

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 4th March, 2024.

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

(At the Welfare Hall and by Remote Access: 7.27 pm – 8.48 pm)

142. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that Councillor Rob Smith's father had sadly passed away- all Members and staff stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

143. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillors P. Parsons, C. Richards, and R. Williams.

144. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor J. Bowen declared an Interest in Minute 153 (c) (i) and withdrew from the meeting while the matter was discussed.

145. MINUTES OF COUNCIL

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 5th February, 2024 be confirmed as a correct record save that-

- i) paragraph x) should be added to Minute No. 126 and should read "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."
- ii) Minute No. 134 should now read- "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."
- iii) Paragraphs 3 and 4 of Minute No. 137 (d) should now read-
 - 3- The Clerk was asked to enquire with HeartBeat Trust/Swansea Council where defibrillator units had been installed in the Llwrchwyr 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.”

146. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

147. WELFARE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE/TRUSTEES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Welfare Hall Management Committee/ Trustees held on the 5th February,2024 as amended were noted and agreed.

148. FUNCTIONS SUB COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Functions Sub Committee held on the 5th February,2024 as amended were noted and agreed.

149. POLICE REPORT

The Police Report had been received.

150. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had received an e mail offering a Portrait of the King-the Report was **NOTED**.

151. MEMBERS REPORTS

There were no Reports.

152. PRESENTATION FROM COUNCILLOR JUDITH WILLIAMS-USE OF I.T.,WEBSITES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

It was **RESOLVED** that-

i)a List of Decisions would be prepared by the Clerk after each Meeting of the Town Council, Welfare Hall Management Committee/Trustees and Functions Sub Committee and such List would be placed on the Council’s website within 7 days of such Meetings.

ii)Swansea City Councillors will use @swansea.gov.uk e mail addresses; Town Councillors will communicate via the Clerk.

iii)the Newsletter, I.T., Website and Social Media Sub committee will be convened to consider-

Whats App Council Group

Council Social Media Accounts

Social Media Protocol

Online Calendar

iv)the Council’s back up procedures and systems would need to be discussed.

v)the Clerk was to attend a data protection course and the fee was authorised.

153. 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-

Flowers	£35.00
Dorian Heel Bar	£380.00
Cawl a Chan Float	£300.00
Postage	£100.00
Clarity Copiers	£45.30
Lead	£7.00

(c) Grants

(i) Casllwchwr Food Bank

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

1-a Grant of £500.00 would be awarded but receipts would be required.

2-a bin for food donations would be purchased and placed in the Welfare Hall.

(ii) Swansea Falcons Cheerleaders

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that a Grant of £200.00 would be awarded.

(d) Defibrillators

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that one list of all Town Council defibrillators and dates when they have been serviced to be presented to Members 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 and verbal update by Councillor Michael Williams were **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that-

i) representatives of Welsh Water would be invited to attend a future Meeting of the Town Council to deal with Members' queries in respect of the Gowerton Treatment Plant.

ii) representatives of Active Travel would be invited to attend a future Meeting of the Town Council to deal with Members' queries in respect of the cyclepath.

iii) the Clerk to e mail Swansea Council Drainage Department to confirm what measures are being taken following the site visit and to confirm the position generally with regard to drainage.

iv) the Clerk to e mail Swansea Council's Rights of Way Officer to reconsider attending a site visit in respect of the flooding of the bridleway and cyclepath.

(f) Police

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

(g) Cost of Living Allowance

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

- i)the Council had agreed to purchase a bin for food storage in the Welfare Hall.
- ii)the Council already hosted Warm Hub/Coffee mornings.

(h)Penyrheol School Students and Climate Issues

The Clerk's Report and verbal update by Councillor Jeff Bowen were **NOTED** and it was **FURTHER NOTED** that-

- i)three Councillors would meet the School Representatives at a date to be agreed.
- ii)the pupils had concerns with regard to planting more trees, bee houses bird houses and cleaning up the riverside.

154. PLANNING REPORT

i)Application No.2024/0277

The Council had no objections.

ii)2B Swansea Road, Garden Village

The Council had objections on highways grounds.

155. URGENT ITEMS

The Clerk confirmed that as regards the payment of Members Remuneration that Members were required to reclaim the overpayment of tax in the current financial year personally but that as regards the next financial all such remuneration would be paid in full and no tax would be deducted.

156. 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 items due to the confidential nature of the matters under discussion.

157. FURTHER REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Payments

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

(b)The Clerk and the Caretaker

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

(c)Councillor Ron Williams

The Clerk's Report was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** to grant dispensation as set out in the Report.

(b) Receipts and Payments

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

Chair

