

MINUTES OF CWARTER BACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HELD REMOTELY ON 8TH JULY 2020

PRESENT: Cllr V Morgan presided
Clerk: A Pedrick
Brynaman Ward: Cllrs W Churchill, M Morgans, S Thomas
Cwarter Bach Ward: Cllrs L Baker, H Taylor, A Hicks.
Llynfell Ward: Cllrs A Strutt, A.Daddy.
Members of the Public 4No. persons present.

ITEM 1:

APOLOGIES: Cllrs J G Davies, M Thomas

ITEM 2: DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Declarations by members of personal interests to be verbally.

ITEM 3: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The minutes of the last meeting held on 10th March 2020 were accepted as a true record following an amendment to item 4(4) the container at Cae Criced must be kept in good order and painted, on the proposal of Cllr A.Hicks seconded Cllr T.Strutt.

The Chairperson then welcomed Members and visitors to the remote meeting and sought a minutes silence to remember the late Cllr Alun Howells who had passed away suddenly and had contributed so much to the Community Council. Indeed while Chairman he had guided the Authority through the difficult Asset Transfer programme. The Council mourn the loss of a true servant.

The Chairperson then instructed all members to adhere to the rules of communication and to respect the views of fellow members and engage fully in respecting the Chair to allow fluid discussions.

ITEM 4: INFORMATION PAMPHLETS

Cllr H.Taylor opened the discussion and the idea to provide the above in order to give information on various issues and as a prelude to further notices to be distributed to all housholders. It was envisaged that a point of contact be set up i.e.Telephone Line to take messages, provide support and advice and point people in the right direction, this would entail a guidance sheet to help with the dealing of all calls and an opportunity to help the needy.

Most members spoke on the subject all with various views - posters rather than leaflets in strategic places within the community, putting the information on the Council website and also include the local Guardian. Some members disagreed with posters and favoured distribution to householders although it was mentioned that our logistics on delivery is not good. It was eventually agreed that if we cover all the basic

information it would be in order to print leaflets as well as some posters. All members agreed and quotations for printing be made and the delivery would be done in house.

ITEM 5: PROGRESS ON INSTALLATION OF PARKS EQUIPMENT

The Clerk gave an up date on the above. Whilst there had been some minor alignment adjustments to the structure at Ystradowen the flooring had been laid and the work was nearing completion. Cllr T.Strutt questioned whether there was a roof/tower to be erected. The Clerk will check with Sunshine Playgrounds and the design drawing. Also the Shell Nest Seat (Swing) needs replacing due to wear and tear. This item can be purchased for £250 if bought with Multi Unit saving £320. The new equipment at Cae Criced has been installed and we are awaiting the flooring. Wet weather has prolonged the work. Awaiting guidance from the Senedd on re-opening parks.

ITEM 6: VACANCY IN OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR.

Following the untimely death of Cllr Alun Howells we have a vacancy in the Cwarter Bach Ward. It must be said that this is a tough ask to follow as Alun had been a very active member always enthusiastic and competent in everything he accomplished. This evening the Council suffered another blow when a letter of resignation was received from Cllr Richard Pearce-Higginson who was our Vice Chairperson and Chair of the Finance Sub Committee. Again, we thank Richard for all his hard work and wish him well for the future.

Thus we have 2 vacancies in the Cwarter Bach Ward and the County Council will be informed in order to give notice pursuant to Section 87 of the Local Government Act 1972 that TWO vacancies exist in the office of Councillor.

ITEM 7: ANNUAL RETURN 2020

The Clerk had e-mailed the document to members. The total balance of all current and deposit bank accounts held at 31st March 2020 was £169,545. The asset register value of all fixed assets held as at 31st March 2020 was £915,828. The accounts have been internally audited and found correct.

Whilst Cllr W.Churchill accepted the report, Cllr T.Strutt disagreed with the findings and drew members attention to the huge spend on watering of the Summer plants. Following a heated discussion members were reminded that the Council were accepting the yearly financial statement. It was therefore proposed by Cllr W.Churchill seconded Cllr M.Morgans that the return be accepted. All members accepted except Cllr T.Strutt who abstained. It was also noted in future the accounts system be more stringent.

The meeting ended at 8.00pm.