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**Minutes of Mawr Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 14 November 2022 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**

**Present:** Cllr. Linda Frame (Chair - LF), Cllr. Ian Price (Vice-Chair - IP), Cllr. Darren James (DJ), Cllr Rhysian Phillips (RP), Cllr Laura Jane Thomas (LJT), Cllr Caroline Williams (CW), Cllr Gaynor Price (GP), Pontarddulais Cllr Philip Downing (PD), Llangyfelach Cllr Mark Tribe (MT), Community Transport Rob Bowen (RB), Ioan Richard (IR) Tessa Gabriel-Davies (Clerk - TGD)

1. Apologies for absence - None
2. Declarations of Interest - None
3. Presentation by Mr. Rod Bowen, Dolen Teifi Community Transport – Mr.Bowen excplained hosw the different Communiyt Transport schemes work. The pilot in Clydach will continue until March 2923. Currrenmt usage

**ACTION:** Mr.Bowen is able to print 500 leaflets for distributionif needed.He will forward copies of the slides to the clerk for circulation.

1. Public Forum – Mr. Millward sent an email asking about the lagging of pipes at Garnswllt Hall.

**RESOLVED:** This item wil be on the agenda at the next meeting. The Chair to contact Mr. Millward.

1. County Councillors – Reports from county councillors
2. Cllr P. Downing – a) the daffodils have been planted; b) where some flooding occurred this has been passed on to relevant county council department.
3. Cllr M. Tribe – a) Abergelli Farm is applying for storage units; b) flooding in the gulleys has been resolved; c) street lighting restored at the top of the village; d) no reports of any anti-social behaviour to the police; e) turnstile was stolen and due to be replaced.
4. The accuracy of the minutes from the last meeting held on 17 October 2022 was confirmed. Proposer: Cllr DJ. Seconder: Cllr IP.
5. Matters arising from the minutes – a) Recruitment of Grants Officer extended to 25 November 2022; b) CCP Hall Accounts have been uploeaded to Charities Commission website;
6. Project Coordinator’s Report on Biodiversity Project – a) the Chair gave the Project Coordinator a card and a bottle of wine to thank him for his work; b) final report to be submitted to Swanse RDP; c) the council will liaise with RDP to continue the project; d) the advert for the replacement closed on 10 November and candidate wil be interviewed. e) the Chair will meet with Dan Snaith on 18 November to discuss the delivery of the Community Orchard to CCP; f) 75 trees donated by Coed Bach Park and Chair will meet with the organizer on 22 November to discuss arrangements for planting in January 2023.
7. Notifications for Co-option – posted on website and public noticeboards with the deadline of 18 November 2022. Vacancies are: CCP – 3; Felindre – 1 and Garnswllt - 1
8. Current Council Committees
9. Health & Safety – (members : Cllrs IP, LJT, LF and DJ) - the committee will meet on 28 November via Zoom from 9:00 a.m.
10. Employment and Personnel - (members: Cllrs IP, GP, LF and DJ) – will interview the candiate for Project Coordinator
11. Finance – (members: Cllrs CW, LF) – still need a signatory for the bank. **RESOLVED:** Cllr IP will be the second signatory
12. Social Media and PR – (members: Cllrs LJT, RP) – will meet with clerk to discuss the council’s website and FB page
13. Grants – (members: Cllrs DJ, LF, RP)
14. Participatory Budget – no applications received.
15. Grounds Maintenance Contract – the council will meet with Newam Tree Service to discuss a three-year contract. There will be a get-out clause if the standard of work is not satisfactory. Councillorts to monitor the work. The Chair will consult One Voice Wales about the contract.

**RESOLVED:** Award Grounds Maintenance Contract to Newam Tree Services. Proposer: Cllr LJT Seconder: Cllr CW

1. Halls update: The Council will decide the future of the halls and look into various ways to maximise usage.
2. ***Garnswllt Hall*** –Cllr L Frame/ Cllr Ian Price – a) internal work is almost complete; b) Hall Committee queried some of the financial figures and a meeting has been scheduled for 18 November c) new events and services to be introduced to the hall including a foot clinic; d) a new fire alarm needs to be installed; e) training lasting 2.5 hours wil be arranged with Ken Wall.

**RESOLVED:** The Chair will notifiy GWHA of the number of people allowed in the hall.

1. ***Felindre Welfare Hall*** – S.Morgan – a) Hall is busy with events. Had a successful Murder Mystery night. Royal Welsh would like to hold more events at the hall. A Christmas Fayre will be held on 9 December with at least 9 stalls; b) Defibrillator training to be arranged; c) The Hall Committee will apply for grants for hall to be used as a Warm Spaces hub. The hub to be opened every fortnight and food will be served and a social event like a film showing or a talk will also be provided. In partnership with Mawr CC, will apply for a grant for solar panels to be sited on the bank. The planned playground to be located on the community field; d) the surveys for the feasibility study with Swansea RDP will be distributed at the Chapel’s Open Day; e) The toilet and babychanging facilities to be refurbished and the leak on the roof to be repaired; f) next Hall Committee meeting on 5 December 2022.
2. ***CCP Welfare Hall*** – Cllr L Frame – a) fire alarm has been installed and PES paperwork filed; b) slight leak in the roof and the roofers have been informed and carried out remedial work; c) events include Pantomime on 12 November and a shopping event on 30 November; d) BT engineer coming on 15 November to install broadband; e) Natalie’s father passed away and the Chair has sent a card and flowers to Natalie and Eileen Havard.
3. Clerk’s General Report: A. Grants – a) closing date for Mynydd y Gwair Grants on 28 November and council will work with Hall Committees to submit grants. GWHA, in partnership with Mawr CC to submit the grant application for the fire alarm system, the external ramp and external lighting and with Felindre Hall on solar panels. b) the clerk has contacted several companies for MUGA for CCP; c) the council received another grant from Save A Life Cymru. Clerk has contacted the Welsh Government to enquire if the grant was for two defibrillators.

B. SLCC/OVW Joint Conference on 8 November attended by the Chair and clerk via Zoom. a) Net Zero and Challenges for Community Councils. WLGA has published a resource pack; b) A Bullying and Harrassment policy to be introduced shortly; c) OVW urged councils to respond to consutations on IRPW, Electroal Reform, Ombudsman Strategic Plan, Single Use Plastic and Development Plan Community Guide. d) Digital solutions for hybrid meetings can be bought; e) Wales Biodiversity Partneship and Naturre Recovery Action Plan; f) An updated version of the Financial Toolkit will be circulated to all community councils for their use of Health Check and Self Assessment; g) Planning Aid Wales presented the challenges of sustainablity and Place Plan.

C. Social Media and Communications – a) the public noticeboard in Salem has been installed by the husband of Cllr CW; b) meeting on social media to be arranged with Cllrs LJT and RP; c) clerk reported that clerk and Cllr RP having problems with UK2 emails.

1. Report from Chairperson – a) the Chair also mentioned the joint event of SLCC and OVW; b) Bespoke fire safety training for all councillors and hall committees with Ken Wall to be arranged by the Chair. First aid training will also be arranged by the Chair.

**RESOLVED:** Training to bedelivered in January, February and March 2023 at Felindre, CCP and Garnswllt, respectively. Proposer; Cllr IP Seconder: Cllr RP

1. Reports from Community Councillors
2. ***Cllr LJT*** – a) flooding in Salem as the flood relief measure has not worked; b) no defibrillator at Lliw Valley Reservoir. It was suggested that Welsh Water be contacted to provide one; c) if communities experience problems with their water supply, can apply to Welsh Water for up to £1k; c) land is owned by Duke of Beaufort and leased to MyG. Any problems to be self-reported to the county council or talk to Cllr Brigitte Rowlands.
3. ***Cllr DJ*** – none to report
4. ***Cllr CW*** – received some complaints from horse riders about the Heras fencing can be easily pushed over and can be hazardous; b) the noticeboard by Shepherds Inn is not really used so could potentially be moved elsewhere where people can really see the notices, in the car park at Felindre Hall. Cllr Mark Tribe has previously offered to buy a noticeboard.
5. ***Cllr IP*** – at the farm entrance on Heol y Mynydd, the pipework cannot cope with prolonged periods of heavy rain. County Cllr PD said he will pass on to Highways.
6. ***Cllr RP*** – a) Defibrillators in Garnswllt - 4 options to choose from: (i) normal household electrical supply if owner gives permission for a meter; (ii) electrical supply requiring a small grid with street lighting and ask Swansea Council; (iii) pay home owner a set amount every year; (iv) solar panel to be managed by the supplier company, the defibrillator with solar panel costs between £1,500 to £2,000; b) the road undermined at Mountain Road and Cllr DJ stated that County Cllr GW has informed Swansea Council so no need to close the road.
7. ***Cllr GP*** – a) raised concern about the cattle grid past the old school that the gaps were too big and the animals could get hurt. Cllr PD stated that this has been inspected and deemed okay.
8. To consider planning applications (already circulated) - no observations
9. Correspondence: already circulated. Emails from Cllr MT regarding Llangyfelach FC and Mr.Ioan Richard’s request for FOI on Felindre have been passed on to the councillors.
10. Report from Finance Committee and Financial report from the Clerk (already circulated).
11. GWHA will approve repayment to Mawr CC at the Hall Committee meeting.
12. The council approved all the payments made by bank transfers to contractors. Copy of bank statement already circulated.
13. Mawr CC Budget Meeting has been arranged for 6 December 2022 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.
14. Items to be purchased:

**RESOLVED:** The purchase of the goal posts for each of the playing fields and the the printer and mouse for the clerk has been deferred to the next council meeting.

1. Staff Matters- This section is confidential and is, therefore, closed to the public as agreed in full council meeting
2. Date and time of next meeting - 12 December 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Standing Orders Suspended at 21:00

 Meeting ended at 21:30

**M. L. Gabriel – Davies, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer**