**MERTHYR CYNOG**

**CYNGOR CYMUNED COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held Monday 24th January 2022,**

**Upper Chapel Hall at 7.30 pm**

**Present**

Mr Kevin Williams (Chair), Mrs Sheila Prosser, Mr K Parry, Anthony Lewis, Mrs Emma Small, Mr Andy Jones and Mrs J Eckley (clerk)

**1. Apologies**

 Mr John Davies

**2. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th December 2021, were agreed as a correct record. Proposed Mr Anthony Lewis and Seconded by Mr Kevin Parry.

**3. Matters Arising**

Mr Kevin Williams began his first meeting as Chair of Merthyr Cynog Community Council by thanking Mr Kevin Parry for the previous years that he had undertaken the role as Chair for Merthyr Cynog Community Council during the Covid-19 pandemic. He also wished Mr Jeff Price and Mrs Heather Price all the best for the future as they had stepped down from their roles as Community Councilors. He stated that their local knowledge had been a great asset to the Community Council, and they would be missed by their fellow councilors. He then went on to welcome Mrs Emma Small from Bailybrith, Upper Chapel and Mr Andy Jones, Tycerrig, Merthyr Cynog, as the newly co-opted members of Merthyr Cynog Community Council. He wished them all the best as they began their roll as Community Councilors for the area. Both are passionate about farming, the environment and the Community. All the Community Councilors present agreed that they look forward to working with Andy & Emma in the future.

Matters arising regarding Highways and Hedges to be discussed under the relevant heading.

The Clerk advised that she had emailed Cllr Iain McIntosh, thanking him for all his hard work regarding the “Save & Rebuild Cradoc School” campaign. She had written that Merthyr Cynog Community Council very much appreciated all the time and effort that he had personally put into this campaign.  His decision to resign from the Cabinet and the Conservative group showed his commitment to Cradoc school and the Yscir ward, which he represents passionately.

**4. Correspondence**

Correspondence received would be dealt with under their particular headings.

**5. Roads, Bridges and Highways**

Following email sent to the Highways department in PCC, the responses were discussed. Mr Dai Lewis, Highways Supervisor, had taken a look at all the points in the emailed dated 11th January 2022 and had given a satisfactory report on all the issues that he had looked into. Repairs etc had been noted and would be monitored. Clerk to send emails to those who are affected by the above email, outlining Dai Lewis’ response.

Mrs Emma Small reported that the culvert between Bailybach & Bailybrith Farms was often overflowing due to a blockage. Clerk to report this.

Clerk asked whether any Community Councilors had noticed whether salt bins had disappeared or damaged, none were reported.

**6.Finance**

The Clerk updated members on the financial position of the Council.

The Budget Sheet 21/22 was passed round with updated figures. The new Councilors were advised that this is passed around every meeting to ensure that our budget is in line with our expenditure. The budget sheet was confirmed, proposed by Mrs Sheila Prosser and seconded by Mr Kevin Parry.

The clerk advised that £399 remained outstanding for donations in line with the Section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 – Section 137. The Councilors agree unanimously to leave the donation allocation until the next meeting which would be held beginning of March.

The Clerk advised that she had submitted the request for the Precept to be increased by 2% to £4940.85 as agreed in the previous meeting.

An email had been received from Brecon Mountain Rescue thanking the Seniors of Merthyr Cynog Community for their kind donation following their Christmas Afternoon Tea. Mr Kevin Williams (Chair) thanked Mrs Sheila Prosser for ensuring that this

donation was given to the Brecon Mountain Rescue, as they had recently helped a member of a nearby Community who was in need of their valuable services.

The annual Hire of Upper Chapel Hall for Community Council Meetings ,of £900 is due and to be processed. This was proposed by Mr Anthony Lewis and seconded by Mrs Sheila Prosser.

Clerk advised that she had purchased a lap top from Currys at £564.98. It had been agreed in previous meetings that this was much needed as the older one was unreliable, and did not have the facility for Zoom meetings etc. Clerk showed the copy of the receipt and this was agreed.

**7.Planning and Environment**.

Planning application received on 04.01.22. 21/2292/FUL Agricultural shed to cover existing slurry store at Pentre Farm, Merthyr Cynog, LD3 9SD – John Davies had responded that he was declaring an interest to this application. There were no objections in this matter.

Planning application received 14.01.2022. 21/2292/FUL proposed alterations and new single storey extension to existing Community Hall, including landscaping and services. There were no declarations of interest, and no objections in this matter.

Mrs Sheila Prosser gave an update on the “Save & Rebuild Cradoc School” campaign. Powys County Council had confirmed that they were indeed closing Cradoc School. An appeal was now in situ, and letter and emails to support Cradoc School are due in by 5th February 2022. Clerk to do a supporting email for Cradoc School. Community Councilors would also submit their own emails supporting Cradoc School.

Confirmation had been received from HRCA, YFC and the Hall Committee regarding the Queen’s Jubilee Celebrations on Sunday 5th June. The Hall would be looking into funding through a lottery grant and a meeting would be held in the near future with a represent from all the groups in the Community. Would await feedback regarding any commemorative gifts or support etc.

Following an email from “One Voice Wales” regarding Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace. It was proposed unanimously that Iain McIntosh should be nominated to attend one of these events, for his commitment to the Community during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Email dated 18.01.22 from Iain McIntosh advising that he is organising a protest walk for the “Save & Rebuild Cradoc School” Campaign. This would take place on Saturday 29th January 2022 from Cradoc School at 11am to the Council Offices at Neuadd Brycheiniog, Cambrian Way. The Community Councilors would endeavor to attend this march, to represent the Community.

1. **Any Other Business**

The was no further business.

**Next Meeting**

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