

CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Full Council

Thursday, 16 January 2025 - Lee Hall – 6.30pm

Minutes of Meeting

Register of Members present

Present:

Cllr S Griffiths (Chair)
Cllr M Phillips
Cllr R Grigg
Cllr C Franks
Cllr D Evans
Cllr K Hatton

Cllr J Cowpe (Vice Chair)
Cllr A Asbrey
Cllr Marianne Cowpe
Cllr J Fanshaw
Cllr C Asbrey

Apologies for absence

Cllrs V Driscoll, M Hartrey, Cllr C Mirza-Davies K Shaw & L Stevens

Cllr C Franks advised members the reason for Cllr M Hartrey's absence from Council meetings since September 2024 is for health reasons. Cllr M Hartrey is very well in himself and frequently engages with Councilors and Council staff via the phone but is still suffering with physical issues.

Cllr C Franks proposed, seconded by Cllr K Hatton and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** by Members that Councilor M Hartrey is granted dispensation to be absent from Council meetings for six months as of this meeting, pursuant to Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

It was also suggested the Clerk and Assistant Clerk contact Cllr M Hartrey to see if they can in any way assist him in setting up Virtual meeting facilities at his home.

97. **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declaration of interests.

98. **To confirm Minutes of Full Council held on Thursday, 12 December 2024**

The Minutes of Full Council held on Thursday, 12 December 2024 having been previously circulated were taken as read. Cllr R Grigg proposed, Cllr K Hatton seconded and it was **RESOLVED** the Minutes be **APPROVED**.

99. **Matters Arising from Minutes**

Item 93c (c) – Bin Survey

Cllr C Franks assured Members that this matter is still work in progress

Item 93 d – Housing sites across Dinas Powys

Cllr M Cowpe advised members that VoG Council has agreed to change the name of the proposed development 'between the A4321 and Argae lane North East Barry' to include the name 'Dinas Powys'.

100. **To Authorise and confirm**

a) Payment of Accounts as at 31 December 2024

Cllr R Grigg proposed, Cllr K Hatton and Council **APPROVED** the Payments of Accounts for December 2024.

- b) Financial Position as at 31 December 2024
The Financial Position was **NOTED**.

101. **To receive Committees and other Reports**

a) Finance & GP Committee – 16th December 2025

Cllr K Hatton provided a summary of the Minutes. The main issue discussed at this meeting was how to proceed with plans to replace the roof. Heritage Surveyor, Nathan Goss was invited to speak on this matter.

It was proposed by Cllr R Grigg, seconded by Cllr K Hatton and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** the Council accepts the report and **APPROVES** the actions and recommendations contained therein.

b) Finance & GP Committee – 6th January 2025

Cllr K Hatton provided a summary on the Minutes.

The main thrust of the meeting was to consider the predicted outcome for the financial year 2024-25 and to finalise the budget for 2025-25 (see Item 102 & 103). Members **AGREED to RECOMMEND** that Full Council agree to transferring **£7000** from the Earmarked Reserves into the General Funds to cover the predicted short fall for this financial year 2024-25.

Members also **AGREED to RECOMMEND** that Full Council transfer an additional **£10000** from the Earmarked Reserves into the General Funds to cover the costs towards the emerging project of replacing the Parish Hall Roof. The remaining Earmarked Reserves totalling £200366.51 are to be held towards future works in replacing the Parish Hall Roof.

It was proposed by Cllr R Grigg, seconded by Cllr J Cowpe and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** the Council accepts the report and **APPROVES** the actions and recommendations contained therein.

c) COSAC Committee – 8th January 2025

Cllr A Asbrey provided a summary of the Minutes

The Footpath Warden post has now been filled. The allotment inspections seem to be going very well. Those present at the inspection receiving positive feedback from tenants. Dates for this year's inspections have been scheduled. The size of the Meadow on Dinas Powys Common has been reduced in size. Hopefully this will make it more manageable for WANDP and volunteers. Caerleon Road Play area continues to be a problem. Accessing CCTV footage is a time consuming and complicated.

It was proposed by Cllr D Evans, seconded by Cllr J Cowpe and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** the Council accepts the report and **APPROVES** the actions contained therein.

Action: Clerk to arrange Extraordinary Meeting of Council inviting South Wales Police & Safer Vale to discuss policing matters

d) County Councillors Report

Cllr C Franks provided notes on the following:

a) Parking

The main news is the plan by the Cabinet to increase and expand car parking charges across the Vale especially along the coast in Penarth and Barry. Due to complaints by residents and visitors to these areas, the matter is still in consultation. There is to be a special Scrutiny Meeting on 28th January to examine the plans in further detail. The link to registering to speak is: <https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/.../Public>. (under Scrutiny Meetings, Environment and Regeneration).

- b) Council Rents
Rents are due to increase by 2.7%. There is also a huge range of other charges.
- c) Meeting with Miles Punter, Director
Cllrs C Franks, A Asbrey and M Cowpe discussed a range of issues with Miles Punter. The two main issues are:
 - i) Resurfacing the Ash Path
VoG Council are in the process of seeking estimates for the works. County Councilors have requested an indication of time scale, but as yet have not received a reply.
 - ii) Repayment plan for School Transport
County Councillors have been in communication with VoG Council and Welsh Government regarding the repayment plan for school transport as currently only those who apply for the repayment plan receive it. Cllr M Cowpe was able to provide an update to Members – advising that this has now been reviewed. From September 2025 termly payments will be offered to all wishing to purchase a pass – either £450 in one lump sum or £150 per term, up front– regardless of the school they attend.

County Councillors also suggested the 2 mile limit for free transport could be reduced to 1 mile. This has not yet been agreed.
- d) University Health Board - Breast Feeding Support.
County Councillors are still dealing with the UHB in a number of different capacities (as Vale County Councillors, DPCC Councillors and Trustees of DPL&AC) regarding the breast feeding support group at Dinas Powys Library and Activity Centre. The UHB are a extremely difficult to deal with.
- e) Road Closures
County Councillors raised the cost of closures and highway diversions with the Vale, pointing out they severely affect and disrupt community activity

County Councillors Anne Asbrey, Marianne Cowpe, Chris Franks

- e) Report from Councillors on meetings/training attended
Cllrs Cllr C Franks, M Phillips and C Mirza-Davies, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, attended the Rotary Club of Dinas Powys meeting in the Parish Hall regarding the future of the Event. Cllr Franks advised, there was some disappointment at the low numbers of residence in attendance (30-40), but there was tremendous enthusiasm amongst those present at the meeting in support of the event and a desire to keep it going. There was a mixed opinion as to the whether the event should move into the Parish & Lee Halls or remain outside.

One of the suggestions was to create Steering Committee made up from a broad spectrum of members of the Community. i.e. 'Friends of the Dickensian Fayre. If the event is still associated with the Rotary Club – then the event can still be covered by their Insurance.

No firm decisions were made during the meeting. It was however, suggested that the Rotary Club should reach out to the broader community inviting them to get involved in the hope of establishing a Steering Committee.

Cllr Franks wanted it noted that the Community Council would support the Event if it continues

102. **To consider and approve the Budget for the financial year 2025-26**
It was proposed by Cllr R Grigg, seconded by Cllr M Cowpe and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** the proposed budget be accepted.
103. **To consider and approve the Precept for the financial year 2025-26**
It was proposed by Cllr R Grigg, seconded by Cllr M Cowpe and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** the proposed budget be accepted at a precept of £153470.66, being an increase of £2.48 per household for the year. This will result in a total levy for a band D equivalent of £37.86 per household.
104. **To consider the value of Earmarked Reserves to be held towards future works to replace the Parish Hall roof**
It was proposed by Cllr R Grigg, seconded by Cllr M Cowpe and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** the Earmarked Reserves remaining at the end of the Financial year 2024-25 are to be held towards future works in replacing the Parish Hall roof (see item 101 b)
105. **To consider and approve the (amended) Financial Risk Management**
It was proposed by Cllr K Hatton, seconded by Cllr J Fanshaw and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to approved the (amended) Financial Risk Management.
106. **To consider any items which the Chairman has decided are urgent**
There were no matters the Chairman decided were urgent
107. **Matters which the Chairman and other Members may wish to bring before Council**
- a) Seel Park
Cllr C Asbrey advised Members there has been no follow through regarding his comments sent to VoG back in November 2024. The latest response received on 16 January 2025, advises that relevant personnel at VOG will seek to arrange a meeting next week and come back to the Community Council.
 - b) Public Health Wales
Cllr K Hatton advised members that Public Health Wales are scheduled to speak to residents in Dinas Powys Library & Activity Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend.
Action: Cllr K Hatton to email Clerk poster for Council Website and notice boards
 - c) Open Flood Forum Meeting- Saturday, 18th January 2025 – 10am – Lee Hall
The Chair reminded members of the above meeting. Everyone is welcome.
 - d) Play Scheme
Cllr J Fanshaw advised members that VoG Council are looking to reintroduce the Play Scheme this Summer. He will notify Council of any updates or meetings.
108. **Date of Next Meeting**
The next Full Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday, 20 February 2025**

Signature:

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