

CYNGOR TREF LLWCHWR

LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of

Llwchwr Town Council

held on 15 January 2018

PRESENT: Councillor C. Phillips (Chairman)
Councillors J. Bowen, Wendy Evans, William Evans,
I. James, P. Parsons, R. V. Smith, W. Smith, D. Walters,
P. Williams and R. Williams.

(Welfare Hall, Loughor: 7.20pm – 8.30pm.)

113. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported that Christmas had been a very busy time. She had attended a number of Christmas functions including the concert in Jireh, the Pantomime in Gower College, Carol Services in St Michael's and St John's Churches, presented cheques to the Christmas Lights Winners, the Tre Uchaf Christmas Concert, presented a Council trophy to a 90 year old but was unable to go to the Brangwyn Hall due to access difficulties.

114. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillors A. Davis, S. Beynon, C. Richards and K. Roberts.

115. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

116. MINUTES OF COUNCIL

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 4th December 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

117. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

118. WELFARE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Welfare Hall Management Committee held on the 4th December 2017 were noted.

119. FUNCTIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Functions Sub-Committee held on the 6th November 2017 were noted.

120. POLICE REPORT

The Mayor welcomed PCSO Jane Phillips to the meeting. PCSO Phillips indicated that the crime figures were extremely low and there were no problems to report.

The Mayor thanked the officer for her report.

121. CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

The Mayor welcomed Tony Quinn to the meeting. Mr Quinn reported that he represented CAP and covered Swansea West. There were 300 centres nationally with the main base being in Birmingham. They helped clients on an appointment basis and worked to enable clients to manage their debts. They dealt with the clients debtors by receiving a standing order from the client and dealing with the organisation to whom they owed money. It was a free service and support was given regardless of age, gender, faith or background. They had a good success rate with 93% of clients becoming debt free and they were fully booked up until the middle of April. They were trying to make organisations aware of their services.

The Mayor thanked Mr Quinn for his presentation.

122. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

123. MEMBERS REPORTS

It was **NOTED** that Councillor I James had attended the Penyrheol School Christmas Concert, Councillors Ron and Pam Williams had attended the Christmas Concert in Jireh and Councillor William Evans had attended the Gower College litter pick which would be supported by students and would run for twelve months.

124. 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
Royal British Legion – Wreaths -	£100.00
S Rees – Stage payment for rendering Hall -	£700.00
Clarity Copiers Ltd – Copier Charges -	£28.60

(c) Anti- Litter Campaign in Loughor

It was **NOTED** that there was nothing to report.

(d) Council Grants

(i) Welsh Ambulance Service Branch

It was **NOTED** that the above organisation were seeking financial support.

- (ii) Llangollen International Musical Festival 2018
It was **NOTED** that the above organisation were seeking financial assistance.
- (iii) Urdd National Eisteddfod 2018
It was **NOTED** that the above organisation were seeking financial assistance.
- (iv) Casllwchwr Ladies Bowls Club
It was **RESOLVED** that the application be deferred to obtain further information regarding the costs being incurred by the club.

- (e) Local Development Plan
It was **NOTED** that there was nothing to report.

- (f) Christmas Competition for the House with the best Exterior Christmas Decorations
It was **NOTED** that the winners were as set out below and the cheques were presented on the 20th December 2017:-
Garden Village – Mr and Mrs Patterson, 7 Clos Melyn Mynach;
Kingsbridge - Mr and Mrs Steward, 2 Harding Close;
Upper Loughor – Mr and Mrs Griffiths, 53 Waun Road, Loughor;
Lower Loughor – Mr and Mrs Butler, 30 Taliesin Place, Loughor.

- (g) Appropriate Sum under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972
It was **NOTED** that a the sum for 2018/19 has been set at £7.86.

- (h) Lantern Parade Fireworks Display
It was reported that a letter had been received from Gorseinon Cricket Club wanting to know who had given consent to use the Cricket and Rugby pitch for fireworks and suggesting that damage had been caused to the field. They did not want the fireworks display to continue.
It was **RESOLVED** that the letter be referred to Gorseinon Town Council for their views on the matter

- (i) One Voice Wales Training Courses
It was reported that the latest list of courses were available for members.
It was **NOTED** that any member wishing to attend a course should contact the Clerk.

- (j) Buckingham Palace Garden Parties
It was **NOTED** that One Voice Wales were seeking names for the draw for the Garden Parties.

- (k) Planning Law in Wales
It was reported that the Law Commission had been invited by the Welsh Government to review planning law in Wales and had issued a consultation paper. There was also a free planning law event in Cardiff on the 6th February.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk be authorised to attend if there were any places available.

(l) Damage to Mayoress/Consort's Chain of Office

It was reported that the above chain had been damaged and the Clerk had been instructed to claim of the Council's insurance.

It was **NOTED** that the claim had been accepted and the Council have received a cheque in the sum of £180.00 in settlement.

126. 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.2017/1081 – Duemas Technology Ltd, Victoria Road, Gowerton – Mr J Bartlett - Proposed car sales hard standing, single storey sales office building, erection of 2.4m galvanised steel palisade fencing and entrance gates;
- (ii) No.20172418 – Land off Pengry Road, Loughor – Mrs Smith Proposed detached dwelling and detached garage (Variation of conditions 2 and 3 of planning permission granted 9 March 2015 to extend the time to submit the reserved matters for a further 3 years and to extend the time to commence works for a further 5 years)
- (iii) No. 2017/2470 – 4 Swansea Road, Gorseinon – Mr N James Proposed single storey rear extension;
- (iv) No. 2017/2690 – 48 Culfor Road, Loughor – Mr P Davies Proposed rear dormer (application for a certificate of lawful development)

127. URGENT ITEMS

(i) Council Photographs

It was **RESOLVED** the Clerk contact William Kirby to obtain copies of the following photographs

Councillor C Phillips from the start of her term in office to the present

Councillor R Williams for his term in Office

Councillor P Williams for her term in office.

(ii) Gower and Llŵchwr Estuary Lions Club

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to the Club to establish if there is a charge for the Mayor to attend their Dinner.

128. 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.

129. FURTHER REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Payments

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

- (i) A W D – salary (December) - £1964.83

(ii) A W D – office expenses (December) -	£83.33
(iii) HMRC – Town Council PAYE/NI (December) -	£772.48
(iv) NL – Wages (December) -	£931.51
(v) HMRC – Welfare Hall PAYE/NI (December) -	£79.31
(vi) Smart Pension – Pension Payment -	£9.70

(b) Receipts and Payments

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

(c) Works to the Welfare Hall

It was **NOTED** that the old render had been removed and the pine end would be re-rendered and re-roofing completed when the weather was favourable.

(d) Council Budget and Precept 2018/2019

It was reported that the Council was required to set its precept by the 31 January 2018 which meant that it was necessary to agree its budget. To set its budget the Council first needed to set a budget for the Welfare Hall. A draft Budget had been prepared together with a draft Budget for the Town Council. Taken together it would require a precept of £83300.00 which would equate to a Band D property being required to pay £24.50 per annum which was an increase of £0.32 per property per year. The other aspect to be considered was that of the Council reserves. The Welfare Hall needed substantial refurbishment and the Council did not make provision for capital works to the Hall. The refurbishment had been started and would continue for approximately two years and paid for out of reserves.

It was **RESOLVED** that

- (i) the Budget for the Welfare Hall as attached be accepted;
- (ii) the Budget for the Town Council as attached be accepted;
- (iii) the Precept for 2018/2019 be set at £83300.00;

Chairman

