



Newcastle Higher Community Council Cyngor Cymuned CastellnewyddUwch

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Full Council, held at Penyfai Church in Wales School

Presiding: Cllr. M Flanagan

Present: Cllr. M Griffiths Cllr. E Morgan
Cllr S Barker Cllr. G Hewitt
Cllr. D Hopkins Cllr. J Kemble
Cllr. J Gebbie Cllr. S Borterill

In attendance: Mrs. H Mortimer (locum Clerk)
Three members of the public

18/24 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. H Bennett

19/24 To receive questions and observations from the public

Three Members of the public in attendance

- Disappointment expressed at the lack of PCSO contribution. Cllr. Flanagan explained that attendance was dependent on operational requirements and they have agreed to attend when possible.
- Concerns were raised regarding the lack of a bus service, especially to attend medical appointments. Councillors provided some information on voluntary services and advised that due to the cost it would not be something the Community Council could provide at this time.
- The Council were thanked by a Resident, for their work and for the opportunity to observe/contribute to Council meetings.
- A Resident had raised the issue of pest infestation and fly tipping on the old Bridgend Road with Cllr. Gebbie. The Resident commented on how impressed she was by how quickly the matter is being dealt with – rubbish removal and new signage.

Cllr. Gebbie was thanked by Council. Cllr. Gebbie invited Residents and Council to make her aware of any issues by email and she will take matters forward.

20/24 Declarations of interest in accordance with section 51 of the local government act 2000. Any interests to be declared as items arise through the meeting

As recorded for Penyfai Community Association.

Cllr. Morgan – Allotments

21/24 To approve as a correct record thereof minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 18th of April 2023

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes as true and accurate subject to one inclusion – item matters arising to include at The Pheasant for the defibrillator location.

22/24 To consider matters arising from the Full Council Meeting held on the 18th of April 2023 not already on the agenda.

A. To note the change in the numbering system of Minutes from the 18th of April 2023 - The new numbering system was duly noted.

23/24 To receive reports from Community Association representatives

A verbal report was provided which was duly noted. The Residents via the Association had requested information on:

- the provision of hanging baskets – Clarity provided by Cllr. Hopkins
- Electric car charging points – Cllr. Gebbie stated that this was a wider project and that the County Borough were actively seeking sites for electric charging points.

24/24 To note the Annual Report progress and invite councillor contributions

Cllr. Bennett provided report via the Chair stating that progress was ongoing, this was duly noted. There were no further Councillor contributions

25/24 Approval of accounts payable and financial update

A. To note bank reconciliation summary – NOTED

It was also noted that the sum of up to £200 previously agreed for the coronation celebrations had remained unspent as there was no interest from the Residents for a street party.

B. To approve a list of payments made and to be made

AABC – website provision - £ 204.00

Crown garden and maintenance - £108.80

Freethought – provision of Councillor emails - £35.00 (plus VAT)

C. To approve a list of receipts received

The precept of £53,637 has been received

D. To consider the provision of a mobile phone

RESOLVED TO:

- B. Approve payments as listed.
- C. Approve receipts.
- D. Enter into a new contract to provide a mobile phone.

Consideration of planning applications for response to BCBC

A. Planning Application No.: P/23/233/FUL Applicant: Mr M Hart Location: 1 Clos y TalcenPenyfai Bridgend CF31 4BU Proposal: First floor front extension

- B. Planning Application No.: P/23/244/FUL Applicant: Mrs J Simpson Location: 3 Llewellyn Drive Penyfai CF31 4NX Proposal: Remove garage; construct single storey side extension

RESOLVED TO: To make no observations.

26/24 To receive Members reports

Cllr. Hopkins provided a maintenance report stating that:-

The hanging basket would be provided as per the specification required on the quotation document. It was agreed unanimously by Members to proceed as soon as possible with chosen contractor.

Aberkenfig woodland – It had been confirmed that the reported issues with the trees were on Community Council owned land. It was agreed to seek advice from FJ Trees and request quotations for any works required.

Pheasant Fields – Quotations had been sought for grasscutting. Prices have been requested for three options: 1. Cut & Collect; 2. Cut & Leave clippings onsite; 3. Cut & Give clippings to allotments.

27/24 To receive updates from Borough Councillors

Cllr. Botterall – Requested clarification on whether the contract to provide hanging baskets would include bedding plants on The Square which had recently had a clean up.

Cllr. Gebbie – Invited comments for 20 is plenty consultation.

28/24 To consider correspondence

- A. Planning Aid Wales training - Noted
- B. Sustrans Cymru - Noted
- C. AABC: outgoing website – **Resolved** to pay final invoice and end relationship
- D. Minister Statement and Task and Finish into the Democratic Health of Town and Community Councils - Noted
- E. Tondu and Aberkenfig Community Association - Noted
- F. BAVO & Alzheimer's Society – Noted for future consideration
- G. Resident of Aberkenfig – Overgrowth to be dealt with by maintenance sub committee
- H. Wales Audit Office – Noted
- I. Cynnal Cymru - Noted
- J. One Voice Wales RE: Training Sessions – Noted any Member interested in attending a course to contact Cllr. Flanagan

29/24 To receive South Wales Police report

There were no police or PCSO in attendance, The Chairman read out the crime figures which were duly noted.

30/24 To consider the date of the next Committee meetings

The individual sub-committee lead Councillors to arrange next meetings, as required.

Introduction of Standing Order 3(d) – by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, members of the press and public shall be excluded

RESOLVED - Meeting closed and the three Members of the public left the hall.

31/24 To consider HR recommendations

RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation of the HR Committee and appoint Ms. J. Porter as Clerk. This decision was unanimous.

Conclusion of Standing Order 3(d)

32/24 To confirm the date of the next meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be on the 13th June 2023 at Tondu Primary School.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 7:40pm