



CYNGOR CYMUNED **CWARTER BACH** COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE 'FULL COUNCIL MEETING' OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON A REMOTE BASIS
ON WEDNESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2022 AT 6.30PM**

PRESENT

Cllr. R. Pearce-Higginson (Chaired), Cllr. M. Thomas, Cllr. H. Taylor, Cllr. S. Hopkin, Cllr. S. Thomas, Cllr. A. Campisi, Cllr. Z. Llewellyn

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Cllr. T. Addey, Cllr. S. Davies, Cllr. R. Jones, Cllr. R. Moses, Cllr. J. Griffiths.

2. Declarations of Interest.

None

3. Public Participation

None.

4. To approve minutes of the previous meeting.

RESOLVED: The minutes were accepted as a true recording of the previous meeting.

5. Matters Arising from the previous minutes.

None.

6. Planning Applications, PL/04878 & PL/04827

PL/04878

Proposed rear first floor extension build over an existing single storey kitchen previous extension. New pitched roof to abut onto existing main pitched roof with removal of window and creating first floor access into the new first floor bedroom - 15 New Road, Ystradowen, Swansea, SA9 2FA

NOTED

PL/04827

Single Storey Annex - 3, Cwmgarw Road, Upper Brynamman, Ammanford, SA18 1BY
No Objections – However, to put a request in that the Public Footpath at the side be made clear for public access.

7. **To discuss and accept the Finance and Governance Toolkit for Community and Town Councils**
8. **To discuss the council's statutory duty and to create a plan of the future training needs of its councillors and staff, and the possible need for extra sub-committees.**

RESOLVED: Due to the absence of many councillors from the meeting and the length and importance of the two documents it was decided to postpone point 8 & 9 until the next meeting.

9. **To discuss the Christmas Lights and the Christmas Competition.**
Christmas Lights.

Quids in are currently pricing up the cost of real Christmas trees for Cefn Bryn Brain, Councillors are aware that there are not enough working lights this year to go around all the wards.

Cllr. A. Campisi wished to donate her £150 remuneration towards Christmas Lights. The clerk mentioned the possibility that Ammanford Town Council may have spare lights they could borrow.

RESOLVED: To explore Ammanford further, to wait for prices of trees from Quids In, to get a price for a more adequate supply to the trees at Cefn Bryn Brain and the tree opposite the Bridge in Brynaman. Get costings for solar lights.

TO DISCUSS FURTHER AT THE NEXT MEETING

Christmas Competition.

Cllrs. discussed a Christmas Competition but felt that maybe it is not the right climate this year for the competition to go ahead.

RESOLVED: to not hold the competition this year but to find out if the Rotary Club intend visiting the whole of Cwarter Bach, Cefn Bryn Brain and Ystradowen this year and to make a donation towards Santa.

DISCUSS DONATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

10. **Winter Planting costings.**

The clerk advised that the winter plantings by Quids In, would cost the same as the summer plantings, which totalled £1302

RESOLVED: To go ahead with the winter planting this year, but to add two further locations as requested by councillors and to request more colour this year.

11. **Working with local councils in order to tackle issues with Carmarthenshire County Council.**

The clerk has spoken to the clerk of Cwmaman who advised that a committee had previously been set up to tackle County issues together. It is called the Amman Valley Councils and has not met since Ammanford Town Council took over the chair of the committee.

RESOLVED: Clerk to chase up ATC and to ask for a meeting ASAP.

12. Matters arising from the Wards

a.) Brynaman.

Bryn Avenue, footpath towards the park and Maes Elwyn the moss needs clearing by the Kids Club

RESOLVED: Ask Wrenvale to clear the moss.

b.) Cwarter Bach

It was brought to the council attention that there was drug dealing happening at a house on Cwmgarw Road, also speeding is an issue on Cwmgarw Road.

H.T. to contact the Police.

S.T. mentioned the Community Police walk about coming up.

Wicket Gate needs replacing on Mountain Road. Chase up CCC

c.) Llynfell

Z.LI- Dog fouling – there is only one bin. Speak to CCC regarding having more bins. Find out if CCC still have a dog warden?

Nets need to come down at CBB

There is water overflowing from the field above the tennis courts, culvert needs clearing, Glynog needs to authorise.

Tiles on the bus stop roof are coming down.

Panel missing from the other bus stop opposite.

RESOLVED: To email Carmarthenshire County Council regarding the issues raised.

A.C. has set up a Facebook page for the area

A.C. Mentioned the land behind the Ambulance Station (old school) and was interested in creating a Village Hub at the location.

Z.LI. informed the council that according to the Land Registry records this land had been bought by Wales Ambulance.

RESOLVED: To discuss with Wales Ambulance

13. Finance Meeting Update

a.) Proposal for the Celtic Energy Fund

The Finance committee recommend that the funds be invested in the play parks.

Parks need modernising and bringing up to standard.

Need to look at apparatus for older children.

Play Park Inspections have now arrived and will be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

b.) Bills for Payment

Wrenvale have sent invoices in totalling £2904
Ystradowen Community Centre – invoice for room hire for meetings in June and Sept. - £30

Additional Bills received after the Finance Meeting
RTCA – Tree Inspections £1200

RESOLVED: The Full Council agreed with the Finance Committees Recommendations and the additional invoice to RTCA.

14. Quotes

The clerk had obtained 3 quotes from local suppliers.

RESOLVED: To look at the benches in the area, find out who is responsible for which? Once we know how many we need to use the supplier Second Life. The 3rd metal bench is to be located at Maes Elwyn.

15. Donation for Remembrance Sunday.

There are two wreaths on order, one for Brynaman & one for Cwmllynfell.
Additionally, this year Cllr R. Jones had asked if we could get crosses for the unmarked graves in the area.

RESOLVED: That the additional crosses be purchased and a donation of £105 be made to the Poppy Appeal.

16. Correspondance

- i.) Confirmation from County that no election had been called and that the co-option notice could be put up. **Notice to go up next week for a two week period.**
- ii.) Donation Request from Brynaman RFC for money towards the firework display.
Councillors could not agree, to be discussed at the next meeting.
- iii.) Confirmation of meeting that has been set up between Celtic Energy and CBCC on the 15th November at the tennis courts in Cefn Bryn Brain at 10am.
- iv.) Request had come in from Rhodri James of Brynaman RFC that they be allowed to use Maes Elwyn pitch on Saturday 12th November

RESOLVED: Councillors were in agreement provided an official was able to say it was fit to play on, Bryn Rovers were notified and that they were aware there is no line markings down for them.

- v.) An email had been received from a constituent complaining of dogs not being on leads at Upper Brynaman play park and requesting more notices be put up.

RESOLVED: to raise with the police on a walkabout and to look at purchasing more signs.

17. To discuss and ratify the clerk position.

It had previously been discussed that following the clerk completing the 6 month probationary period that the post be made permanent and that the position move

up a point on the NALC pay scale. It was also previously noted that there was an error on the clerk contact in relation to scales which needed amending.

RESOLVED: Previous discussions and the clerk's permanent position was ratified by Full Council.

18. A.O.B.

A discussion was had regarding Bryn Rovers and the partition wall that had come down. They have been unable to find an electrician to sign off the work around the electricity box.

Important to speak to Wayne Preston regarding the use of the showers at this time.

19. Date of Next Meeting

Due to important issues not discussed this evening it was decided to hold another meeting on the 10.11.22 at 6.30pm, in person or via zoom, depending on the preference.

Meeting Finished 8.55pm

Signed.....Chair

Date