

CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Annual Meeting

Lee Hall

18 May 2023, at 7.00pm

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Cllr A Asbrey (Chair)	Cllr V Driscoll
Cllr C Mirza-Davies (Vice Chair)	Cllr C Franks
Cllr R Grigg	Cllr M Phillips
Cllr C Asbrey	Cllr S Griffiths
Cllr K Hatton	Cllr J Fanshaw
Cllr A Cooke	Cllr D Evans
Cllr M Hartrey	Cllr L Stevens

1. Apologies

Cllr K Shaw

Cllr M Cowpe

Cllr A Asbrey opened the meeting, thanking Members for making the past year as easy and enjoyable as it was and thanked them for all their efforts in striving to make Dinas Powys a better and safer place to live.

Cllr Asbrey went on to ask for nominations for the new Chair of Dinas Powys Community Council.

2. Election of Chairman of the Community Council for 2023/24 and signing of Declaration of Acceptance

Cllr C Franks proposed Cllr C Mirza-Davies.

Cllr C Mirza-Davies had previously served as a Councillor for Dinas Powys, but had taken a sabbatical. She had previously project managed the installation of the first play area in Dinas Powys – on DP Common, followed by the outdoor gym. She brings with her financial attributes and particularly in relation to sourcing external funding and monitoring projects.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr K Hatton and as there were no further nominations, it was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that Cllr C Mirza-Davies takes the Chair.

Cllr C Mirza Davies thanked the past Chair for her service to the Council and the Community:

I have only recently got to know Anne through working with her in the Community this last year and it has been a pleasure to provide support as Vice Chair. Anne has lived in Dinas Powys for many years but by her own admission, been busy bringing up 3 daughters and a

full time career working in a school in Merthyr that she had little time for getting involved in the community. However, in the last decade, after retirement, this change rapidly when she found time on her hands and became immersed in the life of the village. When she became an elected Community Councillor, her name has quickly become well known as she served and volunteered to work with many local groups, such as the library, Fairtrade, Wild about Nature and the village show.

As Chair of Dinas Powys Community Council, Anne has had an eventful year. One of many highlights of the year was the opening of the Caerleon Play Ground in which Anne was instrumental in and has kept in touch with the residents throughout this process and is still in contact with many of those now. Wherever a play area for children is in need, Anne is happy to join in wielding her paint brush like she did for Seel Park and then Drylla.

It was Anne's initial conversations with United Welsh that led her, Malcolm and Debbie knocking on doors and the light vigil which resulted in lights being installed behind Eastbrook and Dinas Powys Stations.

She volunteered with Wild about Nature, sowing pollinator seeds at Eastbrook and Brookside, Castle Drive, removing Ragwort from the roadside of the Common and Tree planting at the Scouts Field Greenfiled Avenue. Many of us too have taken part in these activities. She has been described by the WAND group as a "willing helper at working groups and events and most importantly brings the biscuits to our meetings"

Over the last year, Anne has invited a number of people to speak at our council meetings, such as Wendy Gilligan and Andy Bowdler from the Dinas Powys Flood Action Group, Louise and the Team from Ogi to update us on Broadband and local community grants, PCSO Sam has come to talk to us about community policing and incidents in the area, and Carol Price and Nicola Bidiscombe to update us on housing issues. She even managed to get Phil Chappell to come and advise us in our meeting on Shared Prosperity Funding recently

One of the big events of the Dinas Powys calendar is the village show, which had a record attendance this year, thanks to the efforts of the volunteers. Derek Brockway and his film crew came to chat with locals. You will see this featured on The Weatherman walking on June 5th. Like always, Anne was a fully signed up volunteer helping working alongside John, preparing and serving lunch to the judges and volunteers, distribution of cups and prizes to local shop windows for displays in the run up to the show, and later seen handing them to Derek to present to the winners

Like all our Dinas Powys councillors, Anne has worked hard to resolve issues around pot holes, chatting to contractors and participating in peaceful protests, and I hope that we can all continue to support Dinas Powys in resolving these and many other issues to the best possible outcomes for our lovely community and village over the next year.

In conclusion, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to Anne for her incredible service as Chair of Council meetings. I am in awe of her commitment to the community and her unwavering dedication to the role. Thank you

3. Induction of Chairman (includes signing Declaration of Acceptance)

Cllr C Mirza-Davies **DULY SIGNED** the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

She thanked the outgoing Chair Cllr A Asbrey for her efforts and support over the past year. She went on to say that once Anne had retired, she became actively involved with the community joining various local groups and initiatives with enthusiasm and gusto.

4. Election of Vice-Chairman of the Community Council for 2023/24 and signing of the Declaration of Acceptance

Cllr R Grigg nominated Cllr K Shaw; Cllr C Franks seconded. As there were no further nominations, it was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that Cllr K Shaw takes the position of Vice-Chair.

Cllr K Shaw, although absent had previously agreed to take the position.

It was also **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that Cllr K Shaw be allowed to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the Council Office on her return.

5. Appointment of Members to Serve on Standing Committees

It was proposed by Cllr R Grigg, seconded by Cllr K Hatton and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that the Members assigned to the various Committees remain the same.

a) Membership to the Standing Committees is as follows:

Finance & General Purposes Committee

Cllrs V Driscoll, Cllr. K. Hatton, C Asbrey, J Fanshaw, C Franks, R Grigg, C Mizra-Davies, M Cowpe.

Planning Committee

Cllrs R Grigg, L Stevens, S Griffiths, D Evans, M Cowpe, M Hartrey, K Shaw, M Phillips.

Halls Committee

Cllrs J Fanshaw, A Cooke, L Stevens, S Griffiths, C Mizra-Davies, M Hartrey, C Asbrey, A Asbrey.

COSAC Committee

Cllrs A Asbrey, A Cooke, D Evans, K Hatton, C Franks, K Shaw, V Driscoll, M Phillips.

Management Committee

Chairs of each Committee, plus Chair of Council, plus rep from minority party

b) To Appointment Chairs & Vice-Chairs of Standing Committees

It was proposed by Cllr R Grigg that Chairs and Vice-Chairs remain the same apart from Cllr K Shaw to take the Planning Chair and Cllr L Stevens as Vice-Chair of Halls. This was seconded by Cllr K Hatton and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**.

Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Standing Committees are as follows:

Finance & GP Committee

Chair – Cllr K Hatton

Vice-Chair – Cllr V Driscoll

Planning Committee

Chair – Cllr K Shaw

Vice-Chair – Cllr M Cowpe

Halls Committee

Chair - Cllr J Fanshaw

Vice-Chair – Cllr L Stevens

COSAC & Footpaths Committee

Chair – Cllr A Asbrey

Vice-Chair – Cllr C Franks

- c) To Appoint representative to Outside Bodies
It was proposed by Cllr Grigg, seconded by Cllr K Hatton and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that all representations would remain the same.

One Voice Wales

Cllrs S Griffiths & C Asbrey

Community Liaison Committee (VOG)

Cllr K Hatton

Murchfield Community Association

Cllrs V Driscoll & M Phillips

Michaelston-Le-Pit CC Liaison

Cllr M Cowpe

Board of Governors

Dinas Powys Primary School – Cllr A Asbrey, Cllr D Evans, Cllr K Hatton

St Andrews' Church in Wales School – Cllr M Cowpe

Ysgol Pen-y-Garth – Cllr R Grigg

6. To Re-Confirm Plenary Powers to Planning & Management Committees

It was **AGREED** that Plenary Powers for the Management and Planning Committees are re-confirmed.

7. To Confirm Arrangements for Insurance Cover

The insurance cover in place was **NOTED**.

8. To Approve Councillor Allowances

It was proposed by Cllr R Grigg, seconded by Cllr J Fanhsaw and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that:

- The Members Allowance for 2023-24 will be paid to all members.
- That the additional costs of care will be available to all Members to allow them to fulfil their duties.
- It was unanimously **AGREED to reject** the discretionary payments available to members as identified in the IPRW report be **REJECTED**

9. To Consider an Approve Payments of Direct Debits

It was proposed by Cllr K Hatton, seconded by Cllr J Fanshaw and unanimously agreed that the schedule of payments to be made by Direct Debit be **APPROVED**.

10. To Consider the Chairman's Discretionary Allowance for the year 2023/24

Cllr R Grigg proposed, Cllr J Fanshaw seconded and it was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that the Chairman's Discretionary Allowance remain unchanged at £2,060.00

11. Acceptance of DPCC Constitution, Standing Orders and Welsh Language Policy (no amendments)

Cllr J Fanshaw proposed, Cllr R Grigg seconded and it was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to accept the Constitution, Standing Orders and Welsh Language Policy

It was noted that new Model Financial Regulations were issued today (18 May 2023), which will be reviewed and considered in the fullness of time.

12. Re-adoption of Financial Regulations (no amendments)

Cllr K Hatton proposed, Cllr J Fanshaw seconded and it was UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to accept the Financial Regulations

The Full Council (Monthly) Meeting followed the Annual Meeting

Signature: Date: