

# PELENNA COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED PELENNA

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 at 7:00pm, Pontrhydyfen Community Centre.

- 1 Present:** Chairperson – Cllr Lisa Hawkes  
Members – Cllrs Diane Evans, Jason Jarvis,  
Morgan Thomas, Philip Lewis,  
Carl James (arrived late 7:15pm – during  
Previous meeting minutes review)

**Apologies:** Cllrs Eleanor Hole, Jay Brightwater  
**In attendance** – D S Mackerras (Clerk)

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- 2 2022/0127 Declarations of Interest**  
Cllrs Lisa Hawkes & Diane Evans declared an interest as Chair and committee member respectively of Dan y Coed Community Association.
- 3 2022/0128 To approve minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022**  
Proposed by Cllr Jason Jarvis, seconded by Cllr Philip Lewis, with all Members of Council that were present, in favour, that the minutes are accepted as a true record of the meeting.
- 4 2022/0129 Matters arising**  
Removal of derelict garage at Johns Terrace – Agreed that Council should proceed with the demolition, and hire a skip to remove the debris in the event that Cllr Hurley is not available to assist in the demolition within a further one week.  
Website maintenance – User name and password provided to the Chair in a sealed envelope for safekeeping. Work has commenced to update website data content.  
Defibrillator batteries are now back in stock at St Johns Ambulance.  
Clerk and member representatives to meet with OVW Nature Officer at Miles Field at 10:00am on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August to

receive biodiversity management advice for the site.  
 Agreed to apply for 'Keep Wales Tidy' Woodland Orchard Package grant to plant at Miles Field.  
 Pen y Cymoedd community Fund representatives invited to October Full Council meeting to make a presentation on how The fund can help the community.

**5 2022/0130 To approve minutes of the Parks & Open Spaces committee meeting held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022**

Proposed by Cllr Jason Jarvis, seconded by Cllr Morgan Thomas, with all Members of Council that were present at P & OS committee meeting, in favour, that the minutes are accepted as a true record of the meeting.

**6 2022/0131 Questions from the public**

A resident, Mr Patrick Davies explained to Council members that his friend, Mr Ian Hart, who was unable to be present, was keen to encourage Pelenna Community Council to purchase and erect a wooden carved statue of Richard Burton, to commemorate the actors' centenary birthday due in 2025. Members of Council were interested in hearing further Information regarding the idea, and it was agreed that Mr Hart should be invited to make a presentation to Council on his idea, and he will be invited to attend the next Full Council meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

**7 2022/0132 Report and update on County Borough/ Community Council issues**

Neither County Councillors were present, having provided Apologies for absence.

**8 2022/0133 Finance**

**a. To approve Schedule of payments 01 – 31 July 2022**

**Receipts**

**(All payments are declared net of VAT)**

**Receipts**

SPO Rent	95.00
Bank Interest – Lloyds Bank	0.01

**Payments**

Salary payments – paid in accordance with agreed rates	
Swansea CC – June Pension payts due: Ee dedns	85.11
Er payment	372.89
HMRC – July PAYE/NI due: Ee deductions	145.80
Er NI	12.85
Mobile phone – Clerk – July	40.00
CMO – July	8.00
Clerk – PCC Travel expenses – June 2022	118.80
Lloyds bank charges	7.00
ROSPA Annual Playground Inspection fee	80.50
CMO Travel expenses – 9 weeks to 22/07/2022	120.06
Reimbursement – mtce materials: play areas	51.57
general	47.35

**Macpelah Cemetery****Receipts**

Neath Funeral home – Interment fee	300.00
Test dig	60.00
EROB term extension	65.00

**Payments**

Clerk – July Mobile telephone	5.00
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Proposed by Cllr Lisa Hawkes, seconded by Cllr Carl James and supported by all Members of Council that the above schedule of payments for July 2022 are approved.

**b. To note closing balances – 31 July 2022**

Pelenna CC Current Account	£ 33,224.63
Pelenna Investment Account	£ 1,002.12
Macpelah Account	£ 9,763.36
Total of Balances	£ 43,990.11

Closing bank balances at 31st July as above were noted.

**c. To compare Finance performance to Budgeted position – April 2022/July 2022**

Proposed by Cllr Philip Lewis, seconded by Cllr Morgan Thomas, with all Members of Council present, in favour, that

the financial performance of the Community Council between April 2022 and July 2022 compared with budget, as presented is noted and variance explanations accepted. It was reported that the CMO's intra community travel expenses are now very close to the recently set weekly target levels.

**9 2022/0134 Planning applications**

No applications were presented for consideration.

**10 2022/0135 Planning application P2022/0622**

Proposal For the creation of one traveller/gypsy pitch, parking and turning area Location Land Between Cwmavon and Dan y Bont, Maes y Bettws Ponrhydyfen SA12 9SD

Applicant's Name & Address – not declared.

Agent's Name & Address Mr & Mrs James & Julie Janes c/o Agent Mr Andrew Vaughan-Harries Hayston Developments & Planning Ltd The Planning Studio Hayston Bridge Johnston Haverfordwest SA62 3HJ Easting 279292 Northing 193849.

The Clerk is instructed to express concerns over this proposed development because of Road Safety issues. Site access will be compromised by visibility issues. There was also, the danger of damage to site biodiversity. It is believed that the site was previously a coal tip, and the Community Council has concerns for site stability.

**11 2022/0136 To receive a recommendation from the Parks & Open Spaces committee to take a 25-year lease on Miles Field to be used for community recreation purposes.**

Proposed by Cllr Lisa Hawkes, seconded by Cllr Jason Jarvis, with all members of Council that are present, in favour, that a recommendation from the Parks & Open Spaces committee to take a 25-year lease on Miles Field to be used for community recreation purposes, should be accepted.

This decision in principle will be subject to agreement on heads of terms, which includes a £600 per year rental cost. Heads of terms are yet to be received from land owner, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.

A Neath Port Talbot Finance grant will be applied for to support rent cost.

- 12 2022/0137 Mynydd Fforch Dwm wind farm**  
**Public meeting, Tonmawr Community Centre – 9<sup>th</sup> August.**  
 Minutes appear to show that the community is very much against turbines being erected on Mynydd Fforch Dwm.  
**Action to be taken by Community Council.**  
 To provide support to the Action group which was set up at the above public meeting.  
 Agreed that Tim Mockridge, a representative of the proposed Wind Farm development business who has requested to make a presentation to a meeting of the Community Council should be invited to attend.  
 Agreed that he should be offered the opportunity to attend at 7:30pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.
- 13 2022/0138 Roadside seat/land at Railway Terrace**  
 Community Council minutes have been discovered which indicate that some land overlooking the valley formerly belonged to Miner's welfare, and it appears to have been gifted to the Community Council. The whole of the plot, together with adjoining land has been enclosed and registered in the name of a local family. A Community Council seat which has been in position since 1950 on Railway terrace is located on unregistered land.  
 It was agreed that the land registration should be legally challenged. County Archive records will be further examined, together with Land Registry records, and a solicitor should be consulted.
- 14 2022/0139 Update on 'Let's Get Growing' project**  
 It was agreed that a meeting will be held middle September to progress the project. It was hoped that some thought could be given prior to the meeting regarding plans to recruit volunteers and what could be achieved with Community Planters, and at Miles Field.
- 15 2022/140 Correspondence**  
 Email Welsh Government – 'A Fairer Council tax consultation'. Consultation ends 04/10/2022. WG has provided a detailed background consultation document, together with an easy

read version. They have also provided a response form.  
*Clerk to circulate consultation documents. Members are asked to read the documents and consider a response on behalf of the Community Council. An extraordinary meeting will take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September to co-ordinate the Council's response.*

Email Cllr Jay Brightwater, member – An observation about the apparent over revving of the strimmer by our present CMO, and its possible disturbance to residents, and whether it is damaging the strimmer.  
*Clerk checked with the Stihl distributor, M/S D Williams & Son, whether the described usage was incorrect or likely to damage the machine. The distributor said that there was no correct, or incorrect method of using the machine. Nor would the machine be damaged by using it in the described manner. It was therefore decided that no advice would be offered to the CMO to change the method of use.*

Email - Ian Hart, resident – Suggests applying for a grant from Pen y Cymoedd community fund to fund a statue, carved in wood by Welsh artist, Chris Wood, to commemorate the centenary birthday of Richard Burton in 2025.  
*The resident is unable to attend the meeting because of work commitments, but would like to make his case at the October Full Council meeting. Noted.*

Email - Julie Davies, Macpelah chapel applied for help to fund a replacement bench to be positioned in front of the Chapel. The present bench is said to be breaking up at the back.  
*Unfortunately, regulations do not allow the Council to grant assist religious organisations. We are therefore unable to assist.*

## **16 2022/0141 Date of next meeting**

Events committee Tonmawr Community Centre Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – 6:30pm.

Finance committee Tonmawr Community Centre 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – 8:00pm.

'Let's get growing' leaders/volunteers meeting – around mid September 2022 – to be arranged  
Extraordinary meeting – Tonmawr Community Centre Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – 7:00pm to co-ordinate feedback for the Welsh Government 'A fairer Council tax consultation'  
Full Council meeting – Tonmawr Community Centre Monday 3rd October 2022 - 7:00pm.  
PACT meeting (subject to Police availability – 6:30pm. 3rd October 2022 – Tonmawr Community Centre.

Meeting ended – 10:05pm.

Chair .....