**MINUTES OF an EXTRAordinary meeting of Mawr Community Council (MCC)**

**Held remotely via Zoom on Wednesday 26th June 2024 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Cllr Darren James (DJ) – Chair; Cllr. Linda Frame (LF); Cllr. Caroline Williams (CW); Cllr. Aled Williams (AW); Cllr. Catherine Evans (CE); Cllr. Victoria Morgan-Beattie (VMB)

**Apologies for Absence:**Cllr. Cheryl Perkins (CP)

**Final Minutes**

**Declarations of Interest:** *None*

**Questions from the public relating to items on this agenda (limited to 10 minutes):** *None*

1. **2024/217 Finance, Employment and Policy**
2. **To note of end of year documents***Circulated prior to the meeting. No comments
Noted*
3. **To note display of Audit Notice 2023/24***Circulated prior to the meeting. Posted Friday 14th June 2024. No comments
Noted*
4. **To approve the Annual Return 2023/24***Circulated prior to the meeting. One typo amended. LF asked questions about budget headings in the 2023/24 Cashbook. The Clerk explained the headings were inherited from the Council members in office at the time of setting the precept with advice from the previous Clerk. Income and expenditure is accurately recorded under those headings. The Clerk further explained the headings in the budget for this financial year have been changed to more accurately reflect the work of the Council and are split into different budgets by committee. The Annual Return was approved
Proposed DJ; Seconded CE; Agreed: All.*
5. **To agree and approve the Annual Governance Statement 2023/24***.
The Clerk explained there are statements which require a no response with a full explanation of how these have been addressed by the Council going forward. She has sought advice from Audit Wales on this and Council agreed with this course of action. The Statement was approved including the explanations
Proposed DJ; Seconded CE; Agreed: All.*
6. **To discuss delay to internal audit due to availability of Internal Auditor and agree a way forward***The Clerk informed the meeting she had been in contact with Audit Wales regarding the most appropriate way to proceed given the Council’s appointed Internal Auditor is unavailable. She presented options to the Council and it was proposed to proceed to submit the audit on time with an explanation for the late submission of the report from the Internal Auditor as opposed to submitting the audit late with display of a late audit notice
Proposed DJ; Seconded AW; Agreed: All.*
7. **To agree display of Late Notice if required as an outcome of 1.e).***No discussion or agreement required due to decision made at 1.e)*
8. **To agree to submit 2023/24 Audit to Audit Wales***Proposed DJ; Seconded CE; Agreed: All.*
9. **To agree recruitment working party for new employee***It was agreed to form a party of 3 in order to avoid a stale-mate scenario. It was further agreed to add a reserve member should one of the 3 members be unavailable at the short-listing stage to ensure the same Councillors are able to carry out both stages of the process.
Members: DJ/CW/LF; Reserve: CW.
Proposed DJ; Seconded LF; Agreed: All.*
10. **2024/218 To discuss and agree response to Boundary Commission Recommendations**

*The Clerk presented an initial draft for discussion, Cllrs discussed and made some minor changes. The following response has been agreed for submission…
…” The Council supports the retention of Mawr Community Council regardless of County Council boundaries. There is no requirement for the Council to be split in this way. The residents within MCC are best served by a council who is focused on the rural nature of the area. If split, all communities will suffer as a result of being a much smaller community in a larger council. It is highly likely the smaller rural communities will be overlooked. This suggested way forward will also reduce representation with fewer councillors representing the areas and some communities losing their identities altogether. There are highways and waterways separating the communities from the ones it is proposed they join, including the M4 in the case of Felindre and Llangyfelach. Mawr Community Council urge the boundary commission in the strongest possible terms to retain Mawr with its current boundary as splitting the ward in this way will destroy an historically significant ward.*”

**Due to a lack of quorum to discuss item 3, there was no requirement to exclude public or press and the meeting came to a close at 20.10.**

*Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.*

1. **To receive report from Cllr. Catherine Evans regarding Felindre Welfare Hall October Meeting Report and agree next steps**