

## Cyngor Cymuned Onllwyn Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### **Present:**

Cllr. Dean Cawsey (Chairman), Cllr. Emlyn Griffiths, Cllr. Steve Thomas, Cllr. Gareth Llewellyn, Cllr. Sonia Coy, Cllr. Ruth Stone, Cllr. Angie Thompson, Cllr. Lee Reynolds

### **Apologies:**

Cllr. Andrew Jones

Interview of Mr. Simon Chaplin for the vacant position of Clerk to the Council. Simon was successful at interview, accepted the offer and will start his employment on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

1. Declarations of Interests  
Cllr Steve Thomas in item relating to Pant-y-Ffordd Hall. Gareth in his correspondence.
2. Matters needing urgent attention – Recruitment of new Clerk  
Recruitment completed.
3. Policing matters  
None
4. To confirm the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.
5. Matters Arising  
Dean read an email from Cllr Sian Harris regarding the back lanes in Roman Road:

During the initial investigation, all vehicles that were deemed as being possibly abandoned, have been removed. The vehicles that are left in situ, the owners have confirmed that they are not abandoned and as a result of this, there are no powers available to NPT to arrange the removal of the vehicles.

Regarding the waste found at the location, the person who is responsible for the waste, (pool and fridge), has arranged for a waste carrier to remove the items. Checks conducted confirm that the waste carrier does hold a licence to transport waste. The waste in a skip is in the process of being removed, but NPT will make a point to check when the works have been completed that all the waste has been removed. NPT will also liaise with the landowner regarding the amount of litter in the area, for them to cleanse.

Cllrs who are also residents of Roman Road felt that the feedback does not reflect the reality of the situation, specifically regarding the potholes and flooding. It was Council's understanding that County Councillors would work with the owners of the lanes (Line Cymru) to organise a clean-up and improve the surface. Dean to reply to Sian to express this, and will copy in Cllr Ruth Stone.

Gareth still hasn't had a satisfactory reply from Cllrs Hunt and Harris regarding the public toilets opposite the old YMCA, and will again chase up the meeting with officers that has been promised.

6. Precept

Dean relayed conversations with Ann Hinder (Head of Council Tax at NPTCBC), who provided figures regarding the previous year's precept and what the forthcoming year's Council Tax base meant in terms of what extra funding a percentage increase would return. A proposal to increase the precept was made, and passed 5 votes to 3.

A proposal to increase by 5% was amended to 3%, but amendment fell 4 votes for, 4 votes against, with Chairman's vote against the amendment carrying.

The original proposal to increase by 5% was passed – 5 for, 3 against. The increase means an additional £31p will be paid per month on a Band D property.

7. Pant-y-Ffordd Hall

Oil tank is empty, but has not been moved yet. Steve hoping to move it tomorrow. Oil for Wales will then install a new tank.

Application to Maesgwyn for new flooring to be made, with Cllrs Steve Thomas and Lee Reynolds working with Wayne Hopkins from the Pant-y-Ffordd Hall management committee.

8. To receive the monthly Financial Report

All bills paid up to date.

9. To receive reports from Members on Outside Bodies

Sonia reported that NPTCBC Community Council Liaison Committee meetings have been cancelled several times.

10. Planning matters

None. Gareth to write NPTCBC for update on houses near Ty Maesmarchog.

11. Correspondence

Gareth sent a letter to request permission to improve the land around the

garages he leases from the Council. All approved of the request.

#### 12. Matters raised by Members

Back-lanes – Dean raised the issue of the back-lanes behind Main Road and perpendicular with the first house in School Road, which have been raised with him by a number of residents following recent flooding. Dean believes the lane is owned by Onllwyn Community Council, and suggested that we may need a clean project to remove overgrowth and create a small bund to prevent further flooding from the stream. Dean to find out more info on ownership and responsibilities.

Dove storage container – Gareth asked if CC equipment needs to be moved. All agreed that any items of equipment owned by OCC to be moved and stored in the allotments container, with permission from the allotments group. Lewis Wheeler to be notified to check if any of his property are in the Dove container.