

Cwarter Bach Community Council
Full Council Meeting
13th January 2021

Minutes

Present: **Cllr. H. Taylor presided**
Clerk: Jordan Griffiths
Brynamman Ward: Cllrs. W. Churchill, S. Thomas, J. G. Davies
Cwarter Bach Ward: Cllrs. A. Hicks, H. Powell, A. Roberts, L Baker
Llynfell Ward: Cllrs. T. Strutt, A. Dady, D. B. Belcher, V. Morgan
Members of the public: None

1 Apologies

Cllr M Thomas was unable to attend

2 Declarations of interest

Declarations of interest were made verbally.

3 To approve and sign as a correct record of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 9th December 2020

Point 13 to be amended to add Jordan Griffiths as a signatory to the bank account. Cllr L Baker to be added to the apologies. Ystradowen Community Group to be changed to Ystradowen Community Charity.

Cllr S Thomas proposed the minutes as amended, Cllr D Belcher seconded, Cllr L Baker abstained, all other councillors voted in favour.

4 Finance committee report

Cllr H Taylor explained the difficulties in changing the budget for next year as the budget this year has been affected by the global pandemic, and as a result the committee decided to keep the budget the same. The finance committee had recommended an increase of 1% for the precept.

Cllr J. G Davies explained how the county council had not yet decided on the precept for next year, with a decision due in March. Cllr J. G Davies also stated that this had been a financially tough year, as a result, suggested that we freeze the precept and not raise it. Cllr T Strutt explained that he had been advised a small increase would ensure that the council would not have to raise significantly in the coming years, and as a result suggested the small rise. Cllr V Morgan expressed her support in freezing the precept. Cllr A Hicks echoed the point made by Cllr V Morgan. Cllr D Belcher proposed freezing the precept for the next year, Cllr V Morgan seconded. All apart from Cllr S Thomas voted in favour.

Cllr T Strutt asked for an update with the changing of the bank mandate, the clerk explained that this should be resolved within a week.

Cllr V Morgan suggested a specific end date be added to the financial assistance form.

Cllr T Strutt suggested some further amendments to the financial assistance form, but councillors decided to defer these decisions to the finance committee.

5 Council health check

The clerk explained that Paul Egan had sent the final report that would be sent to councillors. Paul Egan also sent a folder full of documents for the clerk to read over, amend and have the council adopt them.

Cllr H Taylor noted the need for a plan going forward and to prioritise and understand which direction the council would like to go; to take a cautious approach and work with the structures the council currently has or conduct a more radical approach to changing the structure of the council. Cllr H Taylor suggested that councillors meet informally and discuss council structure changes and at the next ordinary meeting of the council, ideas can be shared as to which approach the council will take.

Cllr T Strutt noted that he had also spoken to fellow councillors and expressed a desire to entertain new ideas over the next few weeks, and how this must be an inclusive process that all councillors can have a say in. Cllr L Baker stated that a mission statement would be a good start to this process. Councillors agreed to explore these new ideas before the next ordinary council meeting.

6 Maes Elwyn development

Cllr H Taylor expressed the need for the council to open a dialogue with Ysgol Gynradd Brynaman in order to inform them of our decision and ask if we can help, in any other way, to deal with their lack of outside space.

Cllr T Strutt asked to reconvene the Maes Elwyn sub-group in order to discuss the proposals. Cllr A Roberts noted how the new proposal was an even smaller pitch than originally intended, and as a result the council should entertain different ideas.

Cllr J. G Davies explained that the community council also needs to contact the county council in order to inform them of the council's decision.

Cllr L Baker asked about the possibility of an open forum in order to get community input into what happens with the Maes Elwyn site.

The Maes Elwyn sub-group is to meet Tuesday 19th of January at 6.30pm to discuss the proposal.

7 Community council offices

Cllr H Taylor stated that there is no major update as there has not been a meeting with the Black Mountain Centre yet, but progress has been made.

8 Payments for approval

The clerk has been instructed to gather quotes for a tree survey of areas under community council jurisdiction.

The clerk was also instructed to contact Wrenvale in order to ascertain a quote for removing the climbing frame at Maes Elwyn, which will then be relayed to the council, so the climbing frame can be removed as soon as possible.

9 Discussion about AOB

Cllr H Taylor noted how AOB had not been on the agenda for a while as it was not recommended to be included in community council meetings. Cllr H Taylor mentioned that AOB is not banned, but a decision cannot be made on items in AOB as they have been added to the agenda late. Instead, it should be considered for something extraordinary that would require an extraordinary meeting or something that should be added for the agenda for the following meetings. Cllr H Taylor mentioned that it is up to the council whether or not AOB is added to the agenda, but these rules must be adhered. Cllrs T Strutt and A Hicks suggested that it be routinely added to the agenda. Cllr J. G Davies made a note that county council meetings do not include AOB. A majority of councillors voted in favour of adding AOB to agendas, but conditions will be written alongside this.

Cllr W Churchill explained how an image has been prepared to create a memento for Alan Pedrick, the previous clerk, to thank him for his service. Most councillors were in support of this.

10 Correspondence

A letter had been received from the Wales Air Ambulance Charity, regarding a donation to their emergency appeal. The clerk will liaise with them and inform them of the process for requesting financial assistance.

A letter had been received asking for the previous clerk, Alan Pedrick, to not be contacted by council members regarding council business.

Meeting ended at 8.21pm

**Cyngor Cymunedol Cwarter Bach
Cyfarfod Llawn y Cyngor
13 Ionawr 2021**

Cofnodion

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1 Ymddiheuriadau

Nid oedd y Cyngorydd M Thomas yn gallu bod yn bresennol.

2 Datganiadau o Ddiddordeb Personol (Ar lafar)

Datganiadau gan aelodau o fuddiannau personol yn cael eu gwneud ar lafar.

3 Cofnodion y cyfarfod diwethaf

Pwynt 13 i'w ddiwygio i ychwanegu Jordan Griffiths fel llofnodwr i'r cyfrif banc. Ychwanegir y Cyngorydd L Baker at yr ymddiheuriadau. Grŵp Cymunedol Ystradowen i'w newid i Elusen Gymunedol Ystradowen.

Cynigiodd y Cyngorydd S Thomas y cofnodion fel y'u diwygiwyd, eiliodd y Cyngorydd D Belcher, ymataliodd y Cyngorydd L Baker, pleidleisiodd yr holl gynghorwyr eraill o blaid.

4 Adroddiad pwyllgor cyllid

Esboniodd y Cyngorydd H Taylor yr anawsterau wrth newid y gyllideb ar gyfer y flwyddyn nesaf gan fod y pandemig byd-eang wedi effeithio ar y gyllideb eleni, ac o ganlyniad penderfynodd y pwyllgor gadw'r gyllideb yr un peth. Roedd y pwyllgor cyllid wedi argymhell cynnydd o 1% ar gyfer y praesept.

Esboniodd y Cyngorydd J. G Davies sut nad oedd y cyngor sir wedi penderfynu ar y praesept ar gyfer y flwyddyn nesaf eto, gyda phenderfyniad i fod i ddod ym mis Mawrth. Dywedodd y Cyngorydd J. G Davies hefyd fod hon wedi bod yn flwyddyn anodd yn ariannol, o ganlyniad, awgrymodd y dylem rewi'r praesept a pheidio â'i godi. Esboniodd y Cyngorydd T Strutt ei fod wedi cael gwybod y byddai cynnydd bach yn sicrhau na fyddai'n rhaid i'r cyngor godi'n sylweddol yn y blynyddoedd i ddod, ac o ganlyniad awgrymodd y codiad bach. Mynegodd y Cyngorydd V Morgan ei chefnogaeth i rewi'r praesept. Adleisiodd y Cyng. A Hicks y pwynt a wnaed gan y Cyngorydd V Morgan. Cynigiodd y Cyng D Belcher rewi'r praesept ar gyfer y flwyddyn nesaf, eiliodd y Cyngorydd V Morgan. Pleidleisiodd pawb ar wahân i'r Cyngorydd S Thomas o blaid.

Gofynnodd y Cynghorydd T Strutt am ddiweddariad gyda newid y mandad banc, esboniodd y clerch y dylid datrys hyn o fewn wythnos.

Awgrymodd y Cynghorydd V Morgan y dylid ychwanegu dyddiad gorffen penodol at y ffurflen cymorth ariannol.

Awgrymodd y Cynghorydd T Strutt rai diwygiadau pellach i'r ffurflen cymorth ariannol, ond penderfynodd cynghorwyr ohirio'r penderfyniadau hyn i'r pwyllgor cyllid.

5 Gwiriad iechyd y cyngor

Esboniodd y clerch fod Paul Egan wedi anfon yr adroddiad terfynol a fyddai'n cael ei anfon at gynghorwyr. Hefyd anfonodd Paul Egan ffolder yn llawn dogfennau i'r clerch eu darllen, eu diwygio a chael y cyngor i'w mabwysiadu.

Nododd y Cynghorydd H Taylor yr angen am gynllun wrth symud ymlaen a blaenoriaethu a deall i ba gyfeiriad yr hoffai'r cyngor fynd; cymryd agwedd ofalus a gweithio gyda'r strwythurau sydd gan y cyngor ar hyn o bryd neu gynnal dull mwy radical o newid strwythur y cyngor. Awgrymodd y Cynghorydd H Taylor y dylai cynghorwyr gwrdd yn anffurfiol a thrafod newidiadau i strwythur y cyngor ac yng nghyfarfod cyffredin nesaf y cyngor, gellir rhannu syniadau ynghylch pa ddull y bydd y cyngor yn ei gymryd.

Nododd y Cynghorydd T Strutt ei fod hefyd wedi siarad â chyd-gynghorwyr a mynegodd awydd i ddifyrru syniadau newydd dros yr wythnosau nesaf, a sut mae'n rhaid i hon fod yn broses gynhwysol y gall pob cynghorydd ddweud ei dweud ynddi. Dywedodd y Cynghorydd L Baker fod cenhadaeth byddai'r datganiad yn ddechrau da i'r broses hon. Cytunodd cynghorwyr i archwilio'r syniadau newydd hyn cyn cyfarfod cyffredin nesaf y cyngor.

6 Datblygiad Maes Elwyn

Mynegodd y Cynghorydd H Taylor yr angen i'r cyngor agor deialog gydag Ysgol Gynradd Brynaman er mwyn eu hysbysu o'n penderfyniad a gofyn a allwn helpu, mewn unrhyw ffordd arall, i ddelio â'u diffyg gofod allanol.

Gofynnodd y Cynghorydd T Strutt i ail-ymgynnull is-grŵp Maes Elwyn er mwyn trafod y cynigion. Nododd y Cynghorydd A Roberts sut roedd y cynnig newydd yn llain hyd yn oed yn llai nag a fwriadwyd yn wreiddiol, ac o ganlyniad dylai'r cyngor ddifyrru gwahanol syniadau.

Esboniodd y Cynghorydd J. G Davies fod angen i'r cyngor cymunedol hefyd gysylltu â'r cyngor sir er mwyn eu hysbysu o benderfyniad y cyngor.

Gofynnodd y Cynghorydd L Baker am y posibilrwydd o fforwm agored er mwyn cael mewnbwn cymunedol i'r hyn sy'n digwydd gyda safle Maes Elwyn.

Bydd is-grŵp Maes Elwyn yn cwrdd ddydd Mawrth 19eg o Ionawr am 6.30pm i drafod y cynnig.

7 Swyddfa yr cyngor

Dywedodd y Cynghorydd H Taylor nad oes diweddariad mawr gan na fu cyfarfod â Chanolfan y Mynydd Du eto, ond gwnaed cynnydd.

8 Taliadau am gymeradwyaeth

Mae'r clerc wedi cael cyfarwyddyd i gasglu dyfynbrisiau ar gyfer arolwg coed o ardaloedd sydd o dan awdurdodaeth cyngor cymunedol.

Cyfarwyddwyd y clerc hefyd i gysylltu â Wrenvale er mwyn canfod dyfynbris ar gyfer cael gwared ar y ffrâm ddringo ym Maes Elwyn, a fydd wedyn yn cael ei drosglwyddo i'r cyngor, fel y gellir tynnu'r ffrâm ddringo cyn gynted â phosibl.

9 Trafodaeth am AOB

Nododd y Cynghorydd H Taylor sut nad oedd AOB wedi bod ar yr agenda am gyfnod gan na argymhellwyd ei gynnwys yng nghyfarfodydd y cyngor cymunedol. Soniodd y Cynghorydd H Taylor nad yw AOB wedi'i wahardd, ond ni ellir gwneud penderfyniad ar eitemau yn AOB gan eu bod wedi'u hychwanegu at yr agenda yn hwyr. Yn lle, dylid ei ystyried ar gyfer rhywbeth anghyffredin a fyddai angen cyfarfod anghyffredin neu rywbeth y dylid ei ychwanegu ar gyfer yr agenda ar gyfer y cyfarfodydd canlynol. Soniodd y Cynghorydd H

Taylor mai mater i'r cyngor yw p'un a yw AOB yn cael ei ychwanegu at yr agenda ai peidio, ond rhaid cadw at y rheolau hyn. Awgrymodd y Cynghorwyr T Strutt ac A Hicks y dylid ei ychwanegu at yr agenda fel mater o drefn. Gwnaeth y Cynghorydd J. G Davies nodyn nad yw cyfarfodydd cyngorau sir yn cynnwys AOB. Pleidleisiodd mwyafrif o gynghorwyr o blaid ychwanegu AOB at agendâu, ond bydd amodau'n cael eu hysgrifennu ochr yn ochr â hyn.

Esboniodd y Cynghorydd W Churchill sut mae delwedd wedi'i pharatoi i greu cofrodd i Alan Pedrick, y clerc blaenorol, ddiolch iddo am ei wasanaeth. Roedd mwyafrif y cynghorwyr yn cefnogi hyn.

10 Gohebiaith

Derbyniwyd llythyr gan Elusen Ambiwylans Awyr Cymru, ynghylch rhodd i'w hapêl frys. Bydd y clerc yn cysylltu â nhw ac yn eu hysbysu o'r broses ar gyfer gofyn am gymorth ariannol.

Derbyniwyd llythyr yn gofyn na fyddai aelodau'r cyngor yn cysylltu â'r clerc blaenorol, Alan Pedrick, ynghylch busnes y cyngor.

Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 8.21pm