

CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

COSAC Committee

Minutes of Meeting, held in the Murchfield Community Centre
Wednesday, 10 January 2024 at 6.30pm

Register of those Present:

Cllr A Asbrey (Chair)

Cllr D Evans

Cllr K Shaw

Cllr C Franks

Cllr M Phillips

Cllr C Asbrey

Cllr V Driscoll

Cllr K Hatton

50. Apologies for Absence:

There were no apologies for absence

51. Declaration of Interests

Cllrs K Hatton and D Evans Declared an interest in Item 55

52. To Confirm Minutes of Meeting held on 6 December 2023

Minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2023 were taken as read, and on the Motion of Cllr D Evans and seconded by Cllr M Phillips it was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes be **APPROVED**.

53. Matters Arising from Minutes

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(Item 38) – Playground Repairs – Common (verbal)

On going. Clerk still waiting to receive quote from manufacturers

(Item 39). Caerleon Road, Criminal Damage – Action to be decided

PCSO and Sgt from South Wales Police has spoken to the person who they thought was responsible for the damage. Restorative Justice is now closed.

(Item 40) – To consider additional Notice Boards (and locations) for the Village Chair and Clerk to continue pursuing suitable locations/permissions and cost.

Item 42 – CRUZ site update

VOG Project Manager has advised there has been a delay in finalising the Remediation Strategy due to having COVID. The final report will be forwarded once it has been signed off. Members raised concerns over members of the public accessing the site when there are still potential risks. It was suggested the Clerk to contact Barratts requesting 'Keep Out' signs on each entry point to the site.

54. To receive Footpaths Report / Update (verbal reports)

Cllr M Phillips reported that footpaths situated in residential areas appear to be in a good state. The Ash Path has been cut back hard by PROW staff. It was noted that there appears to be a lot of dog waste on the footpath.

It was noted the voluntary Footpaths Warden post for COSAC is still vacant.

Action: Clerk to contact PROW regarding dog waste

Clerk to contact local Ramblers Group re: Footpath Warden

55. Allotments

a) Resignation of Allotment Representative

On behalf of COSAC Committee, the Chair thanked Neil Gaskell for all his time, support and commitment as Allotment Representative and wished him well for the future.

b) To consider dates for allotment inspections in 2024

Date for the next allotment inspection is Saturday, 16 March 2024. Further dates TBC

Action: Clerk to provide the chair with allotment inspection forms.

56. Review of Benches Policy - Update

Cllr D Evans provided Members with a draft copy of the revised Benches Policy. It was RESOLVED to accept the revised version of the Policy.

Action: Clerk to email COSAC Members examples of stainless-steel memorial plaques including cost.

57. Section 106 Grant – Benches and Litter bin - Update

Chair advised members the Grant Fund towards the benches has now been transferred to DPCC. Clerk to order benches. The Chair, Cllr D Evans and Clerk to liaise with the contractor assigned to remove the old benches and install the new ones.

58. Boundary Wall on the Common/Westra query

Removal of ivy from the wall has exposed certain areas that may need attention.

Action: Clerk to investigate the extent of work and potential cost.

59. Christmas Trees in Dinas Powys

Cllr D Evans shared her research with Members into the possibility of siting a Christmas Tree on the grass verge situated on the junction of Millbrook Road and Cardiff Road, opposite DP Primary School. Conversations with VOG Highways, National Grid and Penarth Town Council for practical and logistical advice are ongoing. Members **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to support Cllr D Evans continued research in this matter.

The siting a Christmas Tree on the grass verge next to Tesco's in Castle Drive is still to be pursued.

60. To consider setting up a Working Group to explore options in extending the life of St Andrews Cemetery

Due to the limited number of burial plots remaining at the Cemetery the Chair proposed setting up a Working Group to explore possibility of creating extra space within the existing grounds. Cllrs D Evans, K Hatton, K Shaw and M Phillips have agreed to be a part of the Group.

Action: Clerk to contact JDW regarding availability for a site visit at the Cemetery with the Chair.

61. Items Members would like to bring to the attention of the Committee

Cllr V Driscoll queried whether VOG Council has sought permission to erect the 20pmh signs on the verge of the Common alongside Mount Road.

Action: Clerk to investigate

Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 17 April 2024

Signature: Date: