

**Cyngor Cymuned Cwmllynfell Community Council**



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**Minutes of the General Meeting of Cwmllynfell Community Council to be held virtually on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 6.30pm**

Clr M Scarll  
Clr M Evans  
Clr H Lewis  
Clr H Williams  
Clr L Salmon  
Clr C James  
Clr D Thomas

**Also in Attendance**

Deputy Leader NPTCBC Councillor A Llewellyn

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Clr H Jones

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None

**3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting

**4. Financial Matters**

a. Payment of Accounts – February 2024

Sarah Daniel	Salary	662.81
HMRC	Income Tax	165.08
NEST	Pension	57.78
O2	Mobile Phone	3.58
Glantawe Landscapes	Grounds Maintenance	6089.86
Centregreat	Christmas Lighting	3228.00
Neuadd Cwmllynfell Hall	Support Grant (approved following Chairmans report)	2000.00
S Daniel / AMAZON	Defibrillator Pads	359.64

**5. Planning Matters**

None

**6. Reports**

**Members: Clr M Scarll, Clr H Jones, Clr M Evans, Clr D Thomas, Clr C James, Clr L Salmon, Clr H Williams, Clr H Lewis**

**a. Chairmans Report**

The Chairman advised that he had recently attended a meeting at Cwmllynfell Hall which was requested by the Chair of the Hall Committee. They were seeking £2,000 further financial support from the Community Council as they had recently received an unexpected VAT bill as they had recently hit the VAT threshold. The Chairman advised that they had cleared £15,000 of the bill by using reserves, but need to make another payment before the end of March and were requesting our support. The Chairman advised that during the meeting he had put the hall in touch with a firm of accountants for further advice in the future. He explained that this, if approved would be a one-off payment of £2,000 over their usual annual grant.

The Clerk advised that if Members were minded to approve, funds could be reallocated from the Community Grant pot as this was underspent.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to approve the one-off payment of £2,000 to support the Hall

**b. Deputy Leader NPTCBC and Borough Councillor Liaison**

The Deputy Leader thanked Members for allowing him to attend the meeting and were grateful for the opportunity to bring them an update on Council business. He advised that the Council were in the process of considering their budget and their priority was to protect Education and Social Services budget and avoid compulsory job losses. To do this, he added that the Council has no option but to use reserves this year. He added that another emerging theme was that investment is needed in our town centres. Cllr Llewellyn commented that he was aware that Rhiwfawr were currently without a bus service and hoped that franchising opportunities would resolve this issue in the near future.

He urged Members that if they had any local issues that he wanted them to take forward to get in touch with him directly and he would take these back directly to officers in the Council.

**c. Correspondence – Letter re Skate Park**

The Clerk advised of a letter received, signed by a number of young people in the village to ask for some maintenance and repair to be undertaken at Llynfell Skate Park. They asked for bins to be emptied on a regular basis, maintenance of the overgrown land beyond the playground, repair of the zip wire and new basketball hoops with nets.

The Clerk advised of some recent quotes she had sought for the repair to the Zip wire and that it was difficult to secure a contractor who would even attend the site to quote for the works. One contractor quoted £800 to assess the work required. She asked if the Deputy Leader was able to support at the Council. He agreed and advised he would put the clerk in touch with their parks team to support. He also agreed that he would speak to officers to maintain the overgrowth as this was NPTCBC owned land.

The clerk confirmed that the bins would also be emptied on a regular basis following amendment to the Grounds maintenance contract in the next item. She clarified also that the basketball hoops are a standard issue, designed for low maintenance and were health and safety approved so it was not recommended to change these.

Clerk to provide an update at the next meeting on the progress.

**d. Member vacancy**

**Members: Cllr M Scarll, Cllr H Jones, Cllr M Evans, Cllr D Thomas, Cllr C James, Cllr L Salmon, Cllr H Williams, Cllr H Lewis**

The clerk advised of a vacancy in Cwmllynfell ward following the resignation of Councillor D Watkins which would be advertised on the Councils website.

**e. Borough Member update**

No Update

**7. To Consider Passing the Under-Mentioned Resolution:**

**RESOLVED** to pass the following:

“That the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 for the next item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act

**a. Grounds Maintenance Contract**

**RESOLVED:** To appoint Wrenvale to undertake the Grounds Maintenance for the Community Council for the period 2024-2026

**8. Date and Time of next meeting**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024

**9. Urgent Business**

*None*