

# VAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED Y FAN

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## Minutes – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019

### **1. To receive apologies and whether to approve the reasons for absence.**

Present: Barbara Jones (Chair), Tony Graham (Acting Clerk/Vice Chair), Fay Gay, Sheila Jones, Norma Graham, Sheila Newbury, Linda Williams, Pam Nelder

Marcia Jones (new clerk) was also in attendance as an observer.

Apologies: John Leek, Jayne Keable

### **2. Declarations of Interest:** To receive disclosures of personal interests from members in accordance with the code of conduct.

Chair to read the following statement: *Members are referred to, and shall observe, the provisions of the Van Council's Code of Conduct. If a Councillor has a disclosable prejudicial interest he/she must, unless a dispensation has been granted, withdraw from the meeting room and take no part in the discussion or vote and it shall be incumbent on members who know of that interest to disclose it to the meeting and if another member present believes that there may be a conflict of interest with another member(s) present they should notify the meeting of this fact. This is in order that the potential interest is clarified before the meeting proceeds.*

Pam Nelder declared an interest on an item in the acting clerks report concerning Van Community Centre and left the room when that item was discussed.

### **3. Police Matters**

PCSO Sarah Mey and her Inspector attended the meeting to discuss their report.

### **4. To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

Approved with one slight typographical amendment.

### **5. Matters arising**

None noted.

"By virtue of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960, and the Council's standing order 28(k) the press and public are excluded from discussions on the following items 6, 7 and 8 on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted."

## **6. Acting Clerks Report, Finances and Correspondence**

### **(i) Previous Clerk**

TG updated members regarding recent email correspondence and a prospective offer to settle. Members resolved to give TG authority up to £1200 to settle the matter but to offer £750 initially. Members also wished a settlement/confidentiality agreement to be signed by the previous clerk.

### **(ii) New Clerk**

Members were pleased to meet the new clerk Marcia Jones who commences her employment on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

### **(iii) Finances**

Members noted the invoice from Van Community Centre and requested TG to negotiate on their behalf up to the sum contained in the invoice.

### **(iv) HMRC**

Noted.

### **(v) Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence. MJ and SJ will endeavor to attend the Playscheme meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> May at the ICC.

### **(vi) Confidentiality**

Noted.

## **7. Resignation of previous clerk and appointment of new clerk**

See above.

## **8. Letter from member of public (JG)**

Members considered the letter from JG – a member of the public. There was some surprise noted at the level of detailed information that JG had regarding the recent meetings and correspondence with the previous clerk. It was felt that this information could only have been provided by the previous clerk or another member. Members were of the view that the Council should not engage in protracted correspondence and TG was instructed to write to JG (after agreement with the Chair) explaining this view and that she was of course entitled to pursue any other course of action. Members disputed all of the issues raised in her letter but did not feel it appropriate to engage in argumentative emails/letters.

It was resolved to ask the clerk to draft an email which would be approved by the Chair before being sent to JG.

## **9. Summer Playscheme**

See above. A meeting has been called for 1<sup>st</sup> May but TG and BJ are unable to attend. MJ or SD will try to attend.

## **10. Carnival**

TG confirmed he met with Amanda Jones and Dave Chamberlain regarding the above. Plans are progressing well and Van CC have been asked if we can make a financial contribution and offer 2 or 3 stewards for the event. Members resolved to 'ring fence' the sum of £1,000 for additional activities for the carnival and a number of members expressed a willingness to act as stewards.

## **11. Items for next agenda**

PN would like to discuss a 'Miss Van Princess' event at the Community Centre.

TG asked members to note that next month was the AGM (16<sup>th</sup> May)

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Chair – Van Community Council