



Newcastle Higher Community Council ***Cyngor Cymuned Castellnewydd Uwch***

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Full Council
Held on the 9th of May 2023

Present: Cllr M Flanagan Cllr S Barker
Cllr M Griffiths Cllr G Hewitt
Cllr D Hopkins Cllr J Kemble
Cllr E Morgan

In Attendance: Mrs. H Mortimer (locum clerk)
Three members of the public

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Cllr H Bennett; Cllrs Boterill & Gebbie would join remotely following the conclusion of a County Borough meeting.

2. TO ELECT A CHAIRPERSON FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that Cllr M Flanagan be duly elected

3. TO RECEIVE THE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIRPERSON

Declaration duly signed.

4. TO ELECT A DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that Cllr M Griffiths be elected as deputy chairperson.

5. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN RESPECT OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

No declarations were received

6. TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

RESOLVED: All Membership to remain unchanged, resulting in the following committee representation:

a) Staffing Committee: Cllr. H Bennett; Cllr. S Botterill; Cllr. M Flanagan; Cllr. J Gebbie & Cllr. M Griffiths

b) Maintenance Committee: Cllr. G Brown; Cllr. M. Flanagan; Cllr. M Griffiths; Cllr. D Hopkins & Cllr. E Morgan

- c) Wellbeing Committee: Cllr. G Brown; Cllr. S Botterill; Cllr. G Hewitt; Cllr. J. Kemble & Cllr. E Morgan
- d) Audit, Finance, and Policy Committee: Cllr. S Barker; Cllr. H Bennett; Cllr. S Botterill & Cllr. R Hughes

7. TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO CURRENT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

There were no amendments to terms of reference for committees.

8. TO CONFIRM MEETING DATES FOR COMMITTEES

The meeting dates for the committee meetings were confirmed to remain as per the published schedule.

9. TO CONFIRM REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL BODIES

- a. One Voice Wales Area Committee – No representation
- b. Bridgend Town and Community Council Forum – Cllr. H Bennett

10. TO CONSIDER ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

a. To consider Clerk subscription to SLCC

It was agreed to continue the annual subscription to SLCC

b. To consider skip provision for Aberkenfig Allotments

This item was referred to the Maintenance Committee for separate consideration.

c. To review bank signatories for the remaining term of office

It was agreed that current Bankers and signatories to remain unchanged.

11. TO CONSIDER COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION IN LINE WITH THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL FOR WALES (IRPW) PUBLICATIONS

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that all determinations recommended by the IRWP be accepted in principle and councillors to contact the Clerk in order to take up their optional payments.

These are detailed as:

Extra Costs Payment - Mandatory for all members – up to £156 per year for working from home and up to £52 for consumables.

Senior Role - Optional up to 3 members

Chair - Optional - £500

Deputy Chair - Optional - Up to a maximum of £500

Attendance Allowance - Optional

Financial Loss - Optional

Travel and Subsistence - Optional

Cost of Care or Personal Assistance - Mandatory

12. TO DETERMINE THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE COUNCIL'S ORDINARY MEETINGS (TO INCLUDE THE NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)

Agreed ordinary meetings to be held 2nd Tuesday Monthly except August AGM to be held 2nd Tuesday in May prior to ordinary meeting.

Meeting closed 6.40pm