

**CYNGOR TREF LLWCHWR**

**LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Llŵchwr Town Council held at the Welfare Hall, Woodlands Road, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024.**

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| <b>Attendees:</b> | Councillor C. Richards (Chair)<br>Councillors J. Williams, M. Williams, P. Parsons, M. Davis, K. Roberts, A. Phillips, I. James, S. Beynon, C. Phillips, N. Walters, D. Walters, R. Smith, R. Williams, J. Bowen, W. Smith. |
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**Main Meeting Discussion Points:**

**TC0924-56** Council agreed to take full Council Business before Welfare Hall Committee and to change the first item on the agenda to reflect appointment of a new Clerk.

**TC0924-57** **APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK**  
Following the delegated decision made by members regarding appointment of a new clerk, following the previous candidate being unable to take up the position. Council confirmed the decision, agreeing to the appointment of Nicola Douglas on a temporary basis from 27<sup>th</sup> August to 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024.

**TC0924-58** **MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Firstly welcome to our new clerk Nicky Douglas.
- b. 8th July - Deputy Mayor gave a grant presentation to Friends of Parc Williams and commended them on all the work they do. They had done an excellent job. Councillor J. Williams advised that volunteers at the Parc were more than welcome. Councillor C. Richards thanked the Council as a whole for their support over the last 10 years.
- c. 12th July – Mayor presented pens to children at Ysgol Gymraeg Pontybrenin who were moving onto secondary education – Councillor J Williams suggested that it might be worth saying to the children to look on the website for their photos which could build up our online presence
- d. 13th July - Digital Café/Warm Hub in Welfare Hall – these are definitely building up now.
- e. 16th July - presentation to Barbara Freeman of Castle Street for her 90th birthday
- f. 17th July - Mayor presented pens to Year 6 Leavers of Pontybrenin School and also Ysgol Tre Uchaf.
- g. 25th July - Grant presentation to Garden Village AFC
- h. 26th July – Presentation for Dorothy Neyland who isn't a resident of the area but is a founder member of the West Street Gymnastics and has done a lot of work for them.
- i. 01<sup>st</sup> August – Donation of £500 from the Mayors Charity for Casllwchwr Food Share. Normally Mayors donations are given at the end of the year they could do with cash now.
- j. 2nd August - grant presentation to Light up Loughor at St Davids
- k. 6th August – Rural Grant Team meeting. They were telling us what we needed to do and this had now been finalised.

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|                  | <p>l. 10th August - Coffee morning in Welfare Hall</p> <p>m. 10<sup>th</sup> August – Loughor Inshore Lifeboat Fun Day at Loughor Boating Club.</p>   |
| <b>TC0924-59</b> | <p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>There were apologies for absence from Councillor A. Davis</p>  |
| <b>TC0924-60</b> | <p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b></p> <p>No members of the public were present and there were no representations from the public prior to the meeting commencing.</p>  |
| <b>TC0924-61</b> | <p><b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>Councillor N Walters and D Walters made declaration of interest in Minute No. TC0924 - 57 in their former knowledge of the new Clerk</p>   |
| <b>TC0924-62</b> | <p><b>LIST OF DECISIONS &amp; ACTIONS</b></p> <p>These were noted and updated.</p>  |
| <b>TC0924-63</b> | <p><b>MINUTES OF COUNCIL</b></p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.</p>  |
| <b>TC0924-64</b> | <p><b>MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising</p>  |
| <b>TC0924-65</b> | <p><b>WELFARE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE/TRUSTEES</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Meeting of the Welfare Hall Management Committee/Trustees held on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 were noted and agreed</p>   |
| <b>TC0924-66</b> | <p><b>FUNCTIONS SUB-COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Meeting of the Functions Sub Committee held on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 were noted and agreed.</p>  |
| <b>TC0924-67</b> | <p><b>POLICE REPORT</b></p> <p>The Council were joined at this point by PCSO Elinor Pearce who offered to give a short report, although she did confirm that an email had been sent to the Clerk that day with details of statistics for the Loughor area, attached at Annex A. The Mayor suggested we do full introductions for the benefit of the Clerk and the PCSO.</p> <p>On the Mayor's suggestion, Members introduced themselves for the benefit of the Clerk and the PCSO.</p> <p>PCSO Pearce advised that PCSO Iestyn Davies was now joining the South Wales Police as a full PO, unfortunately the local PCSOs are limited and they don't have anyone to replace PCSO Davies. There are currently 3 PCSOs covering across Penyrheol, Gorseinon, Penclawdd etc. PCSO Michael Griffiths, PCSO Sue Herbert and herself, PCSO Pearce. PCSO Pearce offered her apologies for not getting to everyone that they should.</p> |

PCSO Pearce advised of an incident at Days garage which she had informed the Councillors of. Councillor R Smith confirmed this fact. PCSO Pearce said she was happy to attend that evening and would be happy to pass on her contact details in case any Councillors wanted to contact her about anything specific.

PCSO then expanded on the statistics email that had been received. She had personally seen a drop in anti-social behaviour in the Loughor area. Also advised of a change of Inspector, Simon Trick was no longer the local inspector. The new inspector coming in at end of September, Inspector Nia Lambley.

After the update PCSO Pearce asked if there were any questions that the Council would like her to answer/issues to take a look at. Councillor C Phillips advised of a lady that had discussed issues with drugs in the area that she lived. This lady had reported the issue many times and nothing had happened. Councillor R Smith advised that he knew of this situation and it was to be brought up at the County Councillors meeting. There are ongoing issues that are being dealt with. PCSO Pearce advised that she could be on hand to help if required.

Councillor R. Smith thanked PCSO Pearce for the information that she had sent on Thursday in relation to the Days incident that type of information sharing was very useful. With regards the lack of PCSOs he asked if this was a recruitment issue or an issue at establishment level for PCSOs.

PCSO advised that she wasn't sure of the issue but that they had been told there wouldn't be any recruitment in the future. Councillor R Smith made the point that the Council were promised a long time ago that there would be a PCSO in Loughor, he advised he would like to request a meeting with the inspector but reiterated that this was not a criticism of PCSOs themselves it was an issue for hierarchy.

Councillor C. Richards stated that this was obviously an issue that was happening across other areas of South Wales and it was certainly something that needed to be addressed and felt that County Councillors should take this forward on behalf of the Council. Councillor Richards felt that the Council should offer support to the PCSOs in any way they could.

PCSO Pearce advised that she would email the clerk with details of PCSOs and when they would be covering the Loughor area, and that she would be on hand to help as best she could.

Councillor C. Richards thanked PCSO for attending the Council meeting.

Councillor J Williams suggested that a letter of congratulations and thanks should be sent to PCSO Davies. He was a great presence here in Loughor and will be sorely missed.

At this point PCSO Pearce left the Council meeting

#### **FOR THE RECORD**

Main Town Council meeting was adjourned at 19:20 to hold Welfare Hall Management Committee meeting.

Own Council meeting resumed 19:35

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| <p><b>TC0924-68</b></p> | <p><b>CORRESPONDENCE – ANNEX A pages 1-4</b><br/> Emails available on request and in accordance with GDPR</p> <p>Launch of Resilient Swansea email dated 27 August 2024<br/> Invitation to Resilient Swansea Workshops email dated 27 August 2024<br/> Mr J Cook email dated 28 August 2024 in relation to Remembrance Parade<br/> <b>RESOLVED</b> Council reviewed email and noted the request made, this will be reviewed again during Remembrance Day organisation.<br/> <b>ACTION</b> Clerk to respond to Mr. Cook as advised. Contact Bugler</p> <p>Further in the matter of Remembrance Day Clerk advised that 3 wreaths had been ordered for the day. Cllr Richards requested an additional wreath to be ordered for the Town Band, Cllr Richards would pay for this separately.</p>   |
| <p><b>TC0924-69</b></p> | <p><b>MEMBERS REPORTS</b><br/> There were no reports.</p>   |
| <p><b>TC0924-70</b></p> | <p><b>REPORT OF THE CLERK</b></p> <p>a) <b>Police Matter</b><br/> Amendment to Clerk’s original report in that an email had been received 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept with crime statistics, attached at Annex A.</p> <p>b) <b>Accounts for Payment</b><br/> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the following payments be retrospectively authorised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Clarity Copiers (cost of Moving Photocopier)</li> <li>ii. Removal boxes</li> <li>iii. Marker Pen</li> </ul> <p>c) <b>Grants</b><br/> Casllwchwr Ladies Bowling Club. The Clerk’s report was <b>NOTED</b> and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that a grant of £300 be awarded.</p> <p>d) <b>Flooding on Culfor Road</b><br/> It was <b>NOTED</b> that a visit had been arranged for 6<sup>th</sup> September and Councillor M Williams gave a verbal update it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that Councillor M Williams would send a more detailed update to Councillors.</p> <p>e) <b>Fly Tipping</b><br/> The clerk’s Report was <b>NOTED</b> and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk would obtain the printable posters and would put them on the notice boards and they could be added to the website.</p> <p>f) <b>Defibrillators</b><br/> The Clerk’s report was <b>NOTED</b> and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk request these reports for sight by the Council.</p> <p>g) <b>Business Rates</b><br/> The Clerk’s report was <b>NOTED</b>.</p> <p>h) <b>Delegated Powers during the summer recess</b><br/> The Clerk’s report was <b>NOTED</b></p> |
| <p><b>TC0924-71</b></p> | <p><b>PLANNING REPORT</b><br/> <b>The Town Council had considered the following Planning Applications:</b></p> <p>a) Application No. 2024/1475<br/> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that there would be no objection</p> <p>b) Application No. 2024/1545</p>   |

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|                     | <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that there would be no objection</p> <p>c) Application No. 2024/1572</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that there would be no objection</p>   |
| <b>TC0924-72</b>    | <p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>a) Councillor J Williams advised that during a recent meeting with the Rights of Way team a member of the Gower Society was also in attendance and had mentioned that they had grant monies to put something in place in the memory of Hywel James. A suggestion had been made for a Right of Way trail around Loughor labelled with his name. Councillor R Smith agreed with this Hywel James was passionate about rights of way. He was a unique character and done a lot of good for the local area it would be great to represent him in some way. Councillor I James suggested a walking festival around the trail to celebrate. <b>RESOLVED</b> Liaise with the Gower Society as to what can be done and how. <b>ACTION:</b> Clerk to contact Gower society to arrange a meeting.</p> <p>b) Councillor C Richards informed the Council that Ex-Councillor Wendy Evans has been in hospital and put forward a suggestion to send something from the Council. <b>RESOLVED</b> – Council agreed to send flowers <b>ACTION</b> - Clerk to arrange</p> <p>c) <b>CLERK</b> to the Council requested permission and <b>COUNCIL AGREED</b> to set up online banking with a credit card to be attached to the account. The signatories would be the same. Bank would be updated with details of new clerk. All checks would still be in place before any payments could be made.</p> |
| <b>TC0924-73</b>    | <p><b>URGENT ITEMS</b></p> <p>There were no urgent items</p>  |
| <b>TC0924-74</b>    | <p><b>EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</b></p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> 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.</p>  |
| <b>TC0924-75</b>    | <p><b>FURTHER REPORT OF THE CLERK</b></p> <p>a) <u>Payments</u><br/>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the payments referred to in the Report be authorised.</p> <p>b) <u>Receipts and Payments</u><br/>The Clerk's Report was <b>NOTED</b></p>  |
| <b><u>Chair</u></b> |   |

*Recommendation / Actions:*

*Actions arising are: listed in the Decisions and Actions List*