

VAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED Y FAN

Minutes of the Remote Ordinary FULL COUNCIL Meeting

Thursday 21st January 2021

Present:

By Video: Cllr Tony Graham (Chair), Cllr Norma Graham, Cllr Barbara Jones (Vice Chair), Cllr Fay

Gay, Cllr Sheila Jones.

BY Phone: Cllr Sheila Newbury, Cllr John Leek

Apologies: Cllr Linda Williams, Cllr Pam Nelder, CSO Barbour - Gwent Police.

In Attendance:

Marcia Jones (Clerk).

173. Declarations of Interest

NONE.

174. To Note and approve apologies for absence.

NOTED and approved.

175. Minutes of the Remote Full Council meeting held on Thursday 19th November 2020. RESOLVED: Minutes of the remote ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL meeting held on 19th November were received and agreed as an accurate record and will be signed by the Chair to sign to confirm.

176. Matters Arising from Full Council meeting held on Thursday 19th November 2020 NONE

177. Finance

177.1 Reconciliation of bank Statement 99 and payments to 31st December 2020. Received and **AGREED**.

177.2 List of payments due for January 2021.

Received and AGREED.

RESOLVED: Payments to WCVA for payroll to be made on the 18th Monthly

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177.3 Council Tax Base notification 2020-2021 and precept for 2021/2022

The information from CCBC regarding the Council Tax Base notification for 2020-2021 was NOTED. The Clerk provided Council with details of options for the precept, based on the budget agreed.

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed NO increase the precept for 2021-2022 – to remain at £16.68 for a Band D equivalent property.

177.4 Requests for Financial Assistance

177.4.1 Caerphilly & District Twinning Association £100

RESOLVED: Application declined

177.4.2 Welsh Air Ambulance £500

RESOLVED: Application approved

178. Audit

178.1 NOTED - Letter from external auditors BDO confirming the Conclusion of Audit and advising no matters arising.

178.2 RESOLVED: To approve the Annual Return 2019-2020.

178.3 NOTED - The Notice of Conclusion of Audit was displayed on the Van CC website and Notice Board from 1st December 2020 for 14 days.

179. Clerks Notices

NOTED

179.1 No confirmation date of the Van Community Centre AGM

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to the committee and request sight of last audited accounts, copy of constitution and date of AGM.

179.2 The Clerk highlighted to correspondence from a resident regarding the footpath at Penclawdd on Mornington Meadows. Ownership of land is yet to be confirmed.

RESOLVED: Clerk to bring matter back to Council once ownership established.

179.3 Purchase of Bicycle for the police. There has been a delay in purchase due to low stock levels due a surge in interest in cycling as well as production and delivery issues due to Covid/Brexit.

RESOLVED: Funds to be ring fenced for 2021-22 if purchase cannot be made before the end of this financial year.

180 Planning Applications

180.1 Case Ref. 20/0919/FULL - No Comments/objections

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181 Police & Community Safety

181.1 Burnt out car in Gwern y Domen. This historically was a frequent problem but has not been an issue for some time. Clerk provided a brief update received from CSO Barbour. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to advise police of Council's concern that this may become a frequent occurrence and approach to prevent future incidences.

181.2 Compliance with Covid regulations. Councillors expressed concern at the apparent lack of compliance within the area

RESOLVED: Clerk to liaise with police to ascertain their observations and actions in Van CC

181.3 Fly tipping occurred at the playground off Dol yr Eos. This was subsequently set alight and the fire service attended.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact police to clarify if any action is being taken in regard to criminal action/vandalism.

182 Date of next meeting

Thursday 18th February 2021.

This is scheduled to be a remote meeting using MS Teams. Press & public to be allowed to attend in an observation capacity only .

Meeting closed 7.05 pm.

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Cllr T Graham

Chair – Van Community Council

M Jones

Clerk