

CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Full Council

Thursday, 20 February 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 C Asbrey
Cllr A Asbrey
Cllr K Hatton
Cllr J Fanshaw

Apologies for absence

Cllrs M Hartrey, L Stevens, M Cowpe & J Cowpe

109. **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declaration of interests.

110. **To confirm Minutes of Full Council held on Thursday, 16 January 2025**

The Minutes of Full Council held on Thursday; 16 January 2025 having been previously circulated were taken as read. Cllr K Hatton proposed, Cllr J Fanshaw seconded and it was **RESOLVED** the Minutes be **APPROVED**.

111. **Matters Arising from Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

112. **To Authorise and confirm**

a) Payment of Accounts as at 31 January 2025

Cllr R Grigg proposed, Cllr K Hatton seconded and Council **APPROVED** the Payments of Accounts for January 2025.

b) Financial Position as at 31 January 2025

The Financial Position was **NOTED**.

Action: Clerk was asked to provide details of the number of bins the Council are responsible for, and how much it costs per bin.

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

a) Extraordinary Meeting of Finance & GP Committee – 27 January 2025

Cllr K Hatton provided a summary of the Minutes. The 2 x fences in the Lee Hall Garden were in urgent need of attention due to storm damage in December, vegetation pushing it out of its foundations including general wear and tear. It would not be possible to claim on insurance for storm damage as it is classed as an 'Act of God'. As the vegetation from behind the fence had not been maintained, it would be very unlikely would be able make a successful claim.

It was **RESOLVED** and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** the Council accepts the report and **APPROVES** the actions and recommendations contained therein.

Cllr V Driscoll asked the Clerk if the roof is covered for storm damage. Clerk was not able to provide an immediate answer but will investigate and report back to Council.

Action: Clerk to investigate

b) Halls Committee – 4 February 2025

Cllr J Fanshaw provided a summary on the Minutes. Good progress in being made on the Section 106 Grant funding projects. There has been a significant amount of maintenance work in the Halls of late. One of the main issues of concern are the concertina doors in the Parish Hall, which will need to be taken off for further investigation. Halls Committee did not want to raise the hourly rates of the Halls which are very competitive with neighbouring Halls. Instead add additional charges for the use of the stage extension,

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c) Report from Councillors on meetings/training attended

Cllr D Evans advised she had planned to attend the virtual hearing arranged by Planning & Environment Decisions (PEDW) scheduled for 18 February 2025, to consider Leckwith Quay was cancelled - as the Inspector is of the opinion that an additional hearing was not required as he had all the information needed to make his recommendations to the Minister.

d) County Councillors Report

Cllr C Franks provided notes on the following:

1) Litter Bins

The Vale is pressing ahead with the removal of litter bins across the county to save money.

2) Parking charges

The process of imposing charges on parking in additional areas of the Vale continue. Existing areas will see increased charges, many protests have been received especially from traders who fear a loss of custom. Income is estimated to be £320,000.

3) Local Fire Station

The building in Penarth is to be remodelled and enlarged.

4) Budget cuts

A huge number of charges are being increased. eg Dedicating a bench; The current charge is £1,950.00. Proposed increase of £235.00. The new charge is £2,185.00 a 12.05% hike.

5) Community Centras

It is proposed to declare all community centres and Lifeguard buildings surplus to requirements and either transfer to interested bodies or closure.

6) A further 25% reduction in litter bins is proposed.

7) Education faces a cut of £512,000

County Councillors Anne Asbrey, Marianne Cowpe, Chris Franks

Members **AGREED** to move **Item 119 - CONFIDENTIAL- PART 2** before discussing Item 114

114. **To consider signing up to VOG's Professional Human Resources SLA annual contract**

It was proposed by Cllr R Grigg, seconded by Cllr C Mirza-Davies and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** by Council to sign up to VOG's Professional Human Resources SLA for one year only. The vote was 11-1.

115. **To consider To consider Cllr M Phillips replacing Cllr K Hatton as the Community Council's Lead Representative for the Community Liaison Committee, including nominations for a substitute Representative**

It was proposed by Cllr R Grigg, seconded by Cllr C Mirza-Davies and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** by Council that Cllr M Phillips replace Cllr K Hatton as the Council's Lead Representative for the Community Liaison Committee and Cllr K Hatton as a Substitute Representative.

116. **To approve the Disciplinary Procedure Policy**

It was proposed by Cllr R Grigg, seconded by Cllr K Hatton and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to accept and approve the Disciplinary Procedure Policy

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

There were no matters the Chairman decided were urgent

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

- a) Cllr C Franks – noted letter of complaint from a resident regarding the removal of litter bins in Dinas Powys, including comments on social media. Cllr C Franks proposed the Clerk write to the Vale on behalf of the Community Council to protest against this action.
- b) Cllr C Asbrey advised members a meeting between members of COSAC Committee and VOG staff has been arranged for Monday, 3rd March to discuss Seel Park.
- c) Chair advised members that Stephen Doughty MP will be attending next month's Full Council meeting.

119. **CONFIDENTIAL – SEE PART 2 (Discussed before Item 114)**

120. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday, 20 March 2025**

Signature:

Date: