

## RHYMNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the last meeting held virtually via BT Meet Me of the above Community Council on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7pm.

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### Present

Cllr. M. L. Thomas (Chairperson)	Cllr. D. Bradley
Cllr. H. Williams	Cllr. D. T. Williams
Cllr. J. E. Hughes	Cllr. A. Davies
Cllr. D. Harse	Cllr. J. Bevan
Cllr. L. Dykes	

### Apologies

Cllr. L. Gronow	Cllr. G. Oliver
Cllr. P. Oliver	

### In Attendance

Mr. G. Williams	Clerk to the Council
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### 20 Minutes / Apologies

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020, previously circulated to members were accepted as an accurate record and signed (virtually) by the Chairperson Cllr. M. L. Thomas.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020, previously circulated to members were confirmed for accuracy.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. P. Oliver, Cllr. G. Oliver, and Cllr. L. Gronow.

### 21 Declarations of Interest

21.01 Cllr. J. Bevan declared an interest in Agenda Item – Planning.

### 22 Matters Arising

22.01 There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### 23 Planning Applications

The Clerk confirmed three applications for planning had been received since the last meeting of Council.

#### Planning Application. 20/0351/FULL

Site Area. 517m<sup>2</sup>

Location. Trem-y-mynydd (Site Of Former McLaren Arms) Walter Street Abertyswg (UPRN 000043038373).

Proposal. Construct one pair of semi-detached houses (Phase 3).

Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

#### Planning Application. 20/0814/RET

Site Area: 357m<sup>2</sup>

Location: 15 Lower Row Bute Town Rhymney Tredegar NP22 5QH (UPRN 000043001610).

Proposal: Retain stable block in rear garden.

Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

### **Planning Application. 20/0895/FULL**

Site Area: 1723m<sup>2</sup>

Location: Melrose 1 Cwrt Llechryd Llechryd Tredegar NP22 5QF (UPRN 000043001689).

Proposal: Erect two detached dwellings.

Decision. Council raises no objections to this proposal.

## **24 Approval of Community Council Cheques and Payments**

The attached list of Community Council cheques and payments was approved by members and amounted to **£10,602.37**.

## **25 Correspondence**

### **25.01 HMRC**

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Moved. Noted on file.

### **25.02 HMRC**

Full Payment Submission for period ending 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Moved. Noted on file.

### **25.03 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales**

Draft Annual Report 2021/22

The Clerk summarised the section of the report which makes particular reference to Community and Town Councils.

Moved. Clerk to review early in the new year for final recommendations and subsequent impact on financial planning and precept discussions planned for February 2021.

Moved. Clerk to agenda for AGM May 2021 to ensure Council adopt determinations as necessary.

### **25.04 Penuel Chapel**

Application for Section 19 Grant Aid support 2020/21.

Moved. Payment £75.00.

## **26 Quarter 2 2020/21. Financial Report (Expenditure)**

The Clerk provided Council with a detailed report of the financial expenditure incurred during Quarter 2 of 2020/21 (July to September 20). Within his report, the Clerk advised Council of the following expenditure values, all of which are in line with profiled expenditure agreed within Council's agreed budget for 2020/21.

Moved. Noted on file.

<b>Expenditure Heading</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Quarter 2 Expenditure</b>	<b>Percentage of Budget</b>	<b>Variance with Budget (Explanation)</b>
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Clerk's Salary & On Costs	£13,000.00	£6,593.94	50.72%	On Profile.
Chairperson Allowance	£00,500.00	£00,000.00	0%	Projected underspend of £500.00 to be achieved owing to Council's decision not to award in 2020/21 owing to the Covid pandemic and subsequent impact on diary commitments.
Councillor Expenses (15 @ £1,500.00)	£02,250.00	£00,150.00	6.67%	Projected underspend of £2,100.00 to be achieved.
Summer Scheme	£00,000.00	£00,000.00	0%	On Profile.
Telephone, Broadband & Meet Me	£00,400.00	£00, 279.83	69.95%	Ahead of Profile. Projected Overspend of £300.00
Room Hire	£00,300.00	£00,000.00	0%	To be awarded in Quarter 3
Insurance	£00,600.00	£00,000.00	0%	To be awarded in Quarter 4
Stationery & Postage	£00,500.00	£00,462.60	92.52%	Ahead of Profile. Wreaths, SLCC Membership & Cabinet Purchase in Quarter 2. Projected Overspend of £100.00
Website	£00,600.00	£00,600.00	100%	On Profile.
Section 137 Grants	£05,000.00	£00,875.00	17.5%	On Profile. Majority to be awarded in Quarter 3.
Dog Show x2	£00,000.00	£00,000.00	0%	On Profile.
Christmas Events	£01,500.00	£00,000.00	0%	To be awarded in Quarter 3.
Christmas Lighting	£10,000.00	£05,384.20	53.84%	Balance to be awarded in Quarter 3.
Audit	£00,600.00	£00,200.00	33.3%	Internal Audit Paid. External Audit. To be awarded in Quarter 3.

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### Report of the Clerk

The Clerk highlighted to Council a number of recent and future planned activities including:

#### Halloween 2020

The Clerk confirmed the completion of the recent event held in partnership with colleagues at Gwent Police, where Council contributed through the purchase of materials to support the event. Purchased cleared through correspondence between meetings of Council.

Moved. Payment.

#### Section 19/137 Support for Rhymney Foodbank

It was proposed that owing to the continued difficulties faced in wider society caused by Covid-19, a combination of furloughed workers, redundancies and School closures, posing difficulties with the provision of breakfast clubs / free Schools meals, that Council provide an additional financial donation.

Following discussion, it was agreed Council would make a further £400.00 donation, bringing Council's contribution in 2020/21 to £1,000.00.  
 Moved. Clerk to make arrangements to make Council's donation.

### **Councillor Allowance. Independent Remuneration Panel 2020/21**

Councillor J.E. Hughes requested his payment from the above-mentioned year.

Moved. Clerk to make payment arrangements as appropriate.

### **Christmas Event Arrangements 2020/21. Santa Event**

The Clerk provided an update of Welsh Government guidelines which prevent groups of more than 30 people meeting outdoors, advising Council to consider the viability of the above-mentioned event.

Following discussion, it was agreed that with regret, this year's event should be cancelled on safety grounds, and that Council should pursue an alternative.

The Clerk provided Council with a verbal report of the number of children attending Flying Start, Cylch Meithrin and KS1 & 2 in Schools across the Community Council area – shown below.

<b>School</b>	<b>Pre-School</b>	<b>KS1</b>	<b>KS2</b>	<b>Total</b>
Upper Rhymney	24 (FS @Penydre)	72	95	191 (197)
Bryn Awel	10 (FS @School)	71	65	146 (150)
Ysgol Y Llawnt	28 (Cylch Meithrin)	106	101	235 (242)
Idris Davies	25 (FS @School)	108	64	197 (203)
Total (plus 3% to ensure sufficient supply)				<b>769 (792)</b>

The Clerk went on to offer Council a number of costed options for the supply and delivery of selection boxes of various sizes (weight) and retail unit cost. Following discussion, it was agreed Council purchase a Cadbury Selection Box for each child – 150g, retailing at £2.99 per unit (gross).

Moved. Clerk to make necessary arrangements with Cadburys Gift, for delivery in early December 2020.

Moved. Clerk to coordinate the development of a bi-lingual A5 Flyer highlighting the origin of the small gift and associated cancellation of this year's event.

Moved. Clerk to liaise with colleagues at South Wales Fire and Rescue to advise as appropriate.

### **Payments and Invoices**

The Clerk also read aloud the payments / invoices for approval.

Moved. Noted on file.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the December meeting of Council be cancelled, and the that Clerk explores the potential to return to a face2face meeting methodology from the new year.

### **Date of Next and Future Meetings / Events**

- Community Council Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7pm
- Community Council Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7pm

**Meeting Closed at 8.00.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Chairperson**