



Cyngor Cymuned **Glyntraian** Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

1st March 2023

At the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall

Present:

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

Councillor Sarah Hawkes

Also present: Stephanie Masters (Clerk), Davena Davies (Community Agent) and Cllr Trevor Bates

Chairman opened the meeting at 6pm

Action

1/0323 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Colin Hidden (personal circumstances) and Cllr Laura Bell McMillan (personal circumstances)

2/0323 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

(a) Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None

(b) Requests for dispensations

None

3/0323 Reports

(a) Police Report

SM had circulated a Police report prior to the meeting summarising crime in the area. Motorbikes and

4x4 vehicles continue to be a problem. Police are asking residents to report any incidents. This evidence would be used to support ongoing Police Operations.

(b) WCBC Councillor Trevor Bates

He reported:

- The date of auction for the Pontfadog School site has been set for 30th March 2023. A local group was making a private offer before the site goes to auction.
- WCBC Council Tax is increasing by 6%
- Informed Councillors that there were some branches in the Bro Dewi culvert, but **DD** advised that this was not the case. **TB** said he would check the culvert again.
- Had asked for a new road salt bin for Maes Meredydd in Pontfadog. **SH** asked **TB** if he could ask again about delivery of road salt for the lanes in Bronygarth and surrounding area where none had been left.
- Had been given figures for refuse collection in Wrexham County Borough for 2021/2022. The Borough has a population of 135,100 and refuse is collected from 53,665 houses. There are 62500 black household waste bins from which a total of 31669 tonnes of refuse is collected. This includes 7113 tonnes of food waste and 5481 tonnes of card and paper. In addition, there are 31,300 green bins and 8826 tonnes of green waste was collected and processed.

EJ again raised the problem of rubbish being put in the bins in the Pontfadog by people on holiday at Mellow Mountain. **TB** to check the details about the legal owner of the holiday cottage and report the information back to the Council.

- Advised Councillors that the Canolfan in Glyn Ceiriog would be holding an event to celebrate the King's Coronation on the 8th May.

4/0323 Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall on 1st February 2023

(a) Minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2023 were reviewed and approved as a true and correct record. Proposed by PH and seconded by RBo. Unanimously agreed.

(b) Matters Arising

- **SM** had paid the agreed s137 donation to Ysgol Cynddelw (£200)
- **SM** had circulated the cost-of-living crisis numbers to Councillors and **LBM** had put these in the Glyn News. **SM** to put the main number on the noticeboards.
- **CH** had fitted TV aerials in the warm spaces at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall. Payment of invoice was approved later in the meeting.
- **SM** informed Councillors that WCBC will be emptying the litter bin at Castle Mill on Wednesdays. **SM** thanked **TB** for picking up the litter around bin and partly emptying it before WCBC made the first collection.
- **SM** had received a letter from the Ceiriog Valley Bowls Club requesting permission to use the OJMH carpark for a car wash on 29th April 2023 to raise funds for the Club. They had

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confirmed they would only be using biodegradable washing liquids and had confirmed they would pay for the water used from the Hall's metered supply. **EJ proposed** permission given to the Ceiriog Valley Bowls Club to use the Hall carpark for a car wash event. **Seconded** by **PH. Unanimously agreed.**

- **DD** and **RBo** informed Councillors that the organisation of the vintage show was progressing well. The show was being held on the 15th July 2023. There has been a lot of interest from people who would like to bring various vehicles to the show. It was confirmed that any profits from the event will be donated to the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall.
- The installation of the cinema facilities at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall had been arranged for the 15th March 2023.
- **GB** reported that 4 water containers had been dumped in the river. Those responsible had not yet been identified. The containers had now been removed from the river.

5/0323 Correspondence

SM had received:

- An email from Wales Air Ambulance thanking the Council for the donation
- Notification from WCBC of the consultation for the WCBC Council Plan 2023-2028. Advised A4 posters and A5 flyers promoting the consultation were available. **SM** had ordered 4 posters for Council noticeboards. **SM**
- Information from Ambition North Wales regarding Growth Deal Funding
- The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales's Annual Report, February 2023.
- Email from Scottish Power requesting an update of the address of the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall. At the time of installation of the solar panels the wrong postcode had been put on the documents.
- An email from the Wrexham Youth and Play Partnership advising they had been approached by a group of residents from Glyn Ceiriog wanting support doing Play Street Sessions over the summer holidays in the Glyn Ceiriog and Pontfadog area. The Partnership would like to apply to the Wrexham Council to request permission to close the following streets Y Gamer, Maes Meredydd and Y Maes for 2 hours whilst the sessions take place. The Partnership had asked the Council for its support for these play sessions to go ahead and Councillors agreed they were happy to do so. **GB** asked **SM** to find out further details of what activities were made available at these sessions. **SM**

6/0223 Community Agent

DD reported:

- Wrexham County Borough Council is to hold a cost-of-living event at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall on Wednesday 22nd March. Joanna Hughes (financial inclusion officer) and other organisations will be on hand to help with advice on bills and benefits.
- Colin has now added the fittings for the TV in the annex room, and the invoices had been passed to **SM** for payment.
- Had attended several meetings.

- We are progressing well with organising the vintage show. We have had a lot of interest from people who would like to bring various vehicles to the show. It has also now been confirmed that profits, if any, from this event will be donated to the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall.
- Still supporting a member of the Community with hospital appointments and food shopping.
- The St David's Day afternoon tea had been well supported and I thank everyone for all the help today - the ladies from the W.I, **CH**, Cass, **GB** and **RBo**.
- The money (£159) raised from the Christmas dinner raffle has paid the cost of the afternoon tea meaning that any monies raised and held by the Community Agent has now been spent.
- **RBo** and I have applied for a grant to help with the cost of the Coronation entertainment, and we have had confirmation of the receipt of the application, but we expect it to take several weeks before we know if our application has been successful.
- Had attended a meeting with members of the Bowling Club.

DD explained that more efficient kitchen equipment was needed at the Hall to help make preparing food much easier for clubs and events. **DD**, **RBo** and **GB** to look at what is needed and bring the information to the next meeting.

GB DD
RBo

DD asked Councillors if a bench could be out at the top of the steps at the Hall to help people who need to rest after climbing the steps. **GB** said folding seats might be better option. To be discussed further.

7/0323 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 £3581.73 had also been circulated prior to the meeting and these were discussed.

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

- Groundforce: £216.46
- S Masters: £49.65 (Clerk's mobile phone)
- S Masters: £159 (TV licence for 'warm spaces')
- Castle Fixings £144 (installation of new TV aerials in 'warm spaces' at OJMH)

Payments for the TV licence and fitting of the TV aerials for the 'warm spaces' to come from the Warm Spaces grant from WCBC.

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

There had been one receipt for £1000 (WCBC Warm Spaces grant)

GB signed the financial report.

(c) To review Councillor Allowance

SM advised Councillors that they were entitled to receive an annual allowance of £150 and explained

that this was taxable. She advised there was no need to make a claim for the allowance and it would be automatically paid at the end of the financial year unless they chose to opt out of receiving the payment. 'Opt out' forms were made available at the meeting. Councillors to advise **SM** of their choice.

8/0323 New Council Noticeboard

SM had confirmed with WCBC that planning permission was not required for the new noticeboard, but permission would be required from Highways to put it on the roadside verge at the chosen location. **SM** to contact Highways. **SM** advised Councillors the price of the new noticeboard including fitting would be £1344. A final decision would be made once permission had been granted.

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9/0323 Celebrations for King's Coronation

The Coronation Events Committee had met to discuss suitable events to celebrate the King's Coronation. **RBo** confirmed the plans for the Ceilidh on Saturday evening and that he had paid for a bar licence for the event. An afternoon tea was being planned for the Saturday afternoon and the WI were being asked to help with the event.

10/03/2023 Environment Committee

SM informed Councillors that she has to annually report any actions taken by Council to benefit wildlife and enhance biodiversity in order to meet its legal obligations under the section 6 biodiversity duty of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. The Environment Committee summarised what had been achieved and outlined ideas for future consideration. It was agreed that the information should be put in the Glyn News and give residents the opportunity to make suggestions on how the Council can encourage others to protect and improve the environment.

GB

11/03/2023 AOB

The public auction of the Pontfadog School site was to take place on 30th March 2023. Councillors discussed this. **EJo proposed** that whilst the Council has no influence over bidders at the auction it would prefer the school site goes to a local enterprise as opposed to an enterprise from outside the community. **Seconded by EJ. Voting: 4 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention.**

12/0323 Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Presentation of photos and videos from the Ceiriog River Survey

Review of facilities in the OJMH kitchen

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7:40pm

Next meeting will be on 5th April 2023 at 6pm

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