



## **CYNGOR CYMUNDOL COEDPOETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes** of EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held in The Old Carnegie Library, Park Road, Coedpoeth on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.00pm-9.10pm.

### **PRESENT**

Cllrs: B Brown (Chair), G Price (Vice), V Jones, G Cutler, G Williams, Y McCarroll, L Van Ryswyk, A Wedlake (Zoom), M Roberts, S Edwards

Cllr K Childs – County

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs V Bolton – Clerk

### **15. APOLOGIES**

Cllrs GI Kelly, Gr Kelly, P Wilson

### **16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

### **17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

10 members of the public present. Requests to speak on Parish Hall and Cemetery. Chair agreed to allow participation during Agenda Point - 12. Urgent Matters

### **18. MINUTES**

That Minutes of Full Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023 be accepted.

Signed by Chair.....

## **RESOLVED:**

Proposer: Cllr V Jones      Second: Cllr L van Ryswyk      Vote: All others in favour

Abstained: Cllr S Edwards as not present at previous meeting

## **19. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

Cllr Brown wished to highlight again the need for Councillors to not discuss Part 2 matters outside the meeting. Cllr Price noted that facts became available 2 days later when minutes are available. Cllr Wedlake stressed the seriousness of the matter - jeopardising the integrity of the Council – breaching the Code of Conduct – causing legal issues – and requested that if and when the source of the breach is identified that action should be taken. Clerk pointed out that sharing personal details is contravening the Data Protection and GDPR legislation.

Chair shared that Nomination Forms were available for the position of Chair and Vice-chair for the coming year. The forms required a proposer and seconder to support any name put forwards. Result will be shared at the Annual Meeting to be held on May 9<sup>th</sup> 2023

## **20. WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLORS – WARD UPDATES**

Cllr K Childs – informed Council that:

- i) WCBC Councillors receive training for Good Governance and Data Protection
- ii) WAFC – Ryan and Rob received Freedom of the City in closed door ceremony at WCBC
- iii) Coedpoeth football U14s won the junior league; U13s through to the final
- iv) PCSO Howsam carried out football funday with WAFC - including antisocial behaviour talk
- v) Housing allocations still inundated – Local Development Plan not voted through by WCBC – not helping
- vi) Dementia Art group – St. Mary's, Acton – Showing at Ty Pawb
- vii) Plas Pentwyn - Easter events successful – May half term Seed Swap
- viii) Memorial Park path – contacted Stan Scheerleur – not heard yet. Cllr G Williams informed he had spoken to H+S from WCBC at park and they informed him they will be repairing pathway.

Cllr A Wedlake – informed Council:

- i) Similar information to Cllr Childs
- ii) Recommends all Councillors attend Code of Conduct training
- iii) Walkabout with Streetscene successful – footpaths to be cleared – overhanging plants/bushes identified and advice to support action given
- iv) Grants for streetlighting – information to be shared to Clerk

Signed by Chair.....

- v) Grass verges only to be mown by WCBC when affecting traffic – allows wildflowers and wildlife to flourish
- vi) Ysgol Penygelli about to undertake Estyn inspection
- vii) WCBC Local Development Plan – 15yr plan – 9yrs late – WG sent back – no Greenbelt or Social Housing strategies – allows exploitation by rogue builders

**21. BIG PARK PROJECT**

Clerk explained need to bring BPP in with Friends of Coedpoeth group to support all activities including consultation and funding applications. Cllr Childs pointed out Council had already committed financial support to previous consultation carried out. Council members already involved – just requiring formal acknowledgement of Council support for project.

Resident spoke about other aspects of project including updates to changing rooms, extra carparking and 500m footpath around field. Benefits to all from football teams leading the way. Cllr Wedlake stated clear ask from BPP and Council should commit to support.

Cllr Childs informed MUGA has now been fully repaired but padlocks remain on gate. She is currently chasing WCBC to remove padlock

Date to be arranged by Clerk for first meeting of the Friends of Coedpoeth group.

**RESOLVED:**

That Council commit to support for Big Park Project directly and through Friends of Coedpoeth group.

Proposer: Cllr A Wedlake    Seconder: Cllr S Edwards    Vote: All in favour

**22. CLERK’S REPORT**

Clerk reported on current workload and impact of new issues occurring including more dangerous branches in Cemetery.

Progress being made but slow. Difficult to decide priorities. Approaching Full Audit will take up much time over next months.

**23. ADDITIONAL COSTS**

- i) Nant Mill play area – WCBC to supply quotes for repairs to spinning bowl

Cllr Price informed Council withdrew funding for Nant Mill maintenance SLA in 2018.

Clerk informed Council that Nant Mill still included on SLA.

- ii) Quote for batteries for Parish Hall emergency lighting –

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Matters resolved: ADT contract now cancelled - new contract with Jackson in place with much reduced costs

**RESOLVED:**

That Clerk tries to identify from minutes if/when support was withdrawn for Nant Mill

Proposer: Cllr G Price      Seconder: Cllr M Roberts      Vote: AIF

**24. SCRIBE – PM 6(iii)**

**RESOLVED:**

- i) That contract for SCRIBE software package to be approved

Proposer: Cllr G Price      Seconder: Cllr S Edwards      Vote: AIF

- ii) Amendment Proposed :

That Council commits to a Spend to Save agreement to be assessed after 12 months

Proposer: Cllr M Roberts      Seconder: Cllr A Wedlake      Against: Cllr G Price

Vote: All others in favour

**25. STAFFING COMMITTEE – PM 11 (ii)**

**RESOLVED:** That Terms of Reference be approved

Proposer: Cllr V Jones      Seconder: Cllr S Edwards      Vote: AIF

**26. URGENT MATTERS**

- i) Notice of items that should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B (4B) of LGA 1972.

Public participation raised issues:

- i) Closure of Parish Hall and issues around it
- ii) Cemetery Trees – trees overhanging footpath around boundary still at risk of falling
- iii) Proposal to have all current Council members removed

Very strong feelings from residents and hall users – lack of information regarding Hall closure and no movement to reopen – residents unwilling to discuss any ideas for change of use for Hall – demands for repairs to take place as soon as possible to return Hall to exact layout and usage

Cemetery trees still perceived as a danger and strimming of grass not taking place

Lack of confidence in current Council and its ability to carry out its role.

Signed by Chair.....

Chair allowed debate to continue. Clerk attempted to explain potential changes and alleviate concerns. Also to explain financial situation.

**27. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED:** That in accordance with Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960) and Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12 A public and press be excluded during the following items:

Proposer: Cllr V Jones      Seconder: Cllr G Williams      Vote: AIF

Confidential information removed

**Cllr K Childs and members of the public left the meeting at 8.45pm**

**Meeting Ended 9.10pm**

Signed by Chair.....