

CYNGOR TREF LLWCHWR

LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of

Llwchwr Town Council

held on 5 February 2018

PRESENT: Councillor C. Phillips (Chairman)
Councillors S. Beynon, Wendy Evans, William Evans,
I. James, H. Huelin, C. Richards, K. Roberts, R. V. Smith, W. Smith,
J. Williams, P. Williams and R. Williams.

(Welfare Hall, Loughor: 7.15m – 8.35pm.)

130. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor indicated that she had nothing to report this month.

131. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillors A. Davis, J. Bowen, P. Parsons and D. Walters.

132. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

133. MINUTES OF COUNCIL

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 15th January 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.

134. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

135. AD HOC PAY AND PERFORMANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Pay and Performance Sub-Committee held on the 30th January 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.

136. WELFARE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Welfare Hall Management Committee held on the 15th January 2018 were noted.

137. FUNCTIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Functions Sub-Committee held on the 4th December 2017 were noted.

138. POLICE REPORT

The Mayor welcomed Sergeant Morris to the meeting. Sergeant Morris explained the current crime statistics for the area which remained relatively low.

The Mayor thanked the officer for his report.

139. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Wildflower Scheme 2018

It was reported that the Council had been asked to confirm whether they wanted to participate in the above scheme this year.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would participate this year.

140. MEMBERS REPORTS

There were no reports from members.

141. REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Police Matters

It was **NOTED** that there were no matters to report.

(b) Accounts for Payment

It was **RESOLVED** that the following payments be authorised

A W Davies - postage for this meeting - £7.80

Lloyds Bank Commercial Finance Ltd – Algebra Office Supplies -
£27.00

William Kirby – Council Photography - £550.00

Vision ICT – Webhosting and support - £1104.00

Information Commissioner – Data Protection Registration Fee - £35.00

(c) Anti- Litter Campaign in Loughor

It was **NOTED** that there were proposals to undertake a spring clean on both sides of the foreshore.

(d) Council Grants

(i) 3rd Loughor Brownies

It was **RESOLVED** that the group be awarded a grant of £200.00

(ii) Community Christmas Tree

It was **RESOLVED** that the above organisation be awarded a grant of £200.00

(iii) Penryheol Amateur Boxing Club

It was **RESOLVED** that the Club be awarded a grant of £300.00.

(iv) Casllwchwr Ladies Bowls Club

It was **RESOLVED** that the Club be awarded a grant of £200.00 for equipment.

(v) 3rd Lliw Valley Scout Group

It was **RESOLVED** that the group be awarded a grant of £200.00.

- (vi) Tenovus Cancer Care
It was **NOTED** that the above organisation were seeking financial support.
- (e) Local Development Plan
It was **NOTED** that the LDP Inquiry was due to start on the 6th February and to run for two months.
- (f) Moriah Welsh Presbyterian Church
It was **NOTED** that the sum of £90.00 had been received from the church in respect of the sale of Evan Roberts Plates.
- (g) Christians Against Poverty
It was **NOTED** that a letter of thanks had been received from Tony Quinn.
- (h) Lantern Parade Fireworks Display
It was **NOTED** that the problem of the damage to the playing field had been resolved.
- (i) Election Rechargeable Costs
It was reported that the cost of the election last year would be £315.00.
It was **RESOLVED** that the invoice be paid when it is received.
- (j) BNP Paribas
It was **NOTED** that the leasing charge in the sum of £134.40 was payable and would be paid by direct debit
- (k) Independent Review Panel
It was reported that the above panel were looking at options for reorganising town and community councils in Wales. They were holding a number of meetings and the Clerk had obtained two tickets for the presentation in Cardiff.
It was **RESOLVED** that Councillors C. Phillips and Helen Huelin be authorised to attend the event on the 15th March.
- (l) Defibrillators
It was reported that three defibrillators had been installed and the Council were looking at a further two. Agreement had been given to site one at the Garden Village stores and it had been intended to site the other at Maes Yr Efail. A further suggestion has been made to site it at the Gorseinon Fire Station where it would be more visible and easier to reach in an emergency.
It was **RESOLVED** that the Fire Station option be pursued and training offered to Councillors and users of the Welfare Hall.
- (m) One Voice Wales – Swansea Area Committee
It was reported that the Clerk had attended the above meeting on the 22nd January 2018. One of the issues discussed related to the New Data

Protection Regulations coming into force on the 25th May 2018 which required the appointment of a Data Protection Officer. It had been suggested that the City and County of Swansea might take on the role of Data Protection Officer for Town and Community Councils and the County was seeking expressions of interest from councils in relation to this issue.

It was **RESOLVED** that the City and County of Swansea be informed that the Council would be interested in such an option and the potential cost.

(n) Community and Town Councils Forum

It was **NOTED** that the meeting had been held on the 29th January 2018 and had received a presentation on the Swansea Public Service Board's Well-Being Plan.

(o) Smart Pensions

It was **NOTED** that the current rate of contribution was changing on the 6th April 2018 and the Council would be required to pay 2% and the employee 3%.

(p) Abergelli Power Station

It was reported that there was a proposal to build a gas power station at land adjacent to the Felindre Gas Compressor Station at Abergelli Farm, Felindre. The proposal was out for consultation with a public exhibition and public information events.

It was **NOTED** that the consultation period runs until the 19th February 2018.

(q) Proposed residential Dwellings at Land off Heol Pentre Bach, Gorseinon

It was reported that a Pre-Application Consultation had been received in connection with the above. It was **RESOLVED** that the development should include sufficient open space to prevent a coalescence of the community with Penyrheol.

142. PLANNING REPORT

(i) The Council considered the following planning applications upon which the observations of the Town Council had been requested.

(a) It was **RESOLVED** that there would be no objection to the following:-

- (i) No.2018/0078 – Brethren Meeting Hall, Swansea Road, Gorseinon, - Mr J Brown - Proposed temporary change of use of church hall to class BB for 2 years for the purpose of storing and distributing household goods for charitable purposes
- (ii) No.2018/0079 – Land at former Tyrewin adjacent to 170 Borough Road and Hedge Green Cottage, Loughor – Mr A Protheroe
Proposed dwelling and garage;
- (iii) No. 2016/1478 – Land North of Garden Village
Proposed hybrid application (amended master plan, parameters plan and Design and Access statement)

While Council did not object to the plan it still maintains its objection to the original proposal.

143. URGENT ITEMS

(i) Council Website

It was **NOTED** that Councillor J Williams was seeking information from members to update the website

144. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the next item due to the confidential nature of the matter under discussion.

145. FURTHER REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Payments

It was **RESOLVED** that the following payments be authorised

(i) A W D – salary (January) -	£1964.63
(ii) A W D – office expenses (January) -	£83.33
(iii) HMRC – Town Council PAYE/NI (January) -	£772.68
(iv) NL – Wages (January) -	£931.51
(v) HMRC – Welfare Hall PAYE/NI (January) -	£79.31

(b) Receipts and Payments

The current receipts and payments of the Council were **NOTED**.

(c) Annual Leave

It was **NOTED** that the Clerk would be on annual leave from the 13th March to the 20th March 2018.

(d) Reorganisation of Welfare Hall Duties

It was reported that the Clerk had held discussions with Mr Livings who had indicated that he would have no objections to taking on additional duties.

It was **NOTED** that there would be a further meeting between the Clerk Mr Livings and the Chairman of the Welfare Hall Management Committee.

Chairman

