

CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL TIERS CROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Meeting held via Zoom
Thursday 6th April 2023 – 7:30pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllrs. Dave Procter (Chair), Lenny Rees, Louise Cleaver, Claire George, Eirian Jones and Phil Newman. One member of the public and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES

None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Louise Cleaver; Community Energy Project.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

ADOPT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING ON 2ND MARCH 2023

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting from 2nd March 2023. Proposed by Cllr George and seconded by Cllr Rees. Cllr Procter to sign the document in person at the next meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

County Cllr Owens is looking into the points raised at the last meeting on 2nd March regarding Brambly Croft, Upper Thornton.

The Clerk asked for clarification regarding the content of the survey that is planned for residents, as the template sent was bespoke to a 'Care in the Community' scheme. Cllr George to forward example questions and points as well as a Power Point following a recent course.

No requests to date have been received for support towards the Kings Coronation Celebrations. Cllr Rees to check with organisers of the event that's planned in Thornton.

AGENDA

Speed awareness sign; decision on next steps

Cllr Newman gave an update. One sign has been ordered (delivery up to 8 weeks). Once received PCC will install and invoice. Following several discussions with PCC, a conflict continues regarding the location of the second sign, with Cllr Newman expressing concerns over the effectiveness of the location PCC have proposed. Cllr Procter proposed that once the first sign has been installed and impact felt, it may be worth speaking to PCC again regarding the location. Cllr Newman seconded. To confirm, all Cllrs agreed, no further action at this time for Eastbound location.

Outcome of Annual Return from year end 2020, 2021 and 2022

The outcome for each Annual Return has been shared with the Cllrs and updated to the notice board in Tiers Cross and on the TCC website. Annual Return for both 2020 and 2021 marked as 'Qualified' and submitted late. The Annual Return for 2022 was submitted on time and marked as 'Unqualified'. Any interested parties can contact the Clerk for a copy, inline with legislation.

Confirmation of date of AGM

The date of the AGM will be on Thursday 4th May 2023, 7:30pm at Tiers Cross Schoolroom. Cllr Procter proposed and Cllr Cleaver Seconded.

PLANNING MATTERS

- 22/1150/PA – Tierson, Lower Thornton – no comment.
- 22/1126/PA – Quarry Hall Cottages, Tiers Cross – no comment.

CORRESPONDENCE

- **Eco Park; Stakeholder Meeting**
Cllr Procter (Chair) and the Clerk will attend. Cllrs and MOP to forward questions wanting raised before the 18th April.
- **Hywel Dda Health Board – Consultation Hospital Site**
Noted and communicated via Social Media.
- **Audit Wales; 22/23**
Noted.
- **Living Well and Welcoming Community Spaces Fund**
Noted.
- **Ty Croes Group; meeting with Cllr Procter (Chair) and Cllr George**
The Clerk to contact Ty Croes proposing dates of when Cllr Procter and Cllr George can meet to discuss Community Benefit Opportunities.
- **Low Carbon; Solar (Asset Manager of Solar Fund)**
An Invoice was sent to Low Carbon for the sum of £23985 in December 2022 for payment of the Solar Benefit. Following several attempts of communication, the Clerk spoke to the Account Manager at Low Carbon who confirmed receipt of Invoice however explained that due to current work with the development, payment will be delayed until after 30th April.
The Clerk (who now has access to Online Banking following ongoing issues) also highlighted that the last sum of money received was on 2nd November 2020.
Cllr Procter to contact the Account Manager to discuss further and to find out if they have increased capacity on site. Cllr Procter also proposed issuing Low Carbon with a further Invoice so the payments are up to date. Cllr Jones seconded. Cllr Jones to contact other involved parties in the area to see if experiencing difficulties.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- Invoices for approval
 - Clerks Salary
 - Annual Return (year end 2020-2022)

Cllr Procter propose and Cllr Newman seconded all payments.

MEMBERS REQUESTS

Cllr Cleaver left the virtual meeting due to declaration of interest.

One member of the public who expressed an interest following social media posts regarding a Community Energy Project was asked to explain more regarding their written proposal. The proposal includes adding Solar panels to six cabins outside the Tiers Cross area (retrofitted if required). Capital for the purchase and installation of the panels would be required. Cllr George raised several questions regarding current cost of purchase, return of investment and how the capital outlay would work in general. Other queries included size of the panels and what would happen at the end of Term. Cllr George recommended the member of the public forward up to date financial modelling to the Clerk for further analysis and discussions with Community Energy Wales. Cllr George to work with the Clerk to collate information. All Cllrs agreed with plan to gather more detailed information.

Cllr Rees asked if notice board could be installed in Thornton. The Clerk explained that this had previously been put on hold due to cost, and desired location near the pump undergoing possible work by Dwr Cymru. The Clerk to contact Dwr Cymru to see if there's any update on this work and if installing a notice board would be possible.

Cllr Rees spoke of a local resident looking for possible funding, representing team GB at a Sporting event. After discussion, Cllr Newman proposed up to the value of the student bursary. Cllr George asked if the interested

resident could complete relevant paperwork and once an idea of costs were received then the Cllrs could discuss and agree a value.

See 'Closed Session' minutes regarding Employment.

Meeting Closed: 20:53