

**CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL DRAETHEN, WATERLOO A RYHDRI**

**DRAETHEN, WATERLOO & RUDRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL (DWR CC)**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting was held remotely and consequently because of these exceptional circumstances the meeting was open to the public and press via remote online video conference

**The meeting was held on 27 January 2022 at 18:30 p.m.**

**The meeting commenced at 18:34**

<b>Councillors Present:</b>	Sarah Parks-Jones (SPJ) - Chair Rob Heaton-Jones (RHJ) Mike Garland (MG)	Jayne Garland (JG) - Vice Chair Martyn Rich (MR) Kevin Stanworth (KS)
<b>Minute taker:</b>	Jayne Garland No press or members of the public were in attendance	

<b>Min Ref</b>		<b>Action</b>
<b>01/22</b>	<b>To note members' attendance and to receive apologies for absence</b>	
	Apologies from Cllr Kayleigh Hayes	
<b>02/22</b>	<b>To receive Declarations and Register of Interest</b>	
	To receive Declarations and Register of Interest. Councillors and Officers are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Code of Conduct for Councillors and Clerk. <b>None noted.</b>	
<b>03/22</b>	<b>To approve minutes and discuss matters arising from the Full Council Meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> November and Extraordinary Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b>	
	The minutes were approved with the following corrections: No reference was made in the minutes to the decision that no uplift was required in the 2022/23 precept, although resolved in the last meeting. <b>RESOLVED</b> To update the minutes to reflect the decision. There were no matters arising	
<b>04/22</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
	a. <b>RESOLVED</b> to ratify Balance of Funds b. <b>RESOLVED</b> to ratify reconciliation of Bank Statement c. <b>RESOLVED</b> to ratify payments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Vision ICT web host invoice. £150.00</li> <li>ii. Invoice for archive and storage. £80.00</li> <li>iii. Procuring slide for Draethen Park <b>RESOLVED</b> DWR cc would provide the balance of funds in addition to the £2500 from projects Budget,</li> </ul>	JG

	<p>remaining balance £515 from a virement from underspend. Total £'s</p> <p>DWR cc contribution           £ 3015</p> <p>DCG contribution               £ 1750</p> <p>Calor Prize                      £ 500</p> <p>DWRcc/DCG Crowd Fund     £ 1365</p> <p>CCBC                              £ 8297.37</p> <p><b>Total                              £14,927.37</b></p> <p><b>NOTE</b> Insurance Renewal 01/04/2022 for DWR CC proforma required</p> <p><b>NOTE</b> Precept 2022/23 – Council Tax Base Notification.</p>	JG
05/22	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	<p>a) Clerks' communication, sadly RS felt that the role did not suit her skill set and resigned. <b>RESOLVED</b> to arrange P45</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to commence the recruitment process for new Clerk</p> <p>b) Pobl sent an acknowledgement and their thanks for December's donation.</p>	Staff Com
06/22	<b>Chairs update</b>	
	<p>The Chair announced the winners of the Christmas Wreath Competition</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Prize Alexandra Norman £50 joint second prizes to Marc Lawson and Emma Jones both receiving £25 each.</p> <p>The Chair reminded Members of the forthcoming elections and it was for them to decide what they wanted to do going forward but that it was important to finish as much as we can in committed projects before May'22.</p>	
07/22	<b>Proposal for DWR CC Declare a '<u>Nature</u>' Emergency</b>	
	<p>A Proposal for DWR cc to declare a 'Nature Emergency' was put to Council by Cllr J Garland where a paper was provided for Members.</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that DWR CC would declare a Nature Emergency as well as and to support the previously declared Climate Emergency.</p>	
08/22	<b>Planning for consideration</b>	
	<p>None received for DWR CC other than a pre planning notification for proposed communications installation for CELLNEX at GARTH LANE, GARTH FARM, CAERPHILLY, CF83 3DR. NGR: E: 318471 N: 187494.</p> <p>Proposed upgrade to the existing telecommunications apparatus. Proposed EE 1No. UHF GPS Module at 15.5m mean. <b>NOTED</b></p>	
09/22	<b>Financial assistance &amp; grants</b>	
	<p>Rudry Primary School sent an acceptance of defibrillator offer however the unit agreed was currently unavailable and it was not clear when or if that would become available again soon due to 'microchip' availability. Rudry Primary school to be contacted to look at alternative with similar functionality.</p>	JG
10/22	<b>Members updates</b>	
	<p>There was discussion about the safety at the busy Waterloo/Newport Road Junction. Possible link/collaboration with BTM cc.</p> <p>Members were alerted that drain covers were being stolen in Waterloo – they have since been replaced with lighter covers.</p> <p>Members were contacted by residents about the state of the road markings for 20mph outside Rudry village. Member to chase up CCBC Highways for solution.</p> <p>Members were contacted in praise of the new bench installed on Rudry Common by the Caerphilly Landscape Partnership Project funded through</p>	RHJ       KS       JG

	<p>Welsh Government Rural Development Fund. This bench will now be placed on the DWR cc asset register.</p> <p>Members were alerted to the potential dangers on the common for walkers, their pets and other horses and their riders from trail hunt hounds after an incident occurred involving hunt hounds and dog walker. (MG to draft proposals to put to DWR cc on way forward using local government powers in this area) for Council to consider.</p> <p>Members were advised there had been a Kerosene leak at the Hollybush pub in Draethen, remediation work and decontamination is under way.</p> <p>Member asked if Defibrillator was being planned for Draethen. It was explained that the replacement of the existing phone box was for that purpose and is well underway. The Installation of the phone box is phase I and the procurement of the defibrillator will be phase II.</p>	MG
11/22	<b>To discuss suggested items for the next meeting.</b>	
	Member to prepare discussion papers/proposals for next meeting	
12/22	<b>To agree the date and time of the next Council Meeting</b>	
	Next meeting is scheduled for 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	
13/22	<b>Meeting closed at 20:13</b>	

Minutes produced by: J Garland – To be approved at the next council meeting

Signed by Chair of Council/Meeting:		
Dated: -----/----- 2022	Print Name:	Cllr Sarah Parks-Jones - Chair