

Ogmore Valley Community Council

Cyngor Cymuned Cwm Ogwr



Full Council Meeting

Cyfarfod Llawn y Cyngor

Tuesday 25 May 2021, 6.30 pm at Zoom

Dydd Mawrth 25 Mai 2021, 6.30 pm yng Zoom

Minutes

In Attendance

Cllr Dhanisha Patel (Chair)

Cllr Gareth Prescott (Vice Chair) – left meeting at 8.15pm

Cllr Margaret Lloyd

Cllr Andrew Davies

Cllr Angela Jones

Cllr Ryan Mock

Cllr Richard Shakeshaft

Cllr Hywel Williams

Cllr Andrew McKay

Ryan Mock - joined meeting at 7pm – work commitments

Scott Allin – Clerk

21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies notified from the following:-

- Cllr Janet Harris – work commitments
- Laura Williams RFO and Assistant Clerk - unwell

22 PCSO James Rowlands

There is no PCSO report this month due to holiday commitments but the June 2021 will cover both May and June.

23 Public Address (an opportunity for members of the public to bring any issues to the attention of the council) TEN MINUTES SESSION ONLY

No members of the public were present.

24 Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct & Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Cllr Mock noted that he knew Matthew Barnes and would take no part in the discussion on the Evanstown Councillor co-option.

Cllr Mock also noted that he was Treasurer of Gilfach Goch War Memorial and would take no part in the discussion of agenda item 29.

25 Interview of Prospective Co-opted Councillor

The Councillors interviewed three prospective community members to be co-opted as Councillors and following discussion it was unanimously agreed to co-opt Matthew Barnes to Evanstown Ward, Levi Brocklebank to Blackmill Ward and Gary Rix to Nantymoel Ward.

Resolved – The Clerk to contact Matthew Barnes (Evanstown Ward) Levi Brocklebank (Blackmill Ward) and Gary Rix (Nantymoel Ward) and confirm that they are content to accept appointments.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL

26 Approval of Minutes and Recommendations

(a) Draft Full Council 27 April 2021

Approved

(b) Draft Annual Meeting Committee 18 May 2021

It was confirmed that the Clerk's Line Manager would remain Cllr Andrew Davies.

Approved

(c) Draft Personnel Committee 18 May 2021

The revised draft job description for the Warden was discussed, and it was noted that the person appointed may need training in the use of equipment. It was also noted that Councillors should feed back to the Clerk any further observations they have on the job description and advert before it is finalised at the next Personnel Committee.

Resolved – The Minutes were approved with the caveat that the Warden’s job description would be discussed again at a future Personnel Committee when Councillors had provided their comment on the revised job description.

27 Matters Arising from previous meeting

- Container (minute 6)

It was noted that the Council had sourced and purchased a contained for £2,880. Thanks were expressed to the RFO for her work on this.

- Benches at Ogmores Washeries (minute 6)

BCBC has now agreed to pay for 5 benches at the Washeries site while the Clerk is liaising with the contractor on the sourcing of a fire pit and bins

- Lewistown Flower Beds (minute 9)

Resolved - that the £179 granted to fund the purchase of materials for flowerbeds in Lewistown would be transferred to the Lewistown and Pantyrawel Residents Association

- Bus Shelter at Disused Garage Ogmores Vale (minute 11)

It was noted that Cllr Patel had contacted BCBC who had confirmed that it would not fund a new bus shelter at the disused garage in Ogmores Vale and that feedback was required from the Traffic Management team at BCBC to ensure the location was safe before any progress could be made.

- Christmas Lights (minute 14)

It was noted that Councillors had not yet agreed plans for their Wards Christmas Lights as resolved at the April 2021 meeting although Blackmill Ward had requested a meeting.

- Go Safe – Nantymoel (minute 18)

Cllr Hill to provide an update next month.

28 Finances

(a) formal approval of payments March 2021

Approved

(b) formal approval of the bank reconciliation

Approved

(c) expenditure against the budget end of February 2021

Approved

29 To consider Correspondence (no decisions to be made on this item)

No correspondence that requires consideration that is not otherwise on the agenda.

**30 To consider applications for donations and grants
(a) Gilfach Goch War Memorial - £200**

It was noted that there had been damage to the War Memorial and that a request for £200 each has been made to Ogmores Valley CC and Gilfach Goch CC. It was unanimously agreed that this was an important site and the request should be supported.

Resolved – To agree payment of £200.

31 Internet Banking

It was noted that the RFO and Clerk do not currently have access to view statements online and that implementing the view only internet banking option would make the current system more effective. The council were not minded to allow payments to be made by the RFO or Clerk online.

Resolved – Internet Banking should be actioned.

32 Windfarm Applications

A revised Windfarm Funding Application Process had been drafted that links the allocation of funding more closely to the Council's agreed strategic priorities.

Resolved – To agree the Application Process as documented and to ensure that Pennant Walters are also content with the final document.

33 Flower Bulbs

It was proposed that £75 is made available annually for each of the four wards (Nantymoel, Blackmill, Ogmores Vale and Evanstown) to spend on Flower Bulbs in each ward.

The funds could be used in conjunction with a local organisation e.g. Bravos or Priide, or by the councillors as a collective for the ward .

Resolved – To allocate £75 per Ward for flower bulbs.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND UPDATE

34 To receive a Report from the Clerk (i) Trees next to Planka car park

This was discussed and noted that there had been a communication error which resulted in the saplings being planted on Nantymoel RFC land. In order to remove a potential long-term liability for the Council, the saplings should be removed and replanted on BCBC owned land with BCBC's permission.

Resolved – Clerk to contact Nantymoel RFC to agree this.

(ii) Ramblers Association letter

It was noted that the Clerk would contact the Ramblers Association to discuss possible future projects and, in the meantime, Councillors should provide ideas for possible projects to the Clerk

Resolved – Councillors to notify Clerk of potential projects.

(iii) Evanstown Community Centre

It was noted that the Council agreed to send Expressions of Interest to BCBC for a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) for both Evanstown Community Centre and The Planka. These EOIs had not been actioned by the previous Clerk. The Clerk has confirmed the Council's interest with BCBC and would draft the relevant EOI. It was noted that an EOI could be withdrawn if the scheme was not attractive to the Council

Resolved: that the Clerk would work with BCBC on an EOI to be formally submitted to BCBC for both Evanstown CC and The Planka.

(iv) Re-opening of BYCC

It was confirmed that the Council was content for the BYCC to re-open on 1 June 2021 as long as appropriate Covid safety mitigation was in place.

Resolved – Clerk to contact BYCC to confirm re-opening.

**35 To receive Reports from Members of the Council
(i) Request for Trustees for Ogmore Priide.**

Cllr Hill had asked for this agenda item but was unable to attend. It was noted that further information on what being a Priide trustee involved including a role description should be requested from Cllr Hill.

Resolved – Clerk to contact Cllr Hill and request a role description.

(ii) Request for speed limit of 20mph for Blackmill

It was noted that that on 8 May 2021, a spring type object had come off a vehicle and damaged the window of a property in Blackmill Square. Other incidents like this had occurred both here and at other points throughout the Valley. The Council discussed this incident as well as the danger to children of speeding and BCBC's decarbonisation agenda. There was unanimous support for a move from 30mph to 20mph speed limit for Blackmill Square as well as other high density areas in the Valley. It was recognised that there was Welsh Government funds to support the move to 20mph speed limits and that BCBC transport engineers would need to undertake further survey work.

Resolved – Clerk to write to BCBC requesting a 20mph speed limit zone in Blackmill Square as well as extending 20mph zones throughout the Valley.

36 To consider any Planning Applications and issues

No planning issues raised although Cllr Lloyd noted that she was exploring a potential complaint in Ogmore Vale.

**37 To confirm the date, time and venue of forthcoming meetings:
- Full Council Tuesday 29 June 2021, 6.30 pm via Zoom.**

Confirmed

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

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Signature of the Chairperson, Cllr Dhanisha Patel

Date

Scott Allin - Clerk of the Council