

PELENNA COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED PELENNNA

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 9 January 2023
at 7:00 pm, Tonmawr Community Centre.

- 1 Present:** Chairperson – Cllr Lisa Hawkes
Members – Cllr Diane Evans, Cllr Jason Jarvis,
Cllr Jay Brightwater, Cllr Philip Lewis,
Cllr Peter Wilde, Cllr Carl James,
Cllr Carol Bowen, Cllr Jeremy Hurley

Apologies: None

In attendance – D S Mackerras (Clerk),
Cllr Tim Bowen (NPTCBC Member).

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- 2 2023/003 Co-option of interested candidates to fill to vacancies representing Pontrhydyfen ward**
County Borough Councillor Jeremy Hurley and Mrs. Carol Bowen, were both appointed by co-option as Community Councillors to represent Pontrhydyfen ward. Both successful candidates signed Declarations of Acceptance of Office
- 3 2023/004 Declarations of Interest**
Cllrs Lisa Hawkes, Diane Evans and Carl James declared an interest as Chair and committee members 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 2023/005 To approve minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 5th December 2022**
Proposed by Cllr Jason Jarvis, seconded by Cllr Philip Lewis, approved by all Members of Council that the minutes are accepted as a true record of the meeting, save for an omitted reference, which will be corrected, to boulders located on the road above Penrhys Farm, discussed under matters arising.

4 **2023/006 Matters arising**

Confirmed that the pothole which was reported on the road between the Mission bend and the Slip has now been filled.

No 'hands on' courses for Members of Council have yet been identified.

CMO should be advised to be alert to surrounding danger whilst strimming, and this ability may be impaired whilst using sound headphones. Also, that he should use ear defenders to protect his hearing.

5 **2023/007 Questions from the public**

No questions received

6 **2023/008 Report & Update on County Borough/Pelenna Community issues**

This report was circulated to Members of Council in advance of the meeting.

7 **2023/009 Finance**

a. **To approve schedule of payments – December 2023**

Proposed by Cllr Peter Wilde, seconded by Cllr Diane Evans, and approved by all Members of Council that the following schedule of payments/receipts for December is approved.

(All payments noted pre-VAT)

Pelenna Community Council

Receipts

SPO Rent – December	95.00
Bank Interest – Lloyds Bank – December	0.23
Precept payment – NPTCBC	13,265.34

Payments

Salary payments – paid in accordance with set rates	
Swansea CC – Nov Pension payments: Ee deductions	85.11
Er payment	372.89
HMRC – December Ee deductions	175.40

Er National Insurance	20.80
Mobile phone – Clerk December	40.00
Clerk – PCC Travel expenses – November	130.95
Lloyds Bank – Charges December	7.00
Mobile phone – CMO December	8.00
Dan y Coed Community Association – Grant	700.00
Pontrhydyfen Community Centre – Grant	700.00
Streetmaster – Roadside seat	498.39
CMO Travel expenses – Wks 30 – 35	78.98
Let's get Growing project - Compost	33.75
R Pugh Tonmawr Christmas tree farm – trees	375.00
CMO Protective clothing	19.99
SPO Land rent	75.00
Postage	34.95

Macpelah Cemetery

Receipts

Interment fee – Burial of Ashes	525.00
Memorial fee	100.00

Payments

Clerk – December Mobile telephone	5.00
Clerk – Travel expenses	32.40

b. To note closing bank balances – 31 December 2022

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Pelenna Community Council – Cheque account	33,346.34
Investment a/c	1,002.57
Macpelah cemetery fund	21,326.25
Total balances	£55,675.16

c. To compare financial performance with Budgeted position – April to December 2022

Proposed by Cllr Diane Evans, seconded by Cllr Philip Lewis, and approved by all Members of Council, that the financial performance of the Community Council between April 2022 and December 2022 compared with budget, as presented is noted and variance explanations accepted. The overall income is higher than anticipated by £1,540, and overall expenditure is below expectation by

£4,957

It was recommended that the Grass Strimmer should be serviced next month when grass growth is at its lowest level. Consideration should also be given to seeking grant assistance for the purchase a new strimmer for use on Miles Field.

d. To discuss and approve the budget for 2023/24

The budget for 2023/24 is set for a period in which inflation will be running in excess of 10%, and also at a time when the Community Council will be acquiring a long lease on Miles Field, and it is anticipated that Johns Terrace play area will be re-developed with the assistance of grant aid. The budget was reviewed by the Finance committee prior to this meeting, on 9th January and it was recommended by the committee that this budget should be approved as presented.

Proposed by Cllr Jason Jarvis, seconded by Cllr Peter Wilde, and approved by all Members of Council present that the precept for 2023/24 will be £43,395.

8 2023/010 Planning applications

The following application was presented for consideration:

Application number: P2022/1002

Ward: Cimla & Pelenna

Proposal: Section 73 application to remove condition 3 (drainage scheme requirement) of planning permission P2021/1224

Location: The Yard, Efail Fach, Pontrhydyfen, SA12 9UB

Applicants Name & Address: Mr Jeffrey Howard, Church House, Railway Terrace, Tonmawr, Port Talbot, SA12 9SY

Agreed that there is no objection to this application as this application is merely to install a suitable system for an earlier development at Efail Fach.

Application number: P2022/1037

Proposal development of National Significance (Pre-application consultation stage): Development of the Mynydd Fforch Dwm wind farm, Fforch Dwm Farm lane

Applicants name & address: Agents name & address Mr Tim Mockridge, Reg Power management unit, 38 Damery Works, Damery lane, Woodford, Gloucestershire

Agreed that this matter will be dealt with through the pre-application consultation process

9 2023/011 To consider an application for grant assistance from Coeden Bywyd horse project

At the request of Council, Cllr Carl James & Clerk David Mackerras visited the stables of the Coeden Bywyd horse Project to observe the activities of the Charity. Both visitors gave a favorable report on their observations regarding the work of the charity in supporting local young people with social problems.

Proposed by Cllr Lisa Hawkes, seconded by Cllr Carl James and approved by all Members of Council that a grant of £500 be provided to Coeden Bywyd horse project.

10 2023/012 Mynydd Fforch Dwm proposed wind farm

It was agreed that the Council should meet, at an informal meeting with Mr. Tim Mockridge who represents the development Company to present questions in connection with the pre-Application consultation.

The meeting will take place on 19 January 5:30pm. Tonmawr Community Centre.

Members questions should be sent to the Clerk for submission to Mr. Tim Mockridge by Monday 16 January.

Agreed that the Council should ask Mr. Viv Callaghan for sight of the deeds for the land where the Railway Terrace roadside seat is situated. Council should also confirm which land adjacent to Railway Terrace is registered.

11 2023/013 Update on Miles Field

An amended lease has been issued by Neath Port Talbot CBC. It is confirmed within the amended lease that the Community Council is not required to improve on present boundary walls/fences. Further it is specifically confirmed that information boards may be placed on site to inform visitors about site

biodiversity.

Proposed by Cllr Jeremy Hurley, seconded by Cllr Jason Jarvis and approved by all Members of Council that the amended lease as now received is accepted and may be signed by the Chair and Vice Chair of Council.

12 2023/014 Correspondence

- a. OVW training course schedule has been received.
Agreed that the schedule will be circulated to all Members of Council. Members should indicate their interest in attending training sessions.
- b. Swansea City Council has indicated the availability of a training course on the Local Government Pension scheme.
Not required, as the Clerk has already attended a similar three day course.
- c. Mr. Patrick Davis has indicated that he would like to make enquiries on Community Council budget and Accounts in due course.
Noted.
- d. Mrs. Amanda James - resignation from Events committee and involvement in Event preparations received.
Resignation noted with regret. A letter of thanks for her community work and support will be sent to Mrs. James.
- e. Cllr. Morgan Thomas - resignation from Council membership received.
Resignation noted with regret. A letter of thanks for her service to the Community will be sent to Mrs. Thomas.

13 2023/015 Date of next meeting

Closed workshop with Mynydd Fforch Dwm Wind Farm representatives - 19 January 2023 5:30pm. Tonmawr Community Centre

Cemetery committee meeting – 6 February 2023 6:30pm. Pontrhydyfen Community Centre.

Full Council meeting – 6 February 2023 7:00pm Pontrhydyfen Community Centre.

Meeting ended – 9:30 pm.

Chair