

## Cyngor Cymuned Onllwyn Community Council

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

### **Present:**

Cllr Gareth Llewellyn (Deputy Chairman), Cllr Emlyn Griffiths, Cllr Steve Thomas, Cllr Ruth Stone, Cllr Lee Reynolds, Cllr Andrew Jones.

### **Apologies:**

Cllr Dean Cawsey, Cllr Sonia Coy, Cllr Angie Thompson.

Meeting commenced at 1900 hours.

#### 1. Declaration of interests

Explained these would be declared as necessary in any item that would come up.

#### 2. Matters needing urgent attention.

Employment of new clerk. Discussed setting up a sub-committee to assist with the process. Proposed to be constructed of Dean Cawsey, Ruth Stone and Gareth Llewellyn. Agreed by all councillors present.

Discussed that Clerk requires a laptop for work and agreed by all present that Clerk is to investigate a device and bring findings to next meeting. Also discussed in relation to a printer whereupon Clerk stated he will use home printer and to submit reasonable costs for use to Council, to be presented at next meeting. Training for ILCA, FILCA costs discussed and exact fees to be presented at next meeting.

SLCC membership costs discussed and fees to be presented at next meeting. Collection of paperwork to be arranged by Gareth Llewellyn and Dean Cawsey with Clerk if required.

#### 3. Policing matters.

No matters to discuss, mentioned that no PACT meetings had taken place.

#### 4. To confirm the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record by all Councillors present.

#### 5. Matters arising.

Gareth mentioned that a skip had recently been placed on Back Lane and this will be monitored.

Gareth read details of email received from Cllr Steve Hunt in relation to the Toilet facilities where he has managed to negotiate a plan along the lines of the

previous volunteering that the Community Council would open and close the facilities. Neath Port Talbot Council would continue to repair and maintain the premises and this was to be put forward to the Community Council.

Following this it was discussed that previously a payment of £10 per week was made to Angela but believed it was only to close at the end of the day. It was thought that NPTC opened in the morning and Gareth will check this information. The Community Council will need to advertise for someone to perform the task as necessary but it was also mentioned in relation to having an automated system in the future that may help to recover some of the costs.

Gareth read out Cllr Sian Harris's email regarding the Ty Maesmarchog site and following this he has agreed to chase up to see what further development has been made since the date for any answers in the email has now passed.

The building site at the junction of Wembley Avenue/Onllwyn Road is now boarded up but no update is known so Gareth will investigate further to see what is happening.

In relation to the ongoing information regarding the back lane issues behind main road there was no update however Dean is going to investigate further.

Gareth gave an update in relation to the Dove steel container stating that the equipment within was 'in bits'. The opinion is the two strimmers will not function and may be only scrap. The chainsaw may be OK and the mower is working but needs attention. All items will now move into the Allotment area where they will be safe.


6. Cllr Steve Thomas declared an interest in relation to the Pantyffordd Community Hall. He stated that following price requests last year of £3420 for replacing the oil tank, they have obtained a quote this year of £2500 + vat (£3000 approx). That cost will include supply of the tank, making the necessary platform for it and fitting which is due to take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Further to this the company being used is Star Multi Fuels and a discussion has been had with them over the supply of Oil and an agreement has been reached. Also they are looking at having the boiler serviced by Dewi Watkins. Arrangements have been made with Merthyr Salvage for visiting and floor removal. Also noted was the fact that the upcoming Polling Station use will have to be moved from Onllwyn to Pantyffordd however this will need further looking at due to the floor removal timings. Finally the alarm system on the hall is managed by Nitelite and has recently been activated. Nitelite have not provided a service and it is believed a payment is being made which needs looking into. Fortunately an engineer has

attended and disconnected the elements that were faulty thus preventing further unnecessary activations. Arrangements were proposed for a service to be carried out at a cost of £112 by a qualified fitter by Gareth and seconded by Lee. Steve finished off by saying that they need to prioritise an application to the windfarm fund for the flooring and he would be dealing with this.

7. To receive the monthly financial report.  
Postponed due to not being available.
8. To receive reports from Members on Outside Bodies.  
Nothing to report.
9. Planning matters.  
Nothing to report.
10. Correspondence.  
Rates for both Pantyffordd Hall and Cemetery received.
11. Matters raised by members.
  - a. Banwen Pond – dog fouling. It has been noticed that walkers are allowing dogs off leads around the pond area where their mess is not being picked up and as such there has been some confrontation with members of the public and those working in the area. The area is subject to being maintained by the Angling Club which is an ongoing process. It was felt that organising an environmental meet in the area may be prudent.
  - b. Back Lane off School Road. As previously mentioned, this is with Dean to check ownership and responsibilities.

Meeting concluded at 2000 hours.

Next meeting: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Signed: 

Dated: 15/4/2024