

VAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED Y FAN

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting @ Van Community Centre

Thursday 19th January 2023

Present:

In person: Cllr Lynne Hughes, Cllr Jeff Grenfell, Cllr Sheila Newbury, Cllr Matthew Ferris, Cllr Sheila Jones, Cllr Christine Forehead

By Phone: None

Virtual: None

Apologies: Chair Elaine Forehead, Vice Chair Anne Broughton-Pettit, Cllr John Pettit

In Attendance: Michelle Moore (Clerk)

NOTE

With the absence of Cllr John Leek, the clerk will contact OVW on procedures to remove him from council and seek advice on the payment of his remuneration.

2. Police & Community Safety

In attendance CSO Rhiannon and Saskia

Received police report

Note

Cllrs raised concerns about Youth ASB with teenagers in the area

Resolved: To pay a grant award of £244 for the trip to The Meadow Farm Village scheduled for 25th February on the receipt of the Clerk receiving of an updated completed application form for financial assistance and agreed the Police would promote the trip

3. Fire Service & Community safety

In attendance Shauna Walker

The fire service is assessing derelict or empty properties and Cllrs are asked report any they know of to Shauna

Action: Clerk to contact Jamie Wagner on the Empty Homes Policy and to forward any relevant information onto Shauna

Action: Clerk to update Shauna on VCCentre warm spaces

Note

VanCC would like to thank The Police and Fire Service for their support and help on Bonfire night and with the dumping at Haldane Court, Lansbury Park

4. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Lynne Hughes works for Marie Curie

5. Minutes

The minutes of the remote ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL meeting held on 17th November 2022 were agreed as an accurate record.

6. Financial matters

6.1 Bank Statements for November and December

Received and agreed

6.2 Bank Reconciliation and Payments for November and December

Received and agreed

6.3 Request for Financial Assistance from Welsh Air Ambulance

Resolved: To award the full amount of £500

Action: Clerk to prepare a draft Grant Evaluation form

Resolved: To receive and discuss the educational grant at the next meeting

7. To receive Newsletter (v2)

Resolved: To consider an A5 flyer, 1 Page leaflet, should Cllr Lynne Hughes not receive adequate content between now and the next meeting

8. To receive Harassment and Bullying guidance from OVW/SLCC

Received and approved

Action: Clerk to prepare draft policies to reflect this information

9. To receive an update on the soil analysis and Orchard pack

Cllr Sheila Jones outlined the delivery and plans in place by the volunteers and confirmed that Maria and Rachel, see there being no problems with the land

Note

The Clerk has informed the insurance company on the volunteer groups and was advised that they carry out risk assessments

10. To receive an update from the CIL committee

Cllr Sheila Jones gave an update on the work St Helens have done on the raised beds outside the community centre

Resolved: Bark chippings and topsoil will be provided

Cllr Jeff Grenfell gave an update on the proposed planters in the ward

Resolved: Cllr Jeff Grenfell will research costings for the next meeting

Note

The chair informed council that the introduction of planters outside the community centre would need to be put forward to the VCCentre committee for their approval

Action: Clerk to contact the VCCentre to include this in their next meeting

Cllr Matthew Ferris highlighted the broken handrail, in the lane at the back Mardy Close

Action: Clerk to contact Lisa James to confirm as to whether the replacement repair can come out of the CIL funds

11. To receive update from OVW on Volunteer Policy, Form, Risk Assessment and Induction Brief

Received and Noted

12. To receive an update on the PLAYScheme

Cllr Sheila Jones confirmed there was a meeting on the 23rd January and the outcome would be passed on

14. Clerks report

14.6 To appoint a new internal auditor

Resolved: To appoint Huw Jones and for Clerk to request his credentials

15. Training for CLLRS

Noted

16. To set and agree the PRECEPT for 2023-2024

Resolved: To set the precept at £27,350

17. Community Engagement

Cllr Matthew Ferris highlighted the concerns of residents on the flooding on Van Rd

Cllr Christine Forehead confirmed this has already been addressed by Cllr Elaine Forehead

Resolved: To develop a comprehensive action plan for projects in line with our budget and CIL funds

18. Planning

Noted

19. Items for next agenda

Newsletter

Playscheme

Training for Cllrs

Discuss the council reserves policy and include the budget account for reference

Discuss a possible formal process on CLLR apologies for meetings

To receive and discuss the Educational Financial Assistance Application

Note

Bekki Miller –Playsufficiency, has been invited to our next meeting and the Clerk is awaiting confirmation

20. Date of next meeting

Thursday 16th February 2023 VIRTUALLY

Chair Elaine Forehead



Clerk