Minutes of the Council meeting held Thursday 24th November 2022.

**940: To receive apologies for absence:**

Cllr. Brian Lewis (Holiday); Cllr. Marilyn Gunnel (Illness); & Cllr. Bethan Morris (Work)

**941: To receive Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest:**

No declerations received.

**942: To adjourn if necessary to receive public questions or statements:**

No questions or statements.

**943: To approve and sign the previous Community Council Minutes: RESOLVED:** To approve and sign the minutes as true and accurate.

**944: County Borough Council matters:**

The Clerk made the Councillors aware of a public budget consultation information meeting. The meetings are being held across the County Borough, to discuss and receive views on money saving idea's. The event for the Dulais Valley will be at Seven Sisters Community Hall, on the 5th December.

The water pooling on Woodland Road, at the bottom of the access lane to the Community Centre has been reported to the County Borough.

**945: County Borough Councillor items:**

County Borough Councillor Hunt sent his apologies for the meeting. Councillor Hunt met seperately with the Clerk at the Community Centre. It was agreed that any questions/issues be sent to him directly and he would help where possible. Items raised:

(1) Parking - send to Councillor Hunt any photographs especially of parking in bus stops.

(2) Cefn Coed - matters ongoing, Councillor Hunt agreed to send the Clerk any updates.

(3) Funding and grants available via NPT. - Councillor Hunt confirmed that the sum of upto £12k for projects over £20k (the Community Council received the full amount toward the cost of the pump track upgrade), is available every three years from the date of agreement of the grant and not from the date any monies granted were spent.

**946: To receive Police report:**

The Council were provided with the figures available on the National database. The Members of the Council were disappointed not to receive any information from the PCSO in respect of any area's of concern he may have and in working morecollaboratively with the Communi**t**y. The Clerk advised Council that the Police and Crime Comissioners survey was available online for completion, posters publisising the survey had been placed on the notice boards in and around the centre.

Councillor Kingdon advised that the speed scoping group, would be recommencing scoping exercises, and that there was a need to recruit more volunteers.

**947: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which they represented the Council:**

Cllr. Keir reported on a meeting attended with the team at NRW Resolven.

Cllr. Kingdon provided a report as Govenor representative to Creunant Primary School.

The Clerk provided the meeting notes from the meeting held with the stakeholders on the Remberance Sunday Service.

**948: To receive the Clerk’s report, to include: Incident Reports; Bank Reconciliation and Payment Authorisation; Training appraisal’s; Community act of Remembrance ; Christmas events:**

There were no incidents reported.

The Clerk reported the bank balances of £14,400 Current acct. £44,965 Reserve acct.

£23,213 MC acct.

**RESOLVED**: To accept the reconciliation and to make payments as per the payment schedule.

The Clerk shared feedback had been received on the Community Act of Remembrance.

Planned events were proceeding. Council agreed a grant of upto £500 towards to costs.

**949: To consider Precept request - review priorities and budget requirement for year 01/04/2023 - 31/3/2024**

**RESOLVED:** To hold an extra ordinary general meeting in January to set the precept.

**950: To appoint Councillors to the recritment panel for the vacant position of Clerk:**

It was agreed that the Members of the personnel committee would make up the panel, with Cllr. Kingdon in reserve.

**951: To receive further information and requirements to progress Council's ability to sign up to the civility and respect pledge**

**RESOLVED:** To undertake the actions necessary to enable to Council to sign up to the civility and respect pledge. **ACTION:** HM to send Bullying and Harrasement policies.

**952: To consider exclusion and inclusion of dogs from all Community Council owned land and buildings**

Following a full debate it was **RESOLVED:** To enforce existing policy, including the exclusion of dogs from the Community Centre.

**953 To receive formal requests to Council for minor grants:**

**RESOLVED:** To make a donation in the sum of £100 to Marie Curie

**954: Any other business (to include issues not directly covered under any of the above. these may not be described in the agenda but should be raised with the Clerk prior to the meeting)**

Cllr. Kingdon asked about the status of defibrillator at the Community Centre. Cllr. Keir confirmed that the defibrillator had been subject to a recall, the known fault had been rectified by the manfacturer and the defibrillator was now registered as back online with The Circuit.

There was no further business and the meeting closed.