

# Ogmore Valley Community Council

## Cyngor Cymuned Cwm Ogwr



### Full Council Meeting

Cyfarfod Llawn y Cyngor

**Tuesday 25 August 2020, 6.30 pm at Zoom**  
Dydd Mawrth 25 Awst 2020, 6.30 pm yng Zoom

## MINUTES

### In Attendance

Cllr Dhanisha Patel (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr Andrew McKay  
Cllr Richard Shakeshaft  
Cllr Angela Jones  
Cllr Ryan Mock  
Cllr Hywel Williams

Laura Williams – Temporary RFO/Assistant Clerk

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#### **246 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies given for Cllr Margaret Lloyd, Cllr Geunor Evans, Cllr Gareth Prescott, Cllr Andrew Davies, Cllr LeeAnne Hill.

Cllr Andrew McKay, Cllr Richard Shakeshaft, Cllr Angela Jones and Cllr Ryan Mock were present at the start of the meeting. The meeting was notified that the Vice-chair was running late and Cllr Angela Jones was appointed Chair.

*Although the Council was not quorate it was agreed to receive the updates from guest speakers and discuss Christmas Lights due to orders having to be made the first week of September.*

#### **247 PCSO James Rowlands**

Nantymoel area there were 46 incidents of crime reported

Ogmore Vale area there were 24 incidents of crime reported

Blackmill area there were 20 incidents of crime reported

Overall crime incidents have decreased from the previous month. The majority of reports were concerns for other people i.e. missing people. Many of these are for the same person. Overall domestics incidents have decreased. Although there has been anti-social behaviour incidents, none of these have been attributed to off-road bikes. The PCSO encouraged anyone with concerns for off-road bikes to phone 101 so that it becomes an official reported incident in addition to notifying him. This is encouraged for any incidents of crime. The PCSO has emailed Go Safe regarding speeding which still seems to be an issue and have contacted the traffic wardens regarding concerns over parking issues. Traffic wardens will be returning to the area in September. The PCSO is still patrolling the tracks and reminding track users, especially cyclists, to be aware of other users.

**248 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 present.

**249 Ogmore Community Council 5 Year Strategy and SMART Action Plan – Update**

Sue Evans has given her apologies for being unable to attend the meeting. Gareth Kiddie informed the meeting that the questionnaire for the consultation has been finalised. Locations for post box answers have been identified. Sue Evans will be translating the questionnaire into Welsh for distribution. Gareth Kiddie asked councillors if they could shared the link to the questionnaire via their networks.

**250 Ogmore Washeries Options Appraisal – Update**

Mark Blackmore informed the meeting that £45,000 had been secured through the Local Places for Nature grant. He gave a breakdown of costs including to tackle invasive species, invertebrate survey (which has begun) and fencing. £2,000 was allocated for invasive species, unfortunately balsam and Japanese knotweed have spread on the site and this is not enough to eradicate these invasive species. This money will be spent on a survey to identify where from upstream the species has spread and to inform a possible future funding bid to tackle this issue. It was suggested that regular volunteer ‘balsam bashes’ (pulling balsam) would help to reduce the species in the area. A street survey had been conducted and to date people (both a mix of those who use or don’t use the site) have suggested history boards, a café, cycling routes, picnic area, to repair the bridge, bunkhouses or business spaces on the site. Mark Blackmore asked if there were any observations or questions. Cllr McKay asked if the money could help with restricting vehicles on site to prevent dumping, if the money could be used to clear historic flooring/preserve it and if anything could be done to improve flooding on the site. Councillors asked for a site meeting. Mark Blackmore and the Temporary RFO are to arrange a date for this.

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

No declarations of interest.

**252 To consider any applications for Co-option: Evanstown and Nantymoel Ward Vacancies**

No applications received.

**253 Approval of Minutes  
(a) Full Council Meeting 25 February 2020**

Postponed

**(b) Full Council Meeting 28 July 2020**

Proposed by Cllr Andrew McKay, seconded by Cllr Richard Shakeshaft.

**254 Matters of Report on the previous meeting**

**(a) Poppies**

Poppies and wreaths have been received.

*Councillors agreed to discuss item 261 Christmas Lights and defer all other items to the next Full Council meeting if the meeting still wasn't quorate.*

**261 Christmas Lights**

The Temporary RFO had met with Centregreat and had been advised that any rootball trees should be installed in stages, planting the tree in the first year, installing the electrical connection in the second year and dressing in the third year. This would spread the cost across the 3 years and allow the trees time to embed and grow.

Nantymoel – 20ft Tree at commercial street, rootball trees planted at commercial street and Nantymoel BGC (if permission gained), Memorial clock light display and 27 solar panel trees.

Ogmore Vale – 20ft tree at Dunraven Place, dress tree at Fire Station, rootball tree planted at HALO and 30 solar panel trees.

Blackmill – Blackmill Christmas tree, Lewistown Christmas tree, 2 motifs at Lewistown post office, a rootball tree planted at Pantyrawel, a rootball tree planted at Glyn Llan and 31 solar panel trees.

Evanstown – Christmas tree at Abercerdin Primary school, Christmas tree at Coronation Rd bus stop, 2 x wall mounted Christmas trees on Evanstown Community Centre, rootball tree planted at Gilfach Goch Social Club/Park and 7 solar panel trees on the entrance road to Evanstown. An extra rootball tree was questioned for the Welfare Park, previously there had been access issues. Temporary RFO to ask Centregreat if this is possible and if so, request permission from the rugby club.

*Cllr Dhanisha Patel joined the meeting. Meeting was quorate and should resume as normal. Cllr Patel to chair the remainder of the meeting.*

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

**Blackmill BRAVOs – railings on corner of junction**

Councillors decided this should be discussed at the next meeting. To be put on the agenda.

### **Blackmill BRAVOs - Sheep Sales Site bridge**

Cllr McKay updated the council on upcoming meetings regarding the Sheep Sales Site bridge. Not to be put on the agenda.

### **Town and Community Council Forum are looking for items for their agenda**

Cllr Patel requested to clarify a central contact for community councils at Bridgend County Borough Council and to clarify turnaround times for responses.

### **Bridgend District Ramblers Association Letter**

Temporary RFO to enquire on Facebook page if there are any access issues and report back to council for potential joint project. To be put on the agenda.

### **256 Pant-y-Wal Wind Farm Funding – Update**

Seven applications had been received so far and many enquiries. The temporary RFO was expecting to receive more applications.

### **257 Bethania Chapel – requested item**

To be deferred until the next meeting.

*Cllr Hywel Williams joined the meeting*

### **258 Cycle Track**

Temporary RFO had emailed Highways department and Andrew Mason to request guidance on the size of signs for the cycle track. No response received to date.

*Cllr Angela Jones left the meeting.*

### **259 To consider matters in relation to Blackmill Youth & Community Centre**

#### **(a) Update**

Sustainable Communities Wales has been contacted, utility bills for the community centre provided and a meeting arranged in September for a report on the energy efficiency of the building. The report should be able to suggest improvements that could be made and suggest funding streams for this.

#### **(b) Covid Risk Assessment**

Councillors agreed that the Temporary RFO should meet with the committee to discuss this. It was agreed to suggest including a risk assessment for the committee/volunteers.

#### **(c) Permission to re-open**

It was agreed that the centre should remain closed unless there were activities as allowed in the guidelines provided by Welsh Government.

#### **(d) Consider quotes for replacement of 3 windows, 2 fire doors, painting of building and lowering of the main hall ceiling.**

2 quotes were considered, a third was unable to be obtained despite request. Alan Phillips for the amount of £10,776 (including VAT) and Tim Tex and Sons for the amount of £12,455 (no VAT mentioned). Councillors agreed to the cost of the works for Alan Phillips quote. It was suggested that quotes were also sought for the replacement of the front door which is in a poor state of repair.

**(e) Responsibilities of ownership and management**

The council was informed that there were different types of permission and agreements that could be used. A licence (a short-term agreement that could be renewable every year), a lease (a longer term agreement that would give the management committee more responsibilities) and setting the building up as a trust governed by councillors and managed by the committee. It was agreed to keep to a simpler agreement such as a licence or lease and to discuss this in a meeting with the committee alongside their risk assessment. Cllr Williams volunteered to attend the meeting with the temporary RFO. Temporary RFO to arrange.

**(f) Permission to put 6x6ft shed at the back on the community centre for Blackmill BRAVOs' equipment.**

Permission granted.

**260 To consider applications for donations and grants**

**Marie Curie Donation Request**

**Blackmill BRAVOs/TRA Grant request**

Deferred due to time constraints

**262 Keep Wales Tidy Packages – Update**

Bridgend Council had responded that they supported the packages in principle but would need to meet with temporary RFO. A meeting had been arranged for September 4<sup>th</sup>. Temporary RFO to ask for Cllr Patel to be invited also.

**263 TikSPak Dog bag dispenser scheme**

Blackmill Sheep Sales Site will be put on the website. The temporary RFO was informed John Rees will get in contact once he has secured more dispensers.

**264 Provision of Spring Bulbs**

**(a) costs/quotes for spring bulbs**

Only 1 quote was able to be provided from Awen despite asking for other quotes. The quote was for £930 plus VAT for 2000 daffodil bulbs, 2000 tulip bulbs and 2000 crocus bulbs to be divided equally between the 4 areas. All agreed to purchase bulbs at £930 plus VAT with Awen.

**(b) consider purchasing winter pansies/violas – requested item**

Deferred until next meeting due to time constraints

**265 Finances**

**(a) formal approval of payments August 2020**

Cllr McKay queried why the temporary RFO had not been paid the acting Clerk's rate. To be put on the agenda for the next personnel committee meeting.

Payments to be made proposed by Cllr Andrew McKay and seconded by Cllr Hywel Williams

**(c) formal approval of the bank reconciliation**

Deferred until next meeting due to time constraints

**(d) expenditure against the budget end of July**

Updated expenditure against the budget to be presented at the next meeting.

**266 To receive a Report from the Clerk**

No reports

**267 To receive Reports from Members of the Council**

Cllr Ryan Mock and Cllr Hywel Williams provided an update regarding Evanstown Community Centre. It was suggested that the Community Council may be approached to hold the lease for the community centre while the community could be responsible for managing it. This is to be on the agenda.

Cllr Ryan Mock informed the meeting about difficulties attending a meeting regarding licencing. To be suggested as an item for the Town and Community Council Forum.

**268 To confirm the date, time and venue of forthcoming meetings: Full Council Meeting Tuesday 29 September 2020, 6.30 pm at Zoom**

All agreed

**269 To consider any Planning Applications and issues**

No comments to make on planning applications received.

**270 Recruitment and staffing**

**(a) Recruitment Update**

Cllr Patel informed the meeting that the Personnel Committee are interviewing over the week and would be deciding on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

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**Signature of the Chairperson, Cllr Lee-Anne Hill**

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**Date**

*L Williams*

**Temporary RFO and Assistant Clerk of the Council**