



Minutes of the Meeting of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Committee

held at the Council Meeting Room, Trane Cemetery, Tonyrefail

at 6:30pm on Tuesday, 5th September 2023

Present: Cllr Glenn Evans (Chair)
Cllr Austin Davies
Cllr Debra James

Absent: Cllr Karen Webb

Officers: Ms Jo van Tonder (Clerk & RFO)

1. Election of Chair

Having confirmed his acceptance of the nomination, it was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To elect Cllr Glenn Evans to the role of Chair.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Danny Grehan and Linda Michel.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting: 17th July 2023

No minutes – meeting was inquorate.

5. Development of Strategic Plan 2023 - 2027

The Clerk reminded members of the results of the survey put out earlier in the year to identify members' priorities and perceptions of the Council's activities.

It was agreed the core functions of Governance, Community Engagement and Cemetery Operations represented the Council's top three priorities.

Members discussed the concept of community engagement in terms of networking, outreach, events and roadshows. It was agreed more clarity was needed in this area. Members considered various suggestions for community engagement events and it was agreed the Events Committee would be tasked with organising an open forum next year with a guest speaker and opportunities for the public to talk to council staff and councillors.

Members identified strategic goals under the Cemetery Operations category; these being 1) expansion, 2) memorial management and health & safety, 3) public toilet refurbishment, and 4) general maintenance of assets.

Under the Governance category, members considered 1) Finance & Governance Toolkit completion, and 2) achieving General Power of Competence as the main objectives for this term.

It was agreed the Clerk would draft an outline Strategic Plan that committee members would contribute to in advance of the next meeting.

6. Annual & Wellbeing Reports 2022/23

Members noted the Annual Report 2022/23 containing the Council's Wellbeing Report 2022.

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To recommend the adoption of the Reports, as presented, to full council.

7. S6 Biodiversity Duty Report 2022

The Clerk advised members that, under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, the Council had a statutory duty to a) produce a Biodiversity Plan and b) publish a report every three years outlining what measures had been taken to meet the duties set out in Section 6.

Members were advised that the Council was currently without a plan and that the next report due at the end of 2022 was still outstanding.

The Clerk was asked to prepare a draft plan.

8. Welsh Language Policy

Members received the Clerk's report and noted the Council's statutory duty to treat the Welsh and English languages equally in the conduct of public business in Wales, as far as was appropriate and reasonably practicable.

The Clerk was asked to prepare a draft policy for consideration at the next committee meeting.

9. Date of the next Committee meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be on 5th December 2023 at 6:30pm.

Meeting concluded at 7:25pm.