CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Full Council

Minutes of Meeting
Hybrid Meeting
14 October 2021, at 7.00pm

49. **Register of Members present**

Cllr R Crowley (Chair)
Cllr A Asbrey
Cllr R Grigg
Cllr S Thomas
Cllr M Hartrey
Cllr E Jenkins
Cllr M Pratt
Cllr R Williams
Cllr C Franks
Cllr J Fanshaw
Cllr V Driscoll
Cllr S Griffiths
Cllr K Hatton
Cllr S Kear-Smith
Cllr A Robertson

50. **Apologies for Absence:**

None

A minutes silence was observed in respect of the recent passing of Cllr J Barker. Cllr C Franks gave a short tribute.

51. **Declaration of Interests**

Cllrs C Franks, K Hatton & A Asbrey all declared an interest in an item in the Finance Committee Minutes, dated 29 Sept, relating to Seel Park.

52. **To Confirm Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 September 2021**

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 9 September 2021 were taken as read, and on the Motion of Cllr S Griffiths and seconded by Cllr R Crowley, it was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes be **APPROVED**.

53. **Matters Arising from Minutes**

Item 38) NRW Presentation
No update in relation to the s.19 Report has been forthcoming. Cllr V Driscoll to pursue.

Item 42 f) ii) – E-docking Station – Eastbrook Station
No further updates available

54. To authorise and confirm: -

a) Payment of Accounts
Cllr. K Hatton proposed, Cllr. A Robertson seconded and Council **APPROVED** the Income and Expenditure Schedules for September 2021

b) Financial Position of Council as at 30 September 2021
The Council's Financial Position as at 30 September 2021 was **NOTED**

55. To Receive Committee and other Reports

a) Planning Committee Update
The Planning Schedule was **NOTED.**
Members requested that the planning application no 2020/01395/FUL is called in.

b) Finance Committee Meeting – 29 September 2021
On the Motion of Cllr S Griffiths and seconded by Cllr A Robertson, it was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes be **APPROVED**.

c) CRUZ Update
A site visit has been arranged for the CRUZ Working Group for 18 October, the purpose of which will be to.

i. view the CRUZ;
ii. understand what the CRUZ will look like when Barratts complete their works;
iii. address a question about the rear part of the CRUZ in respect of the adjoining ecology/habitat;
iv. allow the Ecologist the opportunity to outline his paper about the management obligations associated with all the ecology/habitat areas within the CRUZ; and
v. discuss an indicative timeline for progressing this land transaction (subject to Cabinet approval).

Following the site visit, assuming DPCC wish to proceed, the Heads of Terms will be reissued, appended to which will be a Site Boundary Plan and the Ecologist's paper.

A Cabinet Report will thereafter require submitting to seek authority to dispose by virtue of a long lease the CRUZ to DPCC subject to contract.

Prior to submitting the report to Cabinet, written confirmation will be required that DPCC remain supportive of the draft Heads of Terms and still wish to lease the CRUZ.

d) County Councillors' Report

i. Two Additional Directorship Positions (Senior Management Restructure)
On the 28th of September, a Special Council Meeting was held to discuss and potentially authorise the instatement of three changes to the organisational structure of the Vale Council. The three changes were:

- The retirement of the Managing Director post, and in its place a new Chief Executive role. Salary would stay the same.
- A creation of a new role – Director of Corporate Resources.
- A creation of a new role - Director of Place.

ii. Special Council Meeting – Statement of Accounts
The Statements of Accounts for 2020/21 were approved at a Special Council Meeting, held virtually on the 10th of October.

<u>56.</u> **<u>To approve DPCC Representatives on the Community Flood Group</u>**

It was unanimously **AGREED** that the Cllrs V Discol, C Franks, R Grigg & A Robertson represent the interests of the Council on the Community Flood Group, whose purpose is to deliver some of the actions required to build resilience, forward plan and support victims in the event of another flooding event.

<u>57.</u> **<u>Caerleon Rd Play area</u>**

a) <u>To authorise the signing of a Statutory Declaration which excludes the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954</u>
APPROVAL was granted to the Clerk to sign the Statutory Declaration in front of a solicitor.

b) <u>To authorise the Execution and Sealing of Legal Deeds (25 yr Lease – Caerleon Rd)</u>
APPROVAL was granted for the use of the Council's Common Seal in line with Standing Orders in order to execute the Lease. The Chair of Council and Chair of Finance will witness the sealing of the document.

c) <u>Update on Playarea</u>
Sports and Play Consultants have been appointed to deliver the Caerleon Rd Play area project. This will include procurement, project management and ensuring adherence to H&S and other relevant standards.

So far, the Brief has been written and tender documents prepared. These have now been published on the procurement portal Contracts Finder. The deadline for submissions is set for 19 November, after which, DPCC will be involved in the selection of preferred supplier. **FOR NOTING**

<u>58.</u> **<u>To authorise the repair of the War Memorial lights</u>**

It was proposed by Cllr C Franks and seconded by Cllr A Asbrey that the War Memorial lights be repaired.

<u>59.</u> **<u>To consider any items which the Chairman has decided are urgent</u>**

There were no urgent items from the Chair.

<u>60.</u> **<u>Matters which the Chairman and other Members may wish to bring before Council</u>**

a) The War Memorial would benefit from being cleaned.
b) Scout Park bin was overflowing
c) A Farmers Market has started in the village and will be a regular weekly event.
d) Members requested laminated copies of posters promoting the reduced voting age.
e) Seel Park – much overgrowth which needs cutting back
f) Areas of the public highway and walkways need the vegetation to be cut back.

Date of Next Meeting
The next Full Council Meeting will be held on 11 November at 6.30pm.

Signature: …………………………………………… Date: …………………………………………….