

CYNGOR TREF LLWCHWR

LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the ExtraOrdinaryMeeting of

Llwchwr Town Council

held on a remote basis in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities(Coronavirus)(Meetings)(Wales) Regulations 2020 and by means of Google Meet held on the 15th October,2020

PRESENT: Councillor Will Evans(Chair)
Councillors S.Beynon, J.Bowen,Wendy Evans,
I.James,P.Parsons,C.Phillips,C.Richards, R.Smith,
and J.Williams,

(Remote Access 10.30 a.m -11.45 a.m.)

167.MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerk reported that a Delegated Decision had been made on the 2nd September,2020 whereby the Mayor and Deputy Mayor had agreed to continue in their respective roles until the next scheduled AGM in May 2021.The Clerk had secured further advice which confirmed that it was in order for both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to sign their respective Declarations of Acceptance of Office at the commencement of the Meeting provided the Clerk was in attendance and witnessed the signatures.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor both then read out their respective Declarations of Acceptance of Office and signed same.

The Mayor then made the following announcements-

a)On the 9th March the Mayor presented a cheque to Eric Davies Chair of Penyrheol Amateur Boxing Club in the sum of £300.00;

b)On the 17th March the Mayor presented a cheque to Richard Goodwin the Events and promotions manager of the City of Swansea Pipeband in the sum of £200.00

c)On the 23rd July the Mayor presented cheques to the following organisations-

i)Loughor Bowls Club-£200.00

ii)Casllwchwr Ladies Bowls Club-£200.00

iii)3rd Lliw Valley Scouts -£200.00

iv)Wales Air Ambulance-£300.00

v) Parc Williams Bowling Club-£200.00

d) On the 4th August the Mayor presented a cheque for £10,000.00 (received as Grant Monies from the Welsh Government) to Food with Friends at St. Catherine's Church.

e) On the 18th August the Mayor presented a cheque for £200.00 to Jeff Bowen Chair of Loughor Events Committee in respect of a Christmas tree.

f) On the 17th September the Mayor presented a cheque for £200.00 to the Marie Curie Nurses.

168. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillors H. Huelin, W. Smith, R. Williams and P. Williams

169. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Will Evans declared an interest in Minute No 179 and withdrew from the Meeting while the matter was discussed.

170. MINUTES OF COUNCIL

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 2nd March 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

171. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk gave an update-

a) Minute 144-Negotiations had been ongoing with Mr. Erasmus but stopped on the outbreak of the pandemic; negotiations may possibly resume when the Welfare Hall fully re-opens.

b) Minute 160 (c) -the matter cannot proceed until a Wayleave Agreement has been entered into between Swansea Council and WPD.

c) Minute 160 (d)-two applicants had been shortlisted for the Post. Advice had been obtained from OVW that it was permissible to hold an interview by remote access if both candidates agreed. The Clerk had written to both the candidates to ascertain if they still wished to proceed-one candidate had so far replied.

172. WELFARE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE/TRUSTEES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Welfare Hall Management Committee/Trustees held on the 2nd March were confirmed and agreed. The Clerk updated Members as follows-

a) Minute 55 (f)-the fence had now been repaired; the Council had received monies from its Insurers but an excess was payable.

b) the Licence with the Gorseinon Car Scheme had been negotiated in respect of the former Police Office and should proceed to completion shortly.

173. FUNCTIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Functions Sub-Committee held on the 2nd March were confirmed and agreed.

174. MINUTES OF COUNCIL

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 26th March 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

175. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

176. WELFARE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE/TRUSTEES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Welfare Hall Management Committee/Trustees held on the 26th March were confirmed and agreed

177. MINUTES OF COUNCIL

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 18th June 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

178. MINUTES OF COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on the 13th May 2019 were **NOTED** by the Council.

179. MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE

It was **RESOLVED** that the Mayor's Allowance for 2020/2021 be £700.00.

180. DATES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2020/2021

It was **RESOLVED** that Meetings of the Town Council in the 2020/2021 Municipal Year be held at 7.15 p.m. on the following dates at the Welfare Hall Loughor

2020

Monday 2nd November

Monday 7th December

2021

Monday 18th January

Monday 8th February

Monday 8th March

Monday 5th April

Monday 26th April

Monday 17th May –Annual General Meeting

It was **FURTHER RESOLVED** that-

a)the Scheme of Delegated Decision Making that had been resolved in the respective Meetings of the Town Council and the Welfare Hall Management Committee/Trustees dated the 26th March,2020 should cease with immediate effect.A vote of thanks was given to those involved in the Delegated Decision making process.

b)the Council would resume its normal cycle of Monthly Meetings as per the Schedule above albeit that some or all of these meetings may be held on a remote access basis utilising Google Meet.The Meetings would commence at 7.00 p.m.

181.APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

It was **RESOLVED** that-

i)the Electoral Review Sub-Committee and the Local Development Plan

Sub-Committee be removed from the Constitution.

ii)that in respect of all other of the Council’s Committees the existing membership be retained.

182. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES

It was **RESOLVED** that the existing membership of such Bodies be retained.

183. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

It was **RESOLVED** that Mr.Lyn Llewelyn be appointed Internal Auditor for the Municipal Year 2020/2021.

184. ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS

It was **NOTED** that a list of attendances by Members for the Municipal Year 2019/2020 was presented to Council and it was **FURTHER NOTED** that

i)Councillor Jeff Bowen had been in attendance at the Town Council Meeting dated the 2nd March 2020 and

ii)Councillor Kelly Roberts had been granted a dispensation from November 2019

185. ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2020/2021,FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT 2020/2021,AND ASSET REGISTER 2020/2021

It was **RESOLVED** that the above Strategy,Assessment and Register be adopted.

186. CLERK’S REPORT

The Clerk’s Report was **NOTED** and it was **FURTHER NOTED** that-

i)in the penultimate paragraph of the Clerk’s Report the reference should be to Deputy Mayor “Jeff Bowen” and the AGM in “May 2021.”

ii)paragraph 15 of Appendix 3 should read-“2nd September 2020-Councillor Will Evans to continue as Mayor and Councillor Jeff Bowen to continue as Deputy Mayor until the next scheduled AGM in May 2021.

186. URGENT ITEMS

The Mayor permitted a request by Councillor C.Phillips that consideration be given to a Memorial for the people of Llŵchwr Community who have died from the Covid-19 coronavirus.It was **RESOLVED** to have an Agenda item for the next Meeting of Council to be held on the 2nd November 2020.

Chair