

VAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED Y FAN

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting @ Van Community Centre

Thursday 20th October 2022

Present:

In person: Vice Cllr Anne Broughton-Pettit, Cllr John Pettit, Cllr Lynne Hughes, Cllr Jeff Grenfell, Cllr Sheila Newbury, Cllr Sheila Jones, Cllr Matthew Ferris.

By Phone: None.

Apologies: Cllr Elaine Forehead, Cllr Christine Forehead.

In Attendance: Michelle Moore (Clerk).

2. Police & Community Safety

In attendance CSO Sarah Barbour and CSO Rhiannon Collins.

Received police report.

Residents in Alexander Court have already expressed an interest for a firework display on Bonfire Night.

Traffic calming along Lansbury Stretch-This has already been brought to the attention of Rachel Hern, Highways and will be followed up.

Resolved: To approve further financial assistance, to a maximum of £200 on receipt of a completed application form to ensure the trip to meadow farm can go ahead.

This is in addition to the £140 already awarded to pay for transport.

Resolved: To hold a police surgery in conjunction with Cllrs & 17.30 ,3rd Thursday of the month, before the Full Council Meeting, on condition it is permitted by Van Community Centre.

CSO Sarah Barbour has offered to make a house a call on Cllr John Leek.

3. Fire Service & Community safety

In attendance Julian Lloyd Station Commander.

Apologies from Shauna Walker.

The 'momentum project' is still being pursued by Shauna Walker, Fire Crime Unit.

Op-bang has patrols penned in between 31st October-5th November, working in partnership with the police.

Action: Clerk to forward contact details Shauna Walker and Julian Lloyd to all Cllrs.

4. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Matthew Ferris – Vice Chair of the Royal Legion.

Cllr John Pettit is associated with the Caerphilly Twinning Association.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the remote ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL meeting held on 8th September 2022 were agreed as an accurate record.

6. Financial matter

6.1 Bank Statements for August and September.

Received and agreed.

6.2 Bank Reconciliation and Payments for August and September.

Received and agreed.

6.3.1 Valleys Esiteddfod

Action: Clerk to email and highlight that the letter of application was not received in good time but are more than happy to consider any further requests for financial assistance, in receipt of a completed application form.

6.3.2 Caerphilly Twinning association

Resolved: To grant the full amount £100

6.3.3 Bridging Together

Resolved: To grant the full amount £500

7. Draft Budget 2023-2024

Received and approved.

Note

To discuss the Educational Grant and its merits as an agenda item in future meeting.

8. To receive an update from the CIL committee

Received a verbal report from Cllr Sheila Jones.

Resolved: To grant St Helens the sum of £299.59, for the Wish List to maintain the raised beds at Van Community Centre.

Resolved: Cllrs to arrange a walkabout, to pinpoint locations for flower planters.

Resolved: Cllr John Pettit to review and update the CIL action plan and to present to council at our next meeting.

Action: Clerk to prepare and submit draft Terms of Reference.

Action: Clerk to prepare and submit a draft Volunteer policy and form.

9. Financial Assistance Policy and form

Received.

Resolved: To remove the line "Only one application can be made for an organisation in a financial year".

Resolved: To maintain the grants are based on merit to a maximum £500.

Resolved: To retain the form in its present format.

10. The Land at the end of Van Terrace.

Resolved: Cllr Sheila Jones will inform Local Places for Nature that the council accepts the Orchard Pack.

Action: Clerk to email Cllrs as soon as there are any developments with information on the soil analysis costs.

11. Newsletter

Resolved: To publish an autumn and spring newsletter, the next edition to be published before the end of the financial year.

Resolved: Cllrs to forward Cllr Lyn Hughes their photo and details.

Resolved: To have this as an on-going agenda item each month.

12. Clerk's report

Received.

13. Community Engagement

13.1 Tackling Loneliness to be addressed in a future meeting.

13.2 Family event @ St James-Cllr Sheila Jones will be in attendance.

Remembrance Day

Action: Clerk to email all Cllrs the invitation sent from the royal legion and purchase the wreath.

Action: Clerk to advertise the Cole Court, coffee afternoon @ 14.30 Thursday 27th October on the website.

Resolved: Cllrs to discuss the use of social media in the new year.

14. Planning applications

Noted

Case ref 22/0632/FULL

15. Items for next agenda

Newsletter, Cil update, Volunteer policy and Form, Christmas Lights update.

16. Date of next meeting

Thursday 17th November 2022 @ Van Community Centre

Vice Chair Anne Broughton -Pettit



Clerk