

Cyngor Cymuned Creunant Crynant Community Council



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Minutes of Full Council Meeting January 2022

Held Thursday 27th January held via Microsoft Teams in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020

PRESENT:	CHAIRPERSON	CLLR. S KEIR	
	COUNCILLORS	CLLR. C BEVAN	CLLR. R HILL
		CLLR. B LEWIS	CLLR. R MILES
		CLLR. B MORRIS	CLLR. S RUNDLE
		CLLR. P SHOPLAND	CLLR. S WALDRON

IN ATTENDANCE:

MRS. H MORTIMER
MX. C WILLCOX

APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM: **CLLR. B MICHAEL (ill health)**

MEETING BEGAN AT 18:33

Cllr. Keir began the meeting by introducing new Councillors, Dr. Bethan Morris and Mr. Robin Hill to the Community Council.

817 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. B Michael due to ill health.

818: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were received.

819: TO ADJOURN IF NECESSARY TO RECEIVE PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS

No public questions or statements were received.

820: TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

RESOLVED: To sign the Minutes from November 2021 and the EOM of January 2022 as true and correct.

821: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None were recorded.

822: TO RECEIVE POLICE REPORT

Cllr. Lewis joined the meeting at this Minute Number.

Cllr. Keir advised Members of figures retrieved from the police.uk website. Four crimes were reported which included one anti-social behaviour report, one violent crime report, one public order offence report, and one report listed under 'other'.

The Community Council was advised that a new police sergeant had been appointed, based at Pontardawe. Details of the new officer will be forwarded when received and a visit arranged.

823: TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON CORRESPONDENCE WITH COUNTY COUNCILLOR HARRIS

The Clerk provided a brief update to Members of current correspondence. It was agreed that

ACTION: The Clerk to provide a report to Council Members and to advise County Councillor Harris of this process.

824: TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM ANY MEMBER CONCERNING MEETINGS AT WHICH HE OR SHE REPRESENTED THE COUNCIL

Cllr. Shopland reported on a meeting with Chris Delany regarding an update on progress for Cefn Coed. Cllr. Shopland provided a brief update on progress regarding the colliery museum and possible CADW involvement. In response to a question from Cllr. Kier, Cllr. Shopland advised Members that Mr. Delany had consulted with County Councillor Harris and himself.

Cllr. Shopland provided an update concerning Creunant Primary School. He reported that good progress had been made and that they were currently Covid free.

The Clerk provided a brief update on a meeting with Mr. H. Davies and relevant parties regarding a pre-planning submission. She had also attended an online forum regarding consultation on the future recovery plan.

825: CLERKS REPORT, TO INCLUDE: BANK RECONCILIATION; PAYMENT AUTHORISATIONS

The Clerk reported that the total balances of three accounts, including the Community Association, would be c£90k at the end of the month. The Clerk also provided a summary of other sums to be received later in the financial year.

RESOLVED: That the following payments be made:

Wages as per contract	£ 3552.26	January wages/including qtly. HMRC
Calon Hearts	£ 120.00	Defibrillator supplies
Wildlife cameras	£ 338.98	Forest Walks project – grant funded
Wired Up Wales	£ 140.00	Website
Ian Davies Plant	£3000.00	Outdoor Gym surfacing
ICO Membership	£ 35.00	Membership fee

826: PLANNING: APPLICATION NUMBER: P2021/0732

Cllr. Keir advised Members that he would review the plans.

827: TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

a) UPDATE ON PUMP TRACK

Cllr. Keir provided an update with an outline of the works completed so far and a projected completion date of a week from the meeting. Cllr. Keir observed that there could be a concern with the speed of cyclists from the southernmost exit onto the path.

b) WORK TO MEADOW LANE AND GROUNDS

Cllr. Keir described the completed works on Meadow Lane and advised that there may be an issue with people allowing water onto Community Council land. Cllr. Keir also advised Members of a very positive meeting with Mr. Ben Bonham from SmallWoods Wales and provided an update on the hedge laying that was ongoing with the aid of Volunteers.

The Clerk advised Members that the lease with Mr. Rinaldi had expired and that Mr. Rinaldi had been informally contacted. Mr. Rinaldi would be contacted formally in due course.

c) UPDATE ON OUTDOOR GYMNASIUM

Cllr. Rundle met with a representative from Caloo earlier in the day and advised that the grounds would benefit from grass planting and cleaning. Cllr. Rundle advised Members of Caloo's annual maintenance package at £395 per year and recommended that Council consider this offer, putting it into the ongoing maintenance budget.

RESOLVED: To purchase the annual maintenance package as recommended. Proposed by Cllr. Rundle and Seconded by Cllr. Miles.

d) **UPDATE ON FOREST WALK - LEADER FUNDED PROJECT**

Cllr. Waldron provided Members with an update and overview as the project had come to the end of the LEADER grant monies, with all invoices paid.

e) **PLAYGROUNDS & WELSH GOV. CAPITAL GRANT**

The Clerk advised Members that the Council had been successful in its application to the Welsh Government grant and would use the grant to replace items in the Toddler Park. The Clerk also advised that a plan for the next five years would be generated, working with Cllr. Miles and Cllr. Keir.

f) **OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY CENTRE & ASSOCIATION - LEADER VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME**

An update was provided regarding a large amount of work completed and the general plans for work going forwards. The canteen area was benefitting from a new floor surface for health and safety considerations, while the kitchen was also benefitting from new units and fittings throughout. It was hoped that Volunteers would be finishing the majority of aesthetic works in the coming week.

828: CORRESPONDENCE:

a) **NPTC - REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Noted

b) **MARIE CURIE - LETTER OF THANKS**

Noted

829: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Shopland raised a question regarding signage at the Outdoor Gym. The Clerk provided a brief guide to the responsibilities of the Community Council and advised that an order for signage was already with contractors.

Cllr. Hill advised the Members that the Community Council and Community Association had competed successfully for a good number of grants in the previous year of a total of around £100,000 with a one hundred percent success rate. Cllr. Hill congratulated the Members and Volunteers for the grant bids and work achieved.