

VAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED Y FAN

draft Minutes of the Remote Meeting

Thursday 21ST July 2022

Present:

By Video: Cllr Sheila Jones, Vice Cllr Anne Broughton-Pettit, Cllr John Pettit, Cllr Lynne Hughes, Cllr Matthew Ferris, Cllr Jeff Grenfell, Chair Cllr Elaine Forehead, Cllr Christine Forehead

By Phone: None

Apologies: Cllr Sheila Newbury

In Attendance: Michelle Moore (Clerk)

2. Police & Community Safety

CSO Sarah Barbour and CSO Sian Morris were unable to attend.

Received and noted Police Report.

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr John Pettit-is a representative of the Twinning Committee.

Chair Elaine Forehead-has a forthcoming meeting with Thriving Communities CIC.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the remote ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL meeting held on 21st July 2022 were agreed as an accurate record.

5. Financial matters

5.1 Bank Reconciliation for June, Bank Statements for June

Received and agreed.

5.2 Payments for June

Received and agreed.

5.3 Financial assistance

5.3.1 **Resolved:** To defer the decision on the application from Thriving Communities until our next meeting pending further information.

5.3.2 **Resolved:** The clerk to contact Twinning Association via email with the following questions;

- Have they received any donations from any other organisation or authority?
- What are the benefits to Van Community?
- How many in Van Community will be hosting?
- What will the funding be spent on if successful?
- Will the donations be publicised?
- An application form needs to be submitted.
- Is there a place on their committee?

6. Update on the location of the DEFIB on Lansbury Stretch

Cllr Jeff Grenfell and Cllr Matthew Ferris walked and spoke to local business owners on the stretch
Possible locations, that can provide a power supply are;

- Pharmacy
- Paper shop-have confirmed they are happy to accommodate
- Council building -currently unoccupied

Agreed: The Clerk to ask the Police are there cameras on the stretch?

Agreed: It would be sensible to purchase a cabinet to house the DEFIB, that will be robust enough to address the possibilities of vandalism and provide clear signage for its purpose.

Note

Quad bikes- along the stretch: This has been reported to the police by Cllr Jeff Grenfell and we will be updated at our next meeting.

7. The provision of more Christmas lights throughout the ward.

Due to council in recess in August all Councillors are happy to be updated via email

Resolved: To use an existing Christmas tree outside Van Community Centre and provide our own lighting, and the Clerk to contact local electricians for quotes on providing an outside lockable plug point.

Resolved: The clerk to contact our present supplier Paul Taylor @LITE and provisionally agree to the package we have already in place-6 lamppost motifs as per email quotation 12/7/22

Resolved: Cllr Elaine Forehead and Cllr John Pettit will locate 8 lampposts outside St James School, and 8 lampposts on Brynau Rd.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact CBCC to arrange and assess the compatibility of the lampposts to accommodate the motifs.

8. Update on the restrictive covenant at Lansbury Park Surgery

CBCC have no plans to develop the site.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact Sharon Carr- Freguson that there is no reason to remove it and will be in touch should the situation change.

9. Standing Orders

Received and approved.

Agreed: To review any other outstanding policies over the next few meetings.

10. LG&E Act 2021

Received and noted.

11. Clerk's report

Received.

11.2 Play packs

Cllr Sheila Jones at late notice has purchased their contents from local businesses, due to Parent Network and Bridging together unable to participate at this stage.

The Works gave 25% discount

Resolved: The Clerk to email a thank you for their generosity.

What gave 10% discount

Total costs of £1286

The play packs have been distributed to all the pupils at St James school. Bridging Together and Parent Network helped pack the individual bags.

11.4 Playscheme

Resolved: The Clerk to email Sarah Mutch to ask that we are kept in the loop with the meeting between Bethan and head teacher at St James in September.

11.5 Bonfires on Lansbury Park

Resolved: Cllr Elaine Forehead will address this at her forthcoming meeting with Cllr Shayne Cooke .

Noted

Cllr Lynne Hughes attended TCCLC meeting in Gelligaer and has volunteered to stand as a representative on the Regional Partnership Board.

12. Community Engagement

12.1 Update on the raised beds at Van Community Centre

The plants are thriving and have been watered daily by physically taking water to the site in containers.

Agreed: Cllr Elaine Forehead will chat to acting caretaker, so that he may attend to the raised beds in conjunction with the Cllrs already going to the centre.

Note

Cllr Jeff Grenfell has been involved with the flowers in bloom throughout Caerphilly Town Centre and that this could be enhanced and developed throughout the wards.

Resolved: The Chair of the Cil sub- committee to arrange a meeting with these issues on their agenda

Cllr Jeff Grenfell would like to be included in any CIL sub-committee correspondence.

12.2 Social media was unsuccessful in attracting volunteers, and it was suggested to publish news leaflets as a means of engaging the public.

12.3 Cole Court Residents is now a constituted group, and it is possible that they may get involved and volunteer.

12.4 St Helens school have agreed to sponsor a planter.

12.5 An application was successfully submitted for the 'Orchard Pack' with Local Places for Nature, to develop the land at the end of Van Terrace.

13. Planning applications

Noted

Case ref 22/0528/

Cllr Elaine Forehead has submitted an objection

14. Items for next agenda

Noted

15. Date of next meeting

Re-scheduled for Thursday 8th September @6pm Van Community Centre

Chair Elaine Forehead

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MMoe".

Clerk