

CYNGOR TREF LLWCHWR

LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Llwrchwyr Town Council held at the Welfare Hall,
Woodlands Road, Loughor on the 15th January, 2024.**

PRESENT: Councillor Christine Richards (Chair)
Councillors J. Bowen , A. Davis, I. James, A. Phillips, C. Phillips,
R. Smith and W. Smith.

(At the Welfare Hall : 7.20 pm – 7.53 pm)

110. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

This item was deferred until the February Meeting of the Town Council.

111. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillors S. Beynon, M. Davis, K. Roberts, P. Parsons, D. Walters, N. Walters, M. Williams, J. Williams and R. Williams.

112. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

113. MINUTES OF COUNCIL

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 4th December, 2023 be confirmed as a correct record.

114. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Jeff Bowen raised a matter in respect of Minute No.105(k)-why had a defibrillator unit been installed outside the Spar Store when there was a unit already in place close to the Jireh Church; the Clerk was asked to investigate.

115. WELFARE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE/TRUSTEES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Welfare Hall Management Committee/ Trustees held on the 4th December, 2023 were noted and agreed.

116. FUNCTIONS SUB COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Functions Sub Committee held on the 4th December, 2023 were noted and agreed.

117. BUDGET WORKING PARTY

The Minutes of the Budget Working Party held on the 11th January,2024 were received and circulated to Members.

118. POLICE REPORT

No Report had been received from the Police and P.C.S.O. Iestyn Davies was not in attendance-Members expressed their disappointment.

119. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence had been received.

120. MEMBERS REPORTS

Members recently attended Gorseinon Fire Station-there was a demonstration of the new equipment to assist with calls regarding water pollution and flooding.

121. REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Police Matters

No Police Report had been received.

(b) Accounts for Payment

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

Kingsbridge Printers	£144.00
Norton Utilities	£89.99

And it was **NOTED** that as regards the Newsletter-

i)the Clerk to seek advice whether a Newsletter is legally required

ii)the Mayor to confirm whether he wishes a new Newsletter before the AGM in May

iii)Newsletter to be no longer printed but placed on Council's website and social media

(c) Grants

(i) ALN Connect Gorseinon

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to the organisation-

-more specific information as to what any Grant funding be used for and

-offer the organisation space in the Welfare Hall at the normal hire rate but inform them that a reciprocal Grant could be offered

(ii) Urdd Gobaith Cymru

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk inform the organisation that the Town Council do not generally award Grant funding to national bodies but that the Town Council does support the local activities carried out by the Urdd.

(d)Budget

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

- i)the Minutes of the Budget Working Party held on the 11th January,2024 be received and approved and that the Clerk's Report as so amended be adopted
- ii)the Budget for the Welfare Hall as attached to the Clerk's Report(and for the avoidance of doubt as attached to these Minutes) be accepted and adopted
- iii)the Budget for the Town Council as so amended(and which for the avoidance of doubt is attached to these Minutes) be accepted and adopted
- iv)the Precept for the Financial Year 2024/2025 be set at £149,570.00.

(e)Zero Hour-Climate and Ecology Bill

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **FURTHER NOTED** that Councillor Jeff Bowen would attend the School and make initial arrangements for the proposed Meeting between Members and Pupils.

(f)Flooding on Culfor Road

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that a representative of Welsh Water be invited to attend the February Meeting of the Town Council.

(g)Community and Town Council's Forum

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk e mail the Contractor carrying out the Works to the Porch so that a Quotation could be obtained which could form the basis of a Grant Application to the Welsh Church Act Fund.

It was **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Policy, Pay and Personnel Sub Committee next consider an Environmental Policy to be adopted by the Town Council.

(i)Digital Training

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

122. PLANNING REPORT

The Council considered the following planning applications upon which the observations of the Town Council had been sought

i)Application No.2023/2644

It was **RESOLVED** that there would be no objection to the Application.

ii)Application No.2023/2684

It was **RESOLVED** that there would be no objection to the Application.

iii)Application No.2023/1859

It was **RESOLVED** that there would be no objection to the Application.

iv)Application No.2023/2587

It was **RESOLVED** that there would be no objection to the Application.

123. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

124. 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.

125. 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