

CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Full Council

Thursday, 17 October 2024 - Lee Hall – 4pm

Minutes of Meeting

Register of Members present

Present:

Cllr S Griffiths (Chair)
Cllr L Stevens
Cllr V Driscoll
Cllr D Evans
Cllr Marianne Cowpe
Cllr A Asbrey
Cllr K Shaw

Cllr J Cowpe (Vice Chair)
Cllr R Grigg
Cllr C Franks
Cllr C Asbrey
Cllr J Fanshaw
Cllr C Mirza-Davies
Cllr M Phillips

Apologies for absence

Cllr M Hartrey

Cllr K Hatton

64. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of Interests

65. To confirm Minutes of Full Council held on Thursday, 19 September 2024

The Minutes of Full Council held on Thursday, 19 September 2024 having been previously circulated were taken as read. Cllr J Cowpe proposed, Cllr R Grigg seconded and it was **RESOLVED** the Minutes be **APPROVED** (on the proviso that Item 53f 'Social Media Guidance for Councillors under **Action:** the following comment is added: '*As Cllrs L Stevens and J Cowpe had both raised the issue, to ask them to consider the document and come back with a proposal to a future Full Council Meeting.*'

66. Matters Arising from Minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

67. To confirm Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held on Tuesday, 1 October 2024

The Minutes of The Extraordinary Meeting of Full Council held on Tuesday 1 October 2024 having been previously circulated were taken as read. Cllr R Grigg proposed, Cllr J Fanshaw seconded and it was **RESOLVED** the Minutes be **APPROVED**.

68. Matters Arising from Minutes

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69. To Authorise and confirm

- a) Payment of Accounts as at 30 September 2024
Cllr R Grigg proposed, Cllr Chris Franks seconded and **Council APPROVED** the Income and Expenditure Schedules for September 2024.
- b) Financial Position as at 30 September 2024
The Financial Position was **NOTED**.

70. To receive Committees and other Reports

a) Halls Committee – Tuesday 8 October 2024

Cllr J Fanshaw provided a brief overview of the Minutes. It was proposed by Cllr R Grigg proposed, seconded by Cllr J Cowpe and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that the minutes and actions contained therein be **ACCEPTED**.

b) Transfer of Assets Committee – Verbal update on Seel Park

Cllr C Asbrey provided a verbal update on the current situation.

- i. VOG agree to a 12 month mutual termination of the lease (any such Notice to be given an anniversary of the lease date);
- ii. The HoTs state that the lease is not to be assigned. VoG have confirmed that an exception can be agreed to allow for community council entity changes, for example as a result of future parish boundary changes. Agreed;
- iii. VoG agree that the Tenant shall not be expected to put the property or land into a better state of repair than it is at the start of the lease.;
- iv. VOG agree to pay the legal fees of up to £1000 + VAT.

Cllr C Asbrey advised Council, a site meeting at Seel Park is being arranged with David Knevett, Adam Sargent and Angela Bailey with members of the Asset Transfer Committee. Date TBC.

Action: Clerk to firm up meeting date and notify Committee

c) Report from Councillors on meetings/training attended

- i. Cllr S Griffiths – Module 10 - Charing Skills Course
- ii. Cllr J Cowpe – Module 10 - Charing Skills Course – & Module 9 - Code of Conduct
- iii. Cllr C Franks attended a '50+' Forum with Cllrs J Fanshaw and M Phillips. The Vale of Glamorgan Council need to bear in mind that Dinas Powys has an older population, some of whom do not want to engage with Social Media or have the equipment to use it.
- iv. Cllr L Stevens attended meeting held in Dinas Powys Library and Activity Centre, along with other members of the Breastfeeding Group, regarding changes to the breastfeeding service which will have a direct impact on those who use them in Dinas Powys. The Group did receive an apology for the lack of communication and engagement from Cardiff and Vale University Health Board. The Health Board recognise the benefits and how special the Group is in Dinas Powys and the significant contribution of the health visitor who runs the group was noted. Mothers were assured that the group will stay in Dinas Powys. Following the meeting the health board is considering reinstating the Cardiff Bay group and ensuring continuity for the Dinas Powys group. Another meeting has been scheduled in November 2024.
- v. Cllr L Stevens wanted to thank Members for their support in this matter and also expressed her gratitude for the generous support received from Assembly Members, notably Heledd Fychan, Rhys ab Owen, Andrew R T Davies and Jane Hutt.

Action: Clerk to forward letter sent to Cllr M Cowpe to all Members.

d) County Councillors Report

Cllr C Franks provided a verbal update and typed notes for the following issues.

i Merrie Harriers lights

The 'detection loops' serving the traffic lights are defective. This has adversely affected the signal timings. The Vale engineers are now looking at undertaking repairs / replacement.

ii Schools

Education budgets are being put under more and more pressure. Whether additional funding will be provided remains to be seen.

iii Consultations

The Council is asking for resident's views on future priorities

The Vale of Glamorgan Council has launched a public consultation on its priorities for the next five years. Further details can be found via the following link.

https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/press_and_communications/latest_news/2024/October/Council-asks-for-residents-views-on-future-priorities.aspx

iv Ysgol Llyn Derw

Here's the council's comment regarding the Construction of Ysgol Llyn Derw which has paused following lead contractor ISG entering into administration.

"The Council is fully committed to delivering this much needed expansion to additional learning needs provision in the Vale of Glamorgan and is working with its partners to identify new contractors to deliver the scheme and minimise any disruption to the programme."

v Council invites applications for Cost-of-Living Grant Fund

The Vale of Glamorgan Council has reopened its Cost-of-Living Grant Fund, designed to assist groups and organisations whose work helps people struggling with rising prices.

Cllr A Asbrey raised the following:-

vi Ysgol Pen y Garth

There are concerns that parents in living Dinas Powys are not able to afford the bus fares for their children to attend Ysgol Pen y Garth. For research purposes Cllr A Asbrey walked the route children would take from Dinas Powys with two Vale Officers. The officers agreed that residents could pay the transport cost in instalments rather, than one lump sum.

vii Community Liaison Committee

Cllr M Phillips (by request of Cllr K Hatton) attended the recent Community Liaison Committee with Cllr A Asbrey. They were advised the new PCSO's for Dinas Powys are Luke Short and Dawn Adams. Both Councillors have arranged to meet up with the new PCSO's.

It was also suggested that one or both PCSO's are invited to the next Full Council Meeting.

71. To consider, if appropriate, to review the Terms of Reference for the Asset Transfer Committee and Management Committee

Following a lengthy discussion regarding the Terms of Reference for the Asset Transfer Committee, Cllr C Asbrey proposed, seconded by Cllr M Cowpe and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that the Asset Transfer Committee becomes immediately a Sub Committee of COSAC. COSAC Committee to select members of COSAC to form the Asset Transfer Sub Committee. COSAC shall draw terms of reference for the Sub Committee, to be approved by Full Council on Thursday, 21st November 2024.

72. To consider, if appropriate, DBS (enhanced) checks for Community Councillors who volunteer or work with unsupervised children and or vulnerable adults

Cllr M Cowpe proposed, seconded by Cllr J Cowpe that Councillors, if they choose to (and if appropriate) apply for a DBS check for Community Council related matters in relation to working with unsupervised children and or vulnerable adults.

Action: Clerk to provide details for application

73. To Approve the following Dinas Powys CC's Policies and or Guidelines (TBC)

- a) Concerns and Complaints Procedure
- b) Maternity Leave

It was proposed by Cllr R Grigg, seconded by Cllr J Fanshaw and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that the 'Concerns and Complaints Procedure' and 'Maternity Leave' Policy be **APPROVED**

74. To consider any items which the Chairman has decided are urgent

Flood Appeal – St Andrews Major CIW Primary School

The Appeal Letter was NOTED. It was suggested the letter is forwarded to Finance & GP Committee.

75. Matters which the Chairman and other Members may wish to bring before Council

Cllr D Evans raised concerns over the saturation at the CRUZ site following the recent heavy rainfall.

76. Date of Next Meeting

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday, 21 November 2024**

Signature:

Date: