

Cyngor Cymuned Tregynon Community Council

Minutes of Tregynon Community Council's meeting held on 9 June 2022 at 7.30 pm in the community centre.

Present: Cllr Watkin, Cllrs D. Bumford, J. Shearer, S. Williams, M. Davies, W. Jones and clerk R. Jones.

Cllr Jones handed in a playground inspection sheet.

Apologies: Received from Cllr Jacques. Cllr Breese had earlier sent notice of a late arrival.

Declarations of interest: None at this time.

The Clerk welcome everyone to the meeting and conducted the election of Chair and Vice Chair. Cllr Shearer agreed to be Chair for the forthcoming twelve months. Cllr Davies accepted the role of Vice Chair. The new Chair offered her congratulations to Cllr Hulme on her re-election to the county council.

Minutes: The councillors reviewed and accepted the minutes of the 2022 AGM and May meeting with the proviso that the initial of Mr Bennett be changed to G. The Chair then signed both sets of minutes.

Matters arising: None from either the AGM or the May meeting. Cllr Breese arrived at 7.40pm.

Planning: None.

Applications received after distribution of the agenda, at the discretion of the Chair: None

Highways: The mobile speed company, Go Safe, have asked for reports of speeding to be sent to them. It was noted that fast-moving vehicles have been observed near Tynybryn. Clerk to report this to the local Police Support Officer. Mr and Mrs Bennet arrived to observe proceedings at 7.50pm.

Cllr Watkin reported that the community speedwatch is quiet at the moment and more volunteers are needed. The flashing sign is working well. Calum Carr (the county council's footpath officer) is working with the landowner and tenant regarding the condition of the Penymaen path. The Rosemary Drive alley will be discussed at the July meeting. Cllr Hulme reported that grass cutting and road sweeping will take place soon and there will be a total of three rural grass cuts. Cllr Davies has had communication with the county council about the dangerous bend near the church and this situation is very likely to be resolved soon with the installation of a path.

Playground and amenity land: Cllr Jones reported that any competent person is allowed to sort out the spring pair hardware. Mrs Bennett observed that there might be public liability issues. Cllr Bumford noted issues with the slide unit and human-caused damaged to the soft surface. Lottery funding might be available to help with the cost of a replacement and Cllr Hulme agreed to look into this. It was noted that the monkey bars and slide are very popular. Clerk to obtain quotes for removal of the equipment/making safe/securing the area prior to the start of the school holidays. Cllr Bumford declared a connection with Allied Plant, and Cllr Jones declared a very weak connection with Malcom Coates.

Cllr Hulme is to revisit quotes for the new seating for the amenity land now that the council has obtained lottery funding.

Defibrillator: Due to Cllr Jacques being absent, the matter will be discussed at the July meeting.

Fruit Tree: The council agreed to fund a fruit tree in the new orchard, and a pear tree has been purchased and installed. A second tree of the same variety will be purchased.

Go Compare: An insurance company has contacted the clerk asking for a link to their web site to be placed on the Tregynon Council website. The council decided to decline this. Historic flooding issues in the village were discussed and the Chair moved the discussion on to the next item.

Finance: Current account- £12,508.98; Reserve- £6962.77. The June bank statement had not yet been received so these figures are the same as last month.

Clerk's pay: The councillors discussed this in the absence of the clerk and Mr and Mrs Bennett. The council decided to increase the clerk's pay to £300 per meeting. Mr and Mrs Bennett left the meeting at 8.50pm.

Invoice: One invoice was approved: Clerk's pay and expenses, with and extra £100 back pay from last month as the new clerk's fee was backdated to May. The Chair and Cllr Breese signed the cheque (£538.90). A cheque for £50 from the Covid grant given by a generous resident was signed.

External reports: Cllr Hulme had earlier circulated a report of county council activity and added some detail about new county council portfolio holders and their roles and responsibilities. Cllr Breese reported that the Cefn Twlch charities will hold a meeting next month. The Chair will re-advertise the Covid grant and the Windfarm Trust.

Correspondence: None.

Items for the next agenda: Usual plus defibrillator.

AOB: The security of the web site was discussed briefly. The web address begins with <http://>. A concerned person has written to say that <https://> would be more secure but the councillors concluded that this would be necessary only if the web site included a facility for online payments, which it does not.

Date of next meeting: 14 July 2022.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.