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**MINUTES OF THE 'EXTRA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING' HELD AT ON A REMOTE BASIS VIA ZOOM, ON THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 AT 6.30PM**

**PRESENT**

Cllr. T. Addey (Chairman), Cllr. R. Pearce-Higginson, Cllr. M. Thomas, Cllr. R. Jones, Cllr. A. Dady, Cllr. H. Taylor, Cllr. J. Griffiths, Cllr. S. Thomas.

**1. To receive apologies for absence.**

Cllr. S. Hopkin. Cllr. R. Moses

**2. Declarations of Interest.**

None noted

**3. Public Participation.**

No public in attendance.

**4. To discuss and accept the Finance and Governance Toolkit for Community and Town Councils**

H.T. emphasised the need for a mission statement and stated that community engagement is something that should be looked at soon, in order for the council to look at the conditions the communities are living in.

A.D. appreciated there were limitations during the Covid Pandemic which led to a lack of community support from the council but now that we are in a Cost-of-Living crisis we should be offering some kind of support.

R.J. would like to see more use of social media in order to signpost support that is out there for the Cost-of-living problems. E.g., from CCC website

**RESOLVED:** To accept the Finance and Governance Toolkit, and to set up a sub-group (finance committee and anyone else wishing to attend) initially to look at the different sections of the document and to come up with a vision statement. Also, to see if there is an advocacy role the council can take on as a group?

**Meeting to be set up via zoom for Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 6.30pm**

**5. 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.**

A discussion was had about the requirement for the council to be fully trained in all aspects of council work.

**RESOLVED:** The clerk to do a matrix of the courses completed by individual councillors, and for councillors to do a cross variety of courses.

Councillors to read the draft Policy for Training 2022-2023 sent out by the clerk and to let her know if they are happy for it to be published.

**6. To discuss the Christmas Lights**

The clerk provided an update from the electrician regarding extra lighting etc. and an update from the Lion's Club regarding borrowing Santa's Sleigh.

A.D. asked if there could be a better tree this year?

The situation regarding the areas of concern needs to be looked at in the New Year M.T. The dead tree opposite the Bridge could be dangerous, perhaps a 20ft tree can be sought for this year.

R.J. to report the dead tree to CCC

S.T. to look if there is another suitable tree that can be used instead this year.

T.A. to speak to Martin regarding the Santa sleigh.

**7. Donation for fireworks request.**

It was discussed again this week as a decision could not be made in the previous meeting. There was an approximate 50/50 split and members felt that £400 was too much.

**RESOLVED:** clerk to notify the Rugby club that applications for financial assistance can only be made to the council twice a year. Also, to put in the Mission Statement that applications are considered in March and September every year.

**8. A.O.B.**

**The Tree Report** had been received from Liz Phillips, as it had previously been passed in council that Owain Humphreys to trim the trees in Maes Elwyn, could he now be notified to carry on with the work?

As it was previously passed, there were no objections.

A.D. asked if the council were replacing the trees taken down in Ystradowen?

T.A. Mentioned grant funding available for tree planting.

J.G. gave an update on **Bryn Rovers grant application**, with a deadline of January 6<sup>th</sup> 2023, more information to follow.

H.T. discussed keeping warm this Winter, both Community Centres have applied for the Poverty Fund, can we support this?

Can we put the signs of hypothermia on the council website? Certain groups are at higher risk, and we can signpost to the relevant places.

There are companies that are producing Warm Packs for people struggling with the Cost-of-Living crisis, to use during the winter.

The council could purchase these and also appeal to the community for any surplus bedding / clothing people may have.

T.A. suggested the council support other groups in the community by making donations.

A.D. – winter packs could be purchased and put in the two community centres.

**Council to look at what is in the winter pack and how much they cost.**

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

Ask Police Commissioner if he can attend from 6 p.m.

**Signed.....Chair**

**Date .....**