

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

**A meeting of the WELFARE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE /TRUSTEES will be held on Monday next the 7<sup>th</sup> February,2022 commencing at 7.00pm at the Welfare Hall,Woodlands Road,Loughor and to be held on a remote basis in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and by means of Microsoft Teams. Press and Public are invited to attend online but should give prior notice to the Clerk at [clerk@llwchwrtaowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@llwchwrtaowncouncil.gov.uk) and detail any question they wish to submit.The agenda will be as follows-**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To receive disclosures of Personal Interests from Members under the Council's Code of Conduct.  
(Note: Members are requested to identify the item number and subject matter that their Personal Interest relates to. Where the Personal Interest is a Prejudicial Interest they must withdraw from the meeting while that item of business is discussed).
3. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> January,2022.
4. To consider matters arising from the Minutes,if any.
5. To consider the Clerk's Report.
6. Any other matter which the Chair determines to be urgent.

**Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> February,2022.**

**N G Havard  
Clerk to the Council**

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**LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Welfare Hall Management Committee/Trustees held at the Welfare Hall,Woodlands Road,Loughor and on a remote basis in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and by means of Microsoft Teams held on the 17<sup>th</sup> January,2022.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor I.James (Chair)  
Councillors J.Bowen,Wendy Evans,  
Will Evans,H.Huelin,P.Parsons,C.Phillips, C.Richards, K.Roberts,R.V.Smith, W.Smith,  
J.Williams P.Williams and R.Williams.

(At the Welfare Hall and by Remote Access: 7.14 pm – 7.19 pm)

**39. APOLOGIES**

There were apologies for absence from Councillors S.Beynon and D.Walters.

**40. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**41. MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> December,2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

**42. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**43. REPORT OF THE CLERK**

(a)Payments

It was noted that the following payment had been made by Direct Debit-  
Virgin Media £70.80

(b)Users of the Welfare Hall

The Clerk's Report and verbal update were **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that delegated power be granted to the Clerk in conjunction with the Mayor,the Chair of the Welfare Hall Management Committee/Trustees and Deputy Mayor to amend and alter the Council's Covid-19 Precaution Policy as appropriate as and when the Welsh Government Law or Guidance is changed or amended in respect to the Covid pandemic.

( c)Flooding at the Hall

The Clerk's Report and verbal update were **NOTED.**

(d)Fire and Intruder Alarm Systems

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED.**

(e)Refurbishment Works

The Clerk's Report and verbal update were **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk action and implement the items referred to in the Report.

(f)Receipts and Payments

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** .

**44. URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent items.

**Chair**

**Agenda Item 5**

**LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL**

**WELFARE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE/TRUSTEES**

**Date 7<sup>th</sup> February,2022**

**Report of the Clerk**

**1-Payments**

The following payment has been made by Direct Debit

Virgin Media

£75.60

**2-Users of the Welfare Hall**

Members will be aware that on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022 the First Minister announced as regards the Covid-19 pandemic a relaxation of the rules and that Wales would be moving to Alert Level 0-in effect although face masks were retained the number of people who could attend venues were not going to be subject to any particular limit and as regards social distancing this would be left to owners of the property. Consequently, as Members will be aware

a Delegated Decision was made to amend the Council's Covid-19 Precaution Policy permitting up to 120 people to visit the Hall and relaxing social distancing. As a consequence it is proposed to hold Council Meetings in the Chamber.

All Members and Users have been sent a copy of the new Policy.

Unfortunately the Clerk has received the following e mail from Yoga Embrace and which will obviously affect budgeted income-

“Hi Nigel,

Just to let you know that I need to take a break from live yoga sessions for a while to go to visit family abroad. As yet I don't know when I'll be coming back to Wales, so would rather cancel the bookings than just book a holiday so they'll be free for other potential user.

Our last Tuesday session will be on 8<sup>th</sup> February and the Friday session, as already planned before we started at the start of January, is on 11th February.

We hope to be in touch very soon to rebook -as long as the slots haven't been snapped up by someone else.

Kind regards,

Rebecca “

The Clerk has also received the enclosed e mail from Loughor OAP's-

“Thankyou for your email its great some of the restrictions are off im going to get in touch with club members to see how many are going to return . Is there any likelehood of being able to use the kitchen for teas and coffee? I wouldnt be able to start back until the first week of april as i have 2 holidays booked and hospital appointments that fall on wednesdays.

Regards Annita McCarthy (loughor old age)”

Members will recall that the kitchen was originally closed as it was regarded as a “hotspot” which encouraged close contact between users and thus might encourage the spread of the virus.

The Clerk sets out below the Welsh Government advice-as regards the use of the kitchen there would appear to be no change and therefore Members may wish to consider retaining the restriction on the kitchen reopening.

**“Reduce the number of people you meet**

We all want to meet our friends again. But think about what is the most sensible thing for you to do to protect your family, friends and your community. Limiting how many different people you see helps keep you, your family, and friends safe. It's less risky to see the same one or two people regularly than to see lots of different people occasionally. By only meeting a few people, everyone's contacts are less and the virus will find it harder to spread.

### **Reduce face-to-face time with other people**

The main way coronavirus spreads is through close contact with an infected person. So meeting face-to-face increases the risk of getting and giving coronavirus – the shorter the time, the lower the risk.

The following places are particularly risky:

- indoor places where ventilation is poor
- indoor places where people, particularly lots of people, are together for a long time
- any place, particularly indoors, where people have close contact with others

### **What other legal requirements remain in place?**

Whilst there are no legal limits on the number of people who can meet, including in private homes, public places or at events, in response to the omicron variant people are asked to limit the number of people they meet as the most effective way of reducing the spread of coronavirus. Everyone should reduce as much as possible the contacts they have with people in other households, that is, people you do not live with. All businesses and premises may currently be open.

The following legal requirements remain in place:

1. Businesses, employers and other organisations must continue to undertake a specific coronavirus risk assessment and take reasonable measures to minimise exposure to, and the spread of, coronavirus.”

### **3-Flooding at the Hall**

One of the three Contractors has contacted the Caretaker and arranged a site visit; both the Clerk and the Caretaker have contacted the other two requesting they carry out site visits as soon as possible. The Caretaker reports anecdotally that following the relaxation of Covid rules that firms would seem to have full order books and it is possible that the Council may have to approach two further Contractors to provide a quotation.

#### **4-Liftech**

The lift was serviced on the 31<sup>st</sup> January-no problems reported.

#### **5.Refurbishment Works**

The Mayor and the Caretaker and Clerk have been working their way through the list reported at the last Meeting.A plan of action has been agreed and will be actioned.Various items including signage and tapes have already been delivered to the Hall.

#### **6.Old Gates**

Following the establishment of the car parking area in front of the Hall the gates that were previously in place have been removed and currently lie against the front brick wall.The gates themselves are in good condition.It is proposed that the gates be sold and the proceeds used to establish new pedestrian gates at the main front entrance with the same design as the car park gates.

A question has arisen as to the valuation of the old gates.The Clerk has carried out some initial research but it has not proven to find an exact replica;the nearest design(but admittedly simpler) retails at £284.00 for two gates.The Caretaker has put an estimate of £500.00 on the old gates.

It is also possible that a reduced price could be offered to a prospective purchaser-the Council are aware of an interested buyer.

A photograph of the Gates is set out below for Members information.



Members are asked to confirm the position generally.

### **7.Covid-19 Memorial**

Following a site visit on the 30<sup>th</sup> January the position of the plaque was agreed namely to the left of the Hall as you enter at approximately head height.The Caretaker will affix the plaque;we are currently awaiting the delivery of specialist glue.

### **8-Receipts and Payments**

The current receipts and payments are attached.

**Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> February,2022.**

**Clerk to the Council.**

**ADDENDUM TO THE REPORT OF THE CLERK**

## The Family and Therapy Place

The Clerk sets out below a series of e mails that has passed between himself and the Local Area Coordinator.As Members will note the organization is requesting free space at the Welfare Hall and Members are asked to confirm whether they are agreeable in principle or not.

**“ From:** Anne Robinson <[Anne.Robinson@swansea.gov.uk](mailto:Anne.Robinson@swansea.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 14 January 2022 10:35

**To:** [clerk@llwchwrtaowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@llwchwrtaowncouncil.gov.uk)

**Subject:** FW: Counselling in Llchwyr

Hi again Nigel

I have just been speaking with Nigel Livings, who suggested I drop you an email.

I have forwarded an email I have received about any community space which could be used to hold counselling sessions. As you can see, they have no funding for room hire and, at the risk of sounding very cheeky, I was wondering if there was any scope for them to have space at the Welfare Hall please? They would no need a huge space as they will be seeing clients on a one to one basis I imagine. Nigel suggested the Chambers may be a suitable space but stressed the need to run this by you.

Working with many Loughor residents, I know that mental health is a massive issue for many as we struggle through the pandemic and the restrictions that have been imposed upon us. These proposed free counselling sessions would undoubtedly benefit people living within the community.

Yours thoughts on this would be much appreciated.

Regards

Anne

**Anne Robinson**



**From:** Aileen Brindley <[aileen@familyandtherapy.co.uk](mailto:aileen@familyandtherapy.co.uk)>

**Sent:** 11 January 2022 15:03

**To:** Anne Robinson <[Anne.Robinson@swansea.gov.uk](mailto:Anne.Robinson@swansea.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Counselling in Llchwyr

Good afternoon Anne

I wanted to introduce myself to you on behalf of 'The Family and Therapy Place'. We have been delighted to be awarded the counselling grant to deliver counselling to all ages , for patients referred by the GP's for Gowerton, Pen Y Bryn and Princess Street.

We have been fortunate to be offered a room at Gowerton surgery for this purpose. However we could meet the needs of more members of this community, enabling people to self refer and also offer this service to other professionals such as yourself, if we were able to find more space to deliver sessions.

We want to take on student counsellors for this purpose, enabling us to increase our capacity, and ensure the service is free (we are a not for profit organisation) , but currently I am struggling to find a room anywhere that I could use regularly.

The grant has not permitted any cost for room rental and I was wondering if you are aware of any community space in the Llchwyr area that might be suitable

I would be most appreciative of your help in this matter. I have attached a leaflet about our organisation for you

warmest wishes

Aileen.

**Aileen Brindley**

**Director and Therapist**

**07759 094879**

**[www.familyandtherapy.co.uk](http://www.familyandtherapy.co.uk)** “

The Clerk then raised the following points-

“Hi Anne,

Thanks for the e mail.

I will place the matter before the Council Meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> February.

Can you please confirm whether the residents of Loughor would benefit from this service?

Also can you please firm up on the numbers present-would it only be one to one or on occasions would there be more?and if so approximately how many?"

The Clerk received the following reply-

"Hi Nigel

I have some more information for you to present to the town council about the possibility of counselling sessions being held in the Loughor Town Hall.

To start with they are just intending to do 1:1 counselling. They have submitted a bid for a grant which, if successful, will enable them to offer group therapy sessions after April. If these group sessions do take place, there will be a maximum of 8 people at each session.

They have been awarded a Health Board Grant to deliver counselling to people referred by GP's in the Llchwyr Cluster, many of whom will reside within the Loughor area. They also intend to take self referrals from people in the community.

Some additional information you may wish to pass on:

The funding they have been awarded does not include room rental .

They currently use a space in Gowerton GP surgery, but the space is very limited and can act as a barrier to people who feel more comfortable meeting outside of the GP practice and who may struggle to travel to Gowerton. There is also restrictions on the times they are able to use this space, which limits the amount of people they are able to see.

I hope this information is of help to you.

Regards

Anne"

