



# VAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED Y FAN

## Draft Minutes of the Remote Ordinary FULL COUNCIL Meeting

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### **Present:**

By Video: Cllr Tony Graham (Chair), Cllr Norma Graham, Cllr Sheila Jones, Cllr B Jones, Cllr F Gay, Cllr A Broughton-Pettit

By Phone: Cllr Sheila Newbury, Cllr Pam Nelder

**Apologies:** Cllr John Leek, CSO Barbour (Gwent Police).

**In Attendance:** Marcia Jones (Clerk). Sarah Mutch, CCBC Early Years Manager

### **236 Police & Community Safety**

CSO Barbour of Gwent Police was unable to attend, but had provided a written report, which has been circulated. The Clerk provided a summary.

### **237 Declarations of Interest**

237.1 Cllr Pettit declared an interest in Item 9 – co-option of a councillor for Porset Ward as related to a candidate.

Pending the arrival of Sarah Mutch to the meeting, the following agenda items were taken first.

### **238. Minutes of the Remote Annal Meeting held on Thursday 20th May 2021**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the remote ANNUAL MEETING meeting held on 20th May 2021 were agreed as an accurate record and will be signed by the Chair to confirm.

### **239. Minutes of the Remote Full Council meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

239.1 Item 235 – annual meeting to be changed to next meeting.

**RESOLVED:** Subject to the above amendment, the minutes of the remote ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were agreed as an accurate record and will be signed by the Chair to confirm.

### **240. Matters Arising from Full Council meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

NONE

#### **241. Presentation – Sarah Mutch CCBC Early Years**

Sarah Mutch outlined the ‘Early Years Integration Transformation Programme’ to Councillors. Following a successful initial pilot in New Tredegar, the plan is to expand the pilot to the area which encompasses the Van Community council area. Councillors were very enthused by the plans and indicated their readiness to support the programme. The Chair thanked Sarah for the information, and she left the meeting.

The Chair proposed to take agenda items 9 and 10 prior to item 8, as some councillors anticipate having to leave the meeting early. This was unanimously agreed.

Cllr Pettit left the meeting.

#### **242 Councillor Vacancy - Porset Ward**

Councillors were asked to consider the letter and CV’s submitted by the two candidates and raise any points, after which a vote took place

**RESOLVED:** Mr Rhys Evans was elected as Councillor to Porset ward.

Cllr Pettit returned to the meeting.

Cllrs Gay and B Jones left the meeting

#### **243 Clerk Recruitment**

The Chair highlighted that the Clerk has offered to stay until the need of August to assist during the recruitment period but may not be able to respond as promptly due to taking up a new job.

**RESOLVED:** The recruitment timeline and process were agreed, with Cllrs, B Jones, J Leek and T Graham on the shortlisting and interview panel

#### **244 Finance**

244.3 Reconciliation of bank statement 104 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021

Received and **AGREED.**

244.4 List of payments due for June 2021.

Received and **AGREED.**

244.5 Requests for Financial Assistance

NONE

#### **245 Release of Restrictive Covenant - Lansbury Surgery**

Members were unclear of the details of the covenant and further detail is required before a decision can be made.

**RESOLVED:** to defer a decision to the July meeting

**246 Christmas Lighting 2021**

The issue of a suitable lamp post for the tree lights has been resolved and is now to proceed. The Clerk enquired if Council wished to have a ‘switch on’ event and if so on what date.

**RESOLVED:** To plan for an event in mid-late in November, and Councillors to send the Clerk proposals for ideas for inclusion at the event.

**247 Summer play provision 2021**

Parent Network have the process in hand, with further update at the next council meeting.

Cllr S Newbury left the meeting.

**248 Community Engagement**

The paper prepared by Cllrs S Jones and Cllr Pettit was presented and ideas discussed.

**RESOLVED:** To have ‘Community Engagement’ as a standing item on future agendas

**RESOLVED:** to invite Pastor Steve Harris, Connect Life (Elim Church) to present at the next meeting.

**249 Clerks Notices**

NOTED

**250 Planning Applications**

250.1 Case Ref 21/0494/FULL – No comments/objections.

**251 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting with take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 6pm.

Meeting closed at 7.25pm

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Cllr T Graham  
Chair – Van Community Council

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Clerk