated from the police. After having done a raffle and reimbursing Graham for his purchases, the money raised from the raffle and police donation is approximately £300 which will be spent on our next event.
- Received several phone calls over the festive period, including Christmas day, mainly for people who were isolated and wanting to chat.
- I have made two referrals to the emergency social services team over the festive period, with considerable time spent gathering background information. Follow-ups have taken place and I am happy to report they appear to be progressing towards a suitable conclusion.
- Thank you to Graham for cooking the Christmas meal. Our team was depleted due to ill health and Covid-19, thank you also to Mary, who helped with both preparation and serving of the lunch. Thank you to Sharon from WI for her help with serving the lunch along with thanks to Colin, Adrian and PCSO Gareth Jones for being our waiters for Christmas dinner – they even had a Christmas dinner to celebrate. 50 invitations were sent out for the Christmas dinner and 49 meals were served. Everyone complimented the chef. My thanks to Pam for the wonderful flower arrangement. Thank you also to Zoe who came after work to help me finish up and prepare the Hall for the funeral the following day.
- My thanks to Sarah and Margaret who helped pack the hampers for the Hugs and Hampers campaign. These were delivered over the Thursday, Friday and Saturday before Christmas along with the hugs. The hampers were far too heavy to carry so Gareth helped me deliver these. We delivered 17 hampers and 20 hugs throughout Glyntraian and two hampers (one family and one single one) were sent to Glyn Ceiriog. These families attend the music club and church within Glyntraian.

**EJ** thanked **DD** for all her work in the community and for going above and beyond her normal duties.

### 7/0123 Finance Report

**(a) To review Financial Report and (b) to authorise and sign payments**

**SM** had sent a copy of the financial report to Councillors prior to the meeting detailing the account

balances, receipts and what had been paid. A schedule of items for payment totalling £2353.26 had also been circulated prior to the meeting and these were discussed.

**SM** advised there were two further payments to be made which were not listed on the payment schedule circulated prior to the meeting. These were:

- Rhys Hughes: £80 (final grass cutting on the Memorial Bank in Pontfadog)
- S Masters: £79 (printer ink)

**PH proposed** all the payments be approved. **Seconded** by **RBo**. **Unanimously agreed**. All the payments were signed by **GB** and **PH**.

Receipts totalled £1275.00. These were an inclusion project grant from Tesco and Groundwork UK (£1125.00) and a donation towards the Community Christmas Lunch (£150) from the NW Police and Community Trust (PACT). **DD** asked why only £1125.00 had been received from the grant when £1500 had been awarded. **SM** explained the remaining £375 was paid on completion of the project.

**GB** signed the financial report.

#### **(c) To review s137 application from Ysgol Cynddelw**

An application had been received from Ysgol Cynddelw requesting a donation of £280 towards the cost of the bus to take the children for swimming lessons. Councillors said that any agreed donation should be a one-off payment only because this was a regular cost and should be included in the school's budget. It was suggested that it would be better for the school to request any additional funds from Wrexham CBC who, as the Local Educational Authority, has the responsibility for the costs. However, as there were 14 children from Glyntraian, **EJ proposed** the Council donate £200 towards the cost of the bus but stipulate that this is a one-off payment. **Seconded** by **RBo**. **Unanimously agreed**. **SM** to advise the school of the condition when paying the donation.

SM

#### **(d) To make a decision on Council Budget and Precept for 2023-2024**

**SM** had circulated a draft budget and precept calculation for 2023-2024 to Councillors prior to the meeting. **RBo** said that more funds should be available for Council events, especially with the King's Coronation this year. He also said additional funds for the Community Agent should be considered to cover any changes to her contract in the new Financial Year. After further discussion it was agreed a further £1000 be added for Council events and £1000 for the Community Agent which increased the required Precept to £21500.

**RBo proposed** the revised budget be accepted and the Council Precept set at £21500. **Seconded** by **EJo**. **Unanimously agreed**. **SM** to send request to WCBC.

SM

#### **8/0123 Planning**

Planning application P/2022/1017 Telecommunications Mast, Llwynmawr  
Upgrade to telecommunications site and ancillary equipment

Councillors reviewed the above planning application had no objections to the plans. **SM** to advise WCBC Planning Officer.

SM

#### **9/0123 New Council Noticeboard**

**EJ** informed Councillors that there were 20 families in the northern area of Glyntraian and suggested the Council put a new Council noticeboard on the lane towards Selattyn to ensure residents living in that remote area are made aware of the Council's activities. **GB** said that planning permission may be required and asked **SM** to check with WCBC Planning. He said a suitable location would need to be identified and **LBM** offered to research suitable sites. **SM** to confirm prices of a new noticeboard. **EJ proposed** the Council have a new noticeboard in the area. **Seconded** by **LBM**. **Unanimously**

LBM SM

agreed.

### 10/0123 Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Removal of portacabin by the Ceiriog Valley Bowling Club from the OJMH car park. **GB** had requested it be removed from the site, but no action had been taken.

#### AOB

**DD** told Councillors that at the time of a recent emergency in the local area the emergency services had failed in their duty to inform the person making the emergency call of the location of the defibrillator or the code required to access the equipment. The Council should confirm the defibrillator is still registered with the emergency services. It was agreed that the Council inform residents where all the defibrillators are in Glyntraian and put this information in the Glyn News.

**EJ** raised the issue of the serious erosion of the riverbank located opposite Pandy Bach. She had passed on NRW's email address to the owner so he could contact them directly about the problem.

**PH** asked what the sacks left on the OJMH car park contained. **GB** explained it was MOT which was left over from when the new playground was installed. It had been used to provide a stable sub-base for the play equipment.

**LBM** to draft the Council's contribution to the Glyn News. **SM** to send to editor of Glyn News.

**SM**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7:23pm

Next meeting will be on 1st February 2023 at 6pm

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