



CYNGOR CYMUNED **CWARTER BACH** COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE BLACK MOUNTAIN CENTRE AND ON A REMOTE BASIS VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL 2024 AT 6.00PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr. Susan Thomas (Chair), Cllr. Helen Taylor, Cllr. Andrew Dady, Cllr. Vera Morgan, Cllr. Rhian Jones, Cllr. Bethan Griffiths, Cllr. Angela Campisi, Cllr. Berian Jones

ALSO, PRESENT

Mrs. J. Bell (Clerk)

1. **To receive apologies for absence**
Cllr. Jordan Griffiths, Cllr. Tom Addey, Cllr. Richard Pearce-Higginson, Cllr. Emlyn Hopkin.
2. **Non apologies**
Cllr. Mair Thomas, Cllr. Eifion Rogers
3. **Public Participation**
None Present
4. **Declarations of Interest**
None
5. **To discuss the future of Bryn Rovers &**
6. **To look at the option of licence or lease going forward**
Members agreed that by giving Bryn Rovers another licence they would not be able to apply for grant funding. However, by providing a lease it could prevent anyone else from using the facilities, and as a result the community may lose an asset.

Bryn Rovers have previously shown an interest in extending the car park, developing a café area where the flower beds are now, with the possibility of allowing children's parties etc. at the site.

Providing a lease would allow Bryn Rovers to develop their changing rooms.

Cllr. Bethan Griffiths discussed how Bryn Rovers had been asked if they would consider moving to Maes Elwyn or Ystradowen however they want to stay where they are. If they were to consider Maes Elwyn the drainage would need to be improved and the pitch moved diagonally.

Councillors not present in the meeting with Caroline Owen were informed how she had stressed that community councils across Wales are struggling in the same way as Cwarter Bach.

There are more grants available to organisations with leases than to community councils.

It was asked that if Bryn Rovers were given the go ahead and given a lease, would that then mean other groups would follow suit and want to take over Maes Elwyn or Ystradowen?

Some members felt that Bryn Rovers were 'sitting tenants' and ought to have priority over other organisations for Cae Criced.

It was suggested that if they were to be granted a lease it could state that Bryn Rovers have to allow the community to use the facilities out of season.

Cllr. Rhian Jones asked that it be noted that she was not comfortable for the community not to have a say in their assets.

Cllr. Angela Campisi suggested that this would be a good time to explore employing a grants officer.

Councillors contemplated providing a lease for the pavilion and a licence for the field and were mindful that the current licence expires at the end of September.

The clerk reminded the councillors that they had made a decision to replace the changing rooms themselves in the last full council meeting (06.03.24) and if they wanted to revisit this decision 4 councillors would need to put this request in writing.

AGREED: To recommend to full council that a draft agreement with stipulations be drawn up and also to carry out community engagement for feedback on the community's feelings of providing Bryn Rovers with a lease for Cae Criced and the Pavilion area.

Recommend that Cllrs to contact residents of Bryn Avenue, Heol Gelynnen and also to put on social media.

If Full Council are in agreement, to be completed by the end of May in preparation for June's meeting.

7. **Permission to use the Council debit card for MS Teams Payments.**
The clerk requested permission from the council to use the Councils Visa Debit Card in order to set up an MS Teams account.
AGREED: by all members present.

8. **A.O.B***
None

Signed**Chair**

Date