

CYNGOR TREF LLWCHWR

LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Llwrchwyr Town Council 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 on the 5th February, 2024.

PRESENT: Councillor David Walters (Chair)
Councillors J. Bowen, M. Davis, I. James, A. Phillips, C. Phillips,
C. Richards (remote access), R. Smith, W. Smith, N. Walters, J. Williams
and M. Williams.

(At the Welfare Hall and by Remote Access: 7.23 pm – 8.41 pm)

126. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i) the Mayor apologised that he had missed the last Meeting due to illness.
- ii) on the 7th December the Mayor attended the Christmas Fayre at Tre Uchaf Primary School where he is a Governor.
- iii) on the 11th December the Mayor presented a Grant cheque for £200.00 to ChromaMusic at St. Catherine's Church Hall.
- iv) on the 17th December the Mayor attended the St. Catherine's Church Christmas Carol Service accompanied by Councillor Ireen James.
- v) on the 19th December the Mayor attended the Tre Uchaf Primary School Junior Carol Service.
- vi) on the 21st December the Mayor attended upon the winners of the Council's Christmas Lights Competition and presented them with £30.00 cheques.
- vii) on the 22nd December the Mayor attended at St. Catherine's Church Hall to present a Grant cheque for £200.00 to Sharing Table in respect of Hampers.
- viii) on the 3rd January the Mayor attended at the Loughor Inshore Rescue Station where the bugler who had represented the Town Council at the Remembrance Day Service presented his fee of £40.00 to the Rescue Service.
- ix) the Mayor noted that Councillor Kelly Roberts was absent due to medical reasons and wished her best wishes and a speedy recovery on behalf of all Members; it was resolved that the Clerk should send Councillor Roberts flowers on behalf of the Council.
- x) a photograph of the Mayor's Presentation and a few sentences on each Event should be sent to the Council's Website manager as soon as possible after the Event so that they can be uploaded to the Council's website.

127. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillors S. Beynon, A. Davis, P. Parsons, K. Roberts, and R. Williams.

128. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor J. Bowen declared an Interest in Minute 137(g) and withdrew from the meeting while the matter was discussed.

129. MINUTES OF COUNCIL

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 15th January,2024 be confirmed as a correct record.

130. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Jeff Bowen raised a matter in respect of Minute No.121 (e);he was meeting with the School on the 7th February to make arrangements for a further meeting with the pupils of the School and Members

131. WELFARE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE/TRUSTEES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Welfare Hall Management Committee/ Trustees held on the 15th January,2024 were noted and agreed.

132. FUNCTIONS SUB COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Functions Sub Committee held on the 15th January,2024 were noted and agreed.

133. PRESENTATION FROM WELSH WATER

There was no Presentation from Welsh Water.

134. POLICE REPORT

The Police Report had been received. Members requested some guidance from the Clerk on what are the Police's obligations to attending and presenting content to Town Councils.

135. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence had been received.

136. MEMBERS REPORTS

There were no Reports.

137. REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Police Matters

The Police Report had been received.

(b) Accounts for Payment

It was **RESOLVED** that the following payments be authorised-

Viking Signs	£19.73
Information Commissioner's fee	£40.00

Clarity Copiers
Algebra

£121.32
£363.94

(c) Grants

(i) British Heart Foundation

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that a link be to the Charity's Go Red campaign be made on the Council's website and Facebook page.

(d) Defibrillators

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that-

- 1-HeartBeat would be asked to remove the existing defibrillator unit from outside the Spar and relocate it to a different location
- 2-the Council's service and maintenance Contractors would be asked to produce a Report confirming when all the Town Council's units had last been serviced and to produce a further Report every 6 months.
- 3-The Clerk was asked to enquire with Heartbeat Trust/Swansea Council where defibrillator units had been installed in the Llwrchwr area.
- 4-One list of all Town Council defibrillators and dates when they are serviced to be presented by the Clerk to Council every 6 months. The list to be kept updated and checked to ensure regular services are taking place.

(e) Flooding on Culfor Road

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **FURTHER NOTED** that-

- 1-Welsh Water had requested prior notice of the questions/issues likely to be raised by Members prior to any Presentation.
- 2-Councillor Michael Williams had met with the Principal Engineer of Swansea Council on a site visit and as a result Swansea Council would like to "look into some of the options we discussed and make progress."
- 3-Councillor Williams still has issues regarding the impact of discharges from the Gowerton Plant and it would be interesting to compare this site to other similar ones.
- 4-the flooding on Culfor Road was still causing issues to the bridleway and the right of way; Councillor Robert Smith would pursue the matter with the Rights of Way Officer in Swansea Council.

(f) Newsletter

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **FURTHER NOTED** that-

- 1-going forward the Newsletter would no longer be delivered to local households but rather placed on the Council's website and Facebook page.
- 2-ideally it would be produced once a year in English and Welsh(Mayoral Address)-to be produced at the end of a Mayoral Year.

(g) Cost of Living Allowance

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **FURTHER NOTED** that-

- 1-the Town Council already made a contribution in this area eg grants and activities within the Welfare Hall
- 2-the Clerk ascertain from Swansea Council what projects that Council may be organising and the matter to be considered further by Members at the next Town Council meeting.
- 3-the Casllwchwr Food Share organised at the Jireh Church was very proactive in this area and although demand for its services was increasing the organisation was having difficulties in respect of resources and funding- it was suggested that the organisation might wish to apply to the Town Council for grant funding. The Council would place details of the Casllwchwr Food Share on its website.

(h)Website

The verbal update by Councillor Judith Williams was **NOTED** and it was **FURTHER NOTED** that-

- 1-Councillor Williams was looking for ideas that could be placed on the website.
- 2-the website needed to be promoted in social media to increase traffic
- 3-Councillor Williams needed local useful information, listings, details of local events etc
- 4-the Clerk would email Vision ICT again demanding that the link to the old website be taken down.

138. PLANNING REPORT

No Planning Applications had been received.

139. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

140. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the next item due to the confidential nature of the matter under discussion.

141. FURTHER REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Payments

It was **RESOLVED** that the payments referred to in the Report be authorised.

(b) Receipts and Payments

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

Chair