



CYNGOR CYMUNED **CWARTER BACH** COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE 'FULL COUNCIL MEETING' HELD ON A REMOTE BASIS VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 8th MARCH 2023 AT 6.30PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr. T. Addey (Chair), Cllr. S. Thomas, Cllr. S. Davies, Cllr. R. Jones, Cllr. Z. Llewelyn, Cllr. M. Thomas, Cllr. R. Moses, Cllr. A. Dady, Cllr. J. Griffiths, Cllr. H. Taylor, Cllr. R. Pearce-Higginson (joined 7.53pm)

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. J. Bell Clerk, Mr. John Rees (BMC), Mr. Nigel Sheldon (Wrenvale)

1. **To receive apologies for absence**

Cllr. B. Griffiths, Cllr. S. Hopkin

2. **Meeting with Mr John Rees, Black Mountain Centre**

Mr. Rees addressed the council in order to discuss the deficit the BMC are expecting this financial year and to request help to reduce this deficit. This has occurred largely due to the Swansea University no longer using the premises for their courses in the community.

R.J. Asked if there was any other form of revenue they could receive from other groups?

T.A. How much funding would they be requiring?

J.R. To cover the shortfall would be good but they have no figure.

A.D. queried if the BMC and Post Office are separate entities.

J.R. confirmed that they were.

J.R. Thanked everyone for allowing them to submit the request.

Cllrs S.D., R.M., M.T., H.T. Declared an Interest and were put in to the 'Waiting Room' while a discussion took place.

A discussion took place and it was highlighted that ordinarily with financial requests we have asked for bank statements from the organisations.

R.J and Z.LI suggested that we should ask for bank statements and then we should support both centres because they are doing fantastic work within the community.

A.D. Did not feel there were enough members present to make such a decision.

Z.LI. feels there must be pots of funds within the centre allocated to different situations and would like to see these to identify income and expenditure, and also to see a 5-10 year business plan?

J.G. felt he also would like there to be more members present when making a decision at this level.

PROPOSED: That a business plan and bank statements be requested from the BMC to make a decision on if and to what level of funding we will consider allocating.

3. **Meeting with Nigel, Wrenvale.**

At this point Nigel was not in attendance.

Ask Nigel to attend the next meeting.

4. **Footpaths**

Cllrs. S. Thomas, Cllr. H. Taylor and the Clerk explained how they had previously met with two officers from C.C.C who were responsible for the maintenance of the Public Rights of Way. The meeting was arranged as CBCC were seeking more money towards the maintenance costs of the footpaths that they are maintaining on behalf of the County Council. Alan Warner of PRow, CCC advised there was no extra funding available but instead 2 of the footpaths could be taken off Cwarter Bach's schedule and they would maintain when needed.

The 2 proposed to stop cutting were 60/45 from Ystradowen Square to the farm and 60/25 the path in CBB in to the park.

Councillors debated whether to continue maintaining the paths anyway and paying the difference themselves.

RESOLVED: That we continue the four cuts and CBCC cover the difference in cost.

C.C.C- Have secateurs etc. for walking groups if we so require

T.A. suggested they be given to the probation services that do a lot of work for us

Chase Celtic Energy for paying for sites cut in CBB

Nigel was now in the meeting but there were problems with the sound. The chair asked Nigel if the council could be supplied with a

Programme of Works and also the clerk is to send any questions to Nigel before the next meeting.

5. **Public Participation**
No Public Participation.

6. **Declarations of Interest.**
Noted as they arose.
Cllr. S. Davies BMC Point 2
Cllr. R. Moses BMC Point 2
Cllr. M. Thomas BMC Point 2
Cllr. H. Taylor BMC Point 2
Cllr. J. Griffiths BR Point 13b

7. **To approve minutes of the previous meeting.**
PROPOSED: The minutes were a true recording of the meeting

8. **Matters arising from the minutes**
No matters arising.

9. **Planning Applications**
PL/05456 - Proposed Rear Extension - 63C Station Road, Upper Brynamman, Ammanford, SA18 1SH
It was raised that there may be issues with access. Have TRJ given permission for the stone mason to store granite stone on the land?
Make sure access is clear and not used for storage space.
Cllr. R. Jones, noted that this was retrospective planning and we need to make sure the access is clear.
PL/05457 - Change of use to adjoining Property at 63 Station Road, Brynamman, existing use as a commercial premises to be changed to 1 x residential unit - Stores, 63 Station Road, Upper Brynamman, Ammanford, SA18 1SH
This again is retrospective planning.
No observations

10. **Matters arising from the Wards**
T.A. requested to send the list on outstanding works in the wards, previously circulated and given to Glynog to CCC again.
All Agreed

a.) Brynaman

H.T discussed seeing children on small ponies on the cycle path on the Cwm, towards the exit on Cwmgarw Road. Appeared to be organised rides with adults present, one member said she had access to her land. A.D. advised the cycle paths were not under the jurisdiction of the council and advice should be sought from the National Park.

RESOLVED: Find out who is responsible for the path. Has anything been agreed and has a risk assessment been done.

R.J listed complaints that she had reported to C.C.C. i.e. Sign post by the Rugby Club; Wall by the Cinema; Flytipping by the Aelwyd (been cleared), seat opposite S. T's house; who owns the path opposite Brynaman Builders (Llwybr y Twmpyn) CCC have always maintained.

M.T what has happened to the seat on Coronation Road?

RESOLVED: To send the list to the clerk for redistribution and to update the spread sheet.

Speak to Mathew regarding the seat on Coronation Road.

b.) Cwarter Bach

S.D. had just received a call that the defibrillator had been used that evening and that the pads would need replacing.

S.T. a good job has been done with the tree cutting in Maes Elwyn.

The bins in the park opposite the Bridge & opposite the old post office have been damaged.

c.) Llynfell

S.T. does the playground check on Rhosaman Park and her only concern is the moss accumulating on the bouncy surfaces (**would like it to be cleared in the spring**); there is a piece of rotary equipment with nothing on it.

Can we get signs for the parks? (e.g., in Llandybie)

A.D. – Glynog has been asked to obtain a bin to be placed outside the centre in Ystradowen. **Can we ask again?**

Z.LI. Any update on the Bus Stop?

T.A to send a list to G.D the following day

11. **To discuss the Kids Club Contract.**

The contract had been circulated previously. Angharad from the Kids Club had asked to have the contract reviewed. They have also requested 6

months of free rent as they have paid for fire assessments and fire equipment.

S.T. Last year was the first time they had paid rent for the premises.

PROPOSED: To ask the Kids Club to draft the changes they would like to see on the contract before a sub-committee meets.

12. **Receive up to date bank balances**

The clerk gave the councillors the bank balances as of the 28th February 2023, and highlighted the expenditure on donations to date compared to last year's budget, before any financial decisions were made.

13. **To discuss financial assistance requests**

a.) **Ystradowen Communities Charity**

Asking for a financial contribution towards 5 established trees to replace trees they have had to get rid of due to disease.

RESOLVED: Inform the Charity that Woodland Trust / Coed Cadw are giving away trees. Ask them how much they are requesting? Also, what happened to the previous financial assistance they had for goal posts?

b.) **Bryn Rovers**

Requesting financial assistance towards a football tournament specifically refreshment and equipment.

Cllr. J. Griffiths declared an interest, - answered a couple of questions and was then put in the 'waiting room'

R.M. noted from the bank statements that there didn't appear to be any funding coming from elsewhere; she asked how much they contributed towards Maes Elwyn, and also the charges on Bryn Avenue. She is not happy by how much Bryn Rovers are subsidised by Cwarter Bach Community Council.

R.P.H- pointed out that T.A. had previously given them a lengthy list of grant opportunities but there was no evidence that anything has been done.

R.M. They don't appear to be making any effort to bring in any money of their own.

T.A. reminded councillors that the request was towards a tournament.

S.T. suggested donating £300

RESOLVED: As there are so many issues needing discussing a meeting with Bryn Rovers needs to happen before any decisions are made.

c.) Kids Club.

A request has come in for a mobile phone and a new computer.
R.M. There is no landline there and a computer would be important for them.

RESOLVED: Agreed to give the £500 requested.

d.) Gŵyl y Gwter Fawr

(Application came in after the others)

The Committee are asking for a donation in order that they can put the rides on for free for the children at this year's Gŵyl

Cllr. S.Davies Declared an Interest as he is on the committee

R.P.H. Asked if GCG had been approached for a contribution.

S.D. Confirmed that they had many times but had always declined. NPT have also been approached.

R.M. Suggested if we did decide as a council to contribute a letter is sent to GCG asking for match funding.

RESOLVED: To reserve £500 for a decision to be made once the application is completed and supporting documents provided.

Then CBCC can write to GCG Community Council asking them to contribute.

14. **To discuss meeting with Bryn Rovers.**

It was decided that any councillors can attend an informal meeting with Bryn Rovers and any thoughts councillors have to be sent to the clerk beforehand.

RESOLVED: To meet informally with Bryn Rovers at 6pm, Wednesday 15th March at the BMC

15. **Bills For Payment**

Wrenvale totalling £960

Dwr Cymru, Ystradowen £60.42

Owain Humphreys £900

Julia Expenses £68.62

CCC £520.80

RESOLVED: To pay all the bills

16. **Correspondence**

- Survey from OVW regarding training, to be completed by the Clerk and Chair by the 28th March.
- CCC – Advanced notice of a Community Review due out on the 10th March. For Community Councils to put in recommendations for county to consider. E.g. number of councillors, ward boundaries, ward names.
- Planning Aid Wales and One Voice Wales online course, 21st March 2023, discussing Place Plans. Fee £40 per person

Clerk and H.T. interested in attending

17. **A.O.B***

S.T. gave a police update

A car has been damaged down in Heol Gelynnen

A brick was thrown through the Chinese Take-Away window, - the culprit was caught on CCTV

They are keeping an eye on a house in Esgairynys, no details as yet.

18. **Date of next meeting**

5th April 2023, 6.30pm at the Black Mountain Centre

Signed**Chair**

Date