

# PELENNA COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED PELENNA

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 7 November 2022 at 6:30pm, Pontrhydyfen Community Centre.

- 1 Present:** Chairperson – Cllr Lisa Hawkes  
Members – Cllrs Jason Jarvis, Diane Evans, Eleanor Hole, Morgan Thomas, Philip Lewis, Jay Brightwater, Peter Wilde

**Apologies:** Cllr Carl James

**In attendance** – D S Mackerras (Clerk), Cllr Jeremy Hurley (NPTCBC Member), Cllr Tim Bowen (NPTCBC Member), Kate Breeze (Pen y Cymoedd Community fund), Paul Hinder (NPTCBC)

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**2 2022/171 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Lisa Hawkes & Diane Evans declared an interest as Chair and committee member respectively of Dan y Coed Community Association.

Cllr Lisa Hawkes & Jason Jarvis declared an interest as members of the Mynydd Fforch dwm wind farm Action group

**3 2022/172 Pen y Cymoedd wind farm community fund Presentation – Kate Breeze**

A brief description of the Community Fund was provided which explained that the fund was worth £1.8 million a year, index linked until 2043. The fund provides a wide area of Community support, in the form of smaller Micro grants, and larger Vision grants.

M/S Breeze then invited Members of Council to ask questions concerning the fund, and how it may assist the Peledda Community.

The Chair thanked M/S Breeze for attending the meeting and providing information on the fund.

**4 2022/173 To approve minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 3rd October 2022**

Proposed by Cllr Diane Evans, seconded by Cllr Jason Jarvis, supported by all Members of Council that the minutes are accepted as a true record of the meeting.

**5 2022/174 Matters arising**

CMO is clearing vegetation from the space formerly occupied by the derelict Garage owned by the Council at Johns Terrace. CMO has been informed that the next pay review will not take place until April 2023.

Mynydd Fforch dwm Windfarm information leaflets have been printed and are being circulated in the Community and to homes at Cimla.

Advice received from the legal department of Neath Port Talbot CBC is that the Community Council should on no account move the roadside seat at Railway Terrace. Every effort should be made to locate title deeds for the adjacent land.

The police will be contacted to arrange a PACT meeting immediately preceding the Full Council meeting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

**6 2022/175 To approve minutes of the Extraordinary committee meeting held on Thursday 3rd November 2022**

Proposed by Cllr Philip Lewis, seconded by Cllr Jason Jarvis, supported by all Members of the Events committee that the minutes are accepted as a true record of the meeting.

**7 2022/176 Questions from the public**

No questions from the public have been put to the Council.

**8 2022/177 Report & Update on County Borough/Pelenna Community Issues – Cllrs Jeremy Hurley & Tim Bowen**

As this meeting has a full agenda it was agreed that a written report will be forwarded by Cllr Jeremy Hurley, to all Community Councillors.

**9 2022/178 Presentation from Mr. Paul Hinder, Grant Officer, Neath Port Talbot CBC on Johns Terrace Children's area and the grant application to re-develop the facility**

Mr. Hinder advised that it may be possible to refurbish Johns Terrace playground at Tonmawr for an estimated £110,000 with the assistance of grant support from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council of £14,000 and Pen-y-Cymoedd Community Fund of £91,570.

Potential contractors suggest that construction access to the site may prove challenging. To reduce costs, some work on pruning trees in preparation for construction, will be carried out by the Council.

Proposed by Cllr Lisa Hawkes, seconded by Cllr Diane Evans (Vice Chair), supported by all members of Council present, that the Community Council is able, and willing to contribute £4,430 towards the refurbishment work.

Proposed by Cllr Lisa Hawkes (Chair), seconded by Cllr Diane Evans (Vice Chair), supported by all members of Council present that the Council will commit to an on-going, adequate playground maintenance budget, together with an Annual Inspection budget, to ensure that the playground is sustained into the future.

Information about the Community Council necessary to populate the grant applications has been passed to Mr. Hinder. Following on from the Johns Terrace re-development, it was acknowledged that the Community Council should endeavor to assist Miner's Welfare in developing the playground in its ownership at Pontrhydyfen.

**10 2022/179 Presentation from Mr. Ian Hart on plans to commemorate the birthday centenary of Richard Burton in 2025**

Mr. Ian Hart, a resident of Pontrhydyfen presented a very convincing case that a commemoration should be held to mark the centenary birthday of the internationally acclaimed actor, Richard Burton who was born and raised in Pontrhydyfen. The centenary year will be 2025. Members acknowledged that the plan to seek grant assistance to erect a statue and develop other acknowledgements locally should be encouraged and

supported by the Community Council.

**11 2022/180 Recruitment to fill the vacancies for two Council Members in the Pontrhydyfen ward**

The Clerk reported that a notice was placed on 30<sup>th</sup> October at the notice boards and on the website asking the Community whether an election is called for to fill the two Pontrhydyfen Member vacancies. Residents have until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November to make such a request to Neath Port Talbot Elections Office. In the event that no election is called for, the Community Council will proceed to co-opt two suitable candidates

**12 2022/181 Update report on 'Let's get Growing' project**

Volunteers are currently being recruited to assist in preparing the raised planting beds at Miles Field. They may also wish to assist in the orchard tree planting, and laying of concrete bases to accommodate two replacement seats at Miles Field. The Community Maintenance officer will repair the raised beds. Daffodil bulbs will be planted as soon as possible in compost bags at Miles Field and in the ground at other locations. Permission may be sought to locate the storage container between Tonmawr Community Centre and the garage unit.

**13 2022/182 Date of next meeting**

Events committee meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> November 7:00 pm. Tonmawr Community Centre

Parks & Open Spaces committee meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> November 6:30 pm. Tonmawr Community Centre

Full Council meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> December 7:00 pm. Tonmawr Community Centre

PACT meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> December 6:30 pm. Tonmawr Community Centre

Extraordinary Full Council meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> December 7:00 pm. Pontrhydyfen Community Centre

Meeting ended – 9:35 pm.

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