**ORDINARY MEETING OF MAWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL (MCC)**

**Held remotely via Zoom on Wednesday 18th December 2024 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Cllr. Darren James (DJ) - Chair; Cllr. Angela Williams (AW); Cllr Gareth Richards (GR); Cllr. Linda Frame (LF); County Cllr Philip Downing, 1 Member of the Public.

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Catherine Evans (CE); Cllr Cheryl Perkins (CP)

**County Councilor Reports:** Cllr Tribe and Cllr Downing sent reports.

**Declarations of Interest:** AW 4c

**Minutes**

1. **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Full Council held on 11th November 2024**

**Accuracy and approval.**

Proposed: AW, Seconded: GR, Agreed: All

**Minutes of the Finance, Employment and Policy Meeting held on 18th November 2024**

**Accuracy and approval.**

Proposed: DJ, Seconded: LF, Agreed: All

1. **Admin**
2. Council acknowledged and thanked the local community for their response to Storm Darragh. The community at large pulled together well, all three hall committees responded in an exemplary manner with halls being open to people who in some cases were without electricity for several days. Opening the halls meant that people had a chance to charge their phones, and meals and shower facilities were provided to those who needed them. County Councillors responded well, including providing generators to allow the halls to operate. The county council also responded well and the highways team worked solidly to make sure that highway disruption was minimal. National Grid also worked hard to get people reconnected in as timely a manner as possible.

It was proposed that the council minute our thanks for all these efforts.

Proposed: DJ, Seconded: LF, Agreed: All

1. **Finance, Employment, and Policy**
2. December Payments were approved.

Proposed: AW, Seconded: GR, Agreed: All

1. November Closing Balances were noted.
2. To discuss the recruitment of a Biodiversity Community Development Officer.

There had been an error in previous minutes whereby the agreement to recruit a Biodiversity Community Development Officer was accidentally omitted. Given that these minutes have already been approved, this put the council in a position where lawfully it had not happened in that meeting. For this reason it was agreed to retrospectively approve the decision in order to clarify and legalise the position of the council.

Proposed: DJ, Seconded: AW, Agreed: DJ, AW, GR, Against: LF

1. It was agreed to increase the daily spending limit of the council to £7,500.

Proposed: DJ, Seconded: LF, Agreed: All

1. The budget was discussed and a preliminary document was worked on. Further work on the document will be done at future meetings.
2. **Estates and Health & Safety**
3. The new version of the Felindre Hall License to Occupy was agreed for discussion with the FWH committee. It was also agreed to source solicitors to sign off the final agreement.

Proposed: DJ, Seconded: LF, Agreed: All

*The Member of the Public left the meeting.*

1. It was agreed in principle to install a baby changing unit at Garnswllt Welfare Hall subject to funding.

Proposed: DJ, Seconded: LF, Agreed: All

Linda Frame proposed that Standing Order 3v be suspended to complete the meeting. Seconded by Darren James and agreed by all.

1. It was agreed in principle to support a football team at Craig Cefn Parc. However, it was agreed that there should be transparency with them around things such as pitch quality and funding.

Proposed: DJ, Seconded: LF, Agreed: All

1. A report was received from Felindre Welfare Hall.
2. **To note the date of the next Ordinary Meeting as 20/01/2025 (subject to change should there be any unforeseen circumstances).** Noted.
3. **Correspondence**
   1. Welsh Government have released their proposals for new Senedd constituencies. These will be circulated to councillors.
4. 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. Proposed by Darren James, seconded by Linda Frame and agreed by all.

*The Clerk left the meeting.*

1. **Update on Clerk Recruitment**

It was agreed that the deadline be extended to January 14th 2025.

*The RFO left the meeting.*

***There was a power cut that removed a councillor from the meeting, making it inquorate. The meeting was therefore adjourned at 10:29pm***

***Meeting reconvened. 7:00pm, Monday December 23rd.***

**Present:** Cllr. Darren James (DJ) - Chair; Cllr. Angela Williams (AW); Cllr. Linda Frame (LF); Cllr Catherine Evans (CE); Cllr Cheryl Perkins (CP)

1. **To consider extending current temporary contracts**

It was agreed to extend the Clerk contract until the end of March 2025.

Proposed by CE, seconded by CP, and agreed by all.

It was agreed to extend the RFO contract until the end of March 2025.

Proposed by AW, seconded by DJ, agreed by CE,CP, against LF.

The meeting closed at 8:00pm

**Arthur Rogers**

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Temporary Clerk

Mawr Community Council

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