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YNYSYBWL & COED-Y-CWM COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF YNYSYBWL & COED-Y-CWM COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD AT YNYSYBWL COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 7TH MAY 2024 @ 19:30 PM
CLERK ANNEMARIE BEVAN EDWARDS

PRESENT: Chair E Wigfall

Councillors Mrs A. Ellis, Mrs P. Evans, Mrs C. Banwell, Mrs E. Leach, Mr B. Williams, Mr C. Evans

Present Clerk: Mrs A. Bevan Edwards

1. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No disclosures of personal interest were made.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C. Jones Cllr M. Jones, Cllr C. Binks, Cllrs G. Haines, Cllr R. Davies

3. PUBLIC BREAK

There was no public break.

4. POLICE AND COMMUNITY ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

No reports were received from the PCSO or the Enforcement Officer.

Cllr Ellis asked that the RCT contact for policing services Mr Tim Rice be contacted to ascertain what provisions are made for cover when the enforcement officer is on annual leave or reassigned to other duties. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact Mr Rice to seek clarification of this point and report back to Council in June.

5. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD:

Monthly meeting minutes for Tuesday 9th April 2024 were approved and deemed correct and signed by Chair.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no matters arising from minutes for Tuesday 9th April 2024.

7. CHAIR PERSON'S REPORT – Presented by Cllr A. Ellis

7.1 Cllr A Ellis suggested that the D-Day Celebrations be organised, as this is a significant celebration of our veterans.

IT WAS PROPOSED AND RESOLVED THAT: a D-Day flag be bought from Amazon and that a celebration be organised to be held in the Community Centre at Ynysybwl. The Community Council support this event with a grant of £650.

7.2 Cllr Ellis highlighted that this year is the 100th year celebration of the Recreation Ground in Ynysybwl and gave a brief history of the ground. The Chair suggested that the celebration take the form of an old-fashioned Village Fete. A simple buffet could be provided and a games like egg and spoon and sac races be organised. **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** Chairperson Wigfall produce a proposal and that this can be presented to Council at the next meeting, when a date can be decided upon also. Cllr Ellis informed Council that permission would need to be sought from RCT.

7.3 Cllr Ellis **PROPOSED** the Council support a series of group therapy sessions for residents of Clydach Terrace who were affected by the flooding. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Ellis investigate the provision and costing of these sessions and report back to Council in June. Cllr Ellis explained that a follow up multi-agency meeting is also taking place in June and it would be a positive example of the work undertaken by the Community Council to be able to report to this meeting that the Council is supporting this initiative.

7.4 Cllr Ellis reported to Council that herself and Cllr P. Evans have met with Mark Prior from RCT to begin discussions on the long-term project to improve the facilities at the recreational ground. Several options were suggested, e.g. a running track, toddler bike park etc. It was reported that a feasibility study for enhancements at the recreational ground will be undertaken and reported back, this would involve Lisa Austin, who designs playgrounds for young children. **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** Lisa Austin be invited to share the results and discuss this with Council.

7.5 Cllr Ellis informed Council that Cllr M. Jones has submitted her resignation. All Council members voiced their sadness at this news and all agreed that Cllr M. Jones's hard work and commitment to her community should be recognised.

It was **PROPOSED** by the Chair and supported by Cllrs B. Williams and C. Banwell that Cllr M. Jones be inducted to the Community Role of Honour. It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that this proposal be upheld and **RESOLVED** that a letter of thanks and appreciation from all the councillors be sent Mrs M. Jones.

7.6 Cllr Ellis explained to Council that a decision about the processes and cost of hiring out the gazebo owned by the Council be determined. This was discussed by Council and it was **RESOLVED** that in future the Council owned gazebo can be loaned out to groups who want to use the gazebo for events which benefit that community. If the gazebo is required for private hire, there will be a £20 hire charge. In all cases a deposit of £50 is required and a form signed to indicate that the gazebo will be returned in the same condition that it was received in. Any parties using the gazebo will be required to pick it up and return it to the office and set it up. It was also **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will advertise the hire of the gazebo on Community Council social media and Website pages.

7.7 Cllr Ellis also informed council that the Clerk has submitted her intention to retire due to ill health. The Clerk is able to continue in post until March 31st 2025, that Council is able to recruit a suitable replacement. It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Ellis and **SECONDED BY** Cllr Banwell that the current Clerk will work in tandem with the new appointee to mentor and orient the new Clerk to the role effectively. It was **RESOLVED** by Council to support this proposal.

There followed a discussion about the value of maintaining an office in the community. It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Ellis and **SECONDED BY** Cllr Banwell that this office be relinquished and the Clerk allowed to work at home. Cllr C. Evans voiced his objection to this proposal, it was upheld by a majority. It was **RESOLVED** to work towards relinquishing the Council Office at the Old Police Station in Ynysybwl. It was **RESOLVED** to convene a meeting of the HR Committee in June to work through the Clerk recruitment procedures.

8. CLERK'S REPORT

8.1 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the results of the 2022/2023 Audit.

The Clerk informed Council that she has sent the 2023/2024 VAT return in keeping with the requirements of the audit requirements.

8.2 The Clerk reported to Council that the land owned by the Community Council in Heol Pen y Foel, in Coed-y-Cwm has been valued and is worth £1000. It was **RESOLVED** to pay the fees requested by Harris and Birt Chartered Surveyors who valued the land, a sum of £300.

8.3 The Clerk informed Council that Mr Gareth Williams has restored the webpage and has offered support the council in the maintenance of the Web Page. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk ask Mr Williams for costings and these be brought back to council in June

Cllr C. Evans explained that he is still having difficulty accessing the Microsoft emails as are a few other councillors. It was **RESOLVED** the Clerk contact RCT again to organise a workshop and to seek clarification on the invoice received from RCT for the installation of Microsoft.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence

10. TO CONSIDER: Town and Country Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to consider

11. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS A. ELLIS AND P. EVANS

Cllr P. Evans and Cllr A. Ellis had sent the Borough Councillors report to Councillors members to review and there were no matters arising from the report.

Cllr Ellis did however inform Council that the Bwl Straight will be completely closed on Monday 1st June 2024. Emergency vehicles will have access

12. TO ACCEPT PAYMENT FOR ACCOUNTS

It was **RESOLVED** to accept payments for accounts, with the caveat that the invoice from RCT for the Microsoft installation be investigated for a breakdown of costs as in item 8.

14. TO CONSIDER ITEMS BROUGHT TO AGENDA BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

The items brought to council for consideration by Cllr G. Haines have been reviewed and resolved in previous items in the meeting namely the D-Day celebrations and the 100-year anniversary celebrations of the recreation ground.

15. DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE

Cllr G Haines was not in attendance at the council meeting and therefore there was no report.

16. BUDGET

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the monthly budget brought to Council.

17. NEXT MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the next Community Council Meeting be on Tuesday 11th June 2024 at Ynysybwl Community Centre

APPROVED AT COUNCIL MEETING 11/06/2024