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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council**  
**held at the Council Meeting Room, Trane Cemetery, Tonyrefail**  
**at 6:55pm on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (following the Annual Meeting)**

Present: Cllr Dan Owen-Jones (Chair)  
Cllr Austin Davies  
Cllr Mary Davies  
Cllr Glenn Evans (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Debbie Hames  
Cllr Linda Michel  
Cllr Greg Powell  
Cllr Amanda Richards  
Cllr Ceirion Skym  
Cllr Karen Webb

Officers: Ms Jo van Tonder (Clerk & RFO)

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Danny Grehan.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**3. Public Questions**

There were no members of the public present or online.

**4. Minutes of the Extra Ordinary full council meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved:** To agree the minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 as a true and accurate record.

**5. Minutes of the previous meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

It was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved:** To agree the minutes of the Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 as a true and accurate record.

**6. Minutes of the previous meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

The Clerk advised minutes of the meeting held in April were unavailable.

## 7. Finance, Governance and Administration

### a) Payments made since the last meeting – April 2024

|                      |     |                 |
|----------------------|-----|-----------------|
| Vegetarian Shoes Ltd | EFT | 89.00           |
| Certas Energy        | DD  | 21.76           |
|                      |     | <b>£ 110.76</b> |

### b) Accounts for payment – May 2024

|                                                          |     |                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------------------|
| Amazon Payments UK Ltd                                   | EFT | 7.95               |
| Cleanmate Ltd                                            | EFT | 238.16             |
| ICCM (Membership Subscription)                           | EFT | 100.00             |
| One Voice Wales (Councillor Training)                    | EFT | 40.00              |
| Shutter Door Services                                    | EFT | 96.00              |
| Viking Payments                                          | EFT | 34.67              |
| Zurich Municipal (insurance)                             | EFT | 4,598.31           |
| Mrs. P. Williams (Dropbox Charges)                       | EFT | 97.97              |
| Rycon Power Tools                                        | EFT | 838.80             |
| Rycon Power Tools                                        | EFT | 766.80             |
| Inland Revenue (Tax and N.I. – April 2024)               | EFT | 2,991.69           |
| RCTCBC (Superannuation – April 2024)                     | EFT | 2,906.47           |
| Centregreat (Christmas Lighting 2023)                    | EFT | 9,840.00           |
| RCTCBC (Allotment Rent – Tylcha Wen)                     | EFT | 45.00              |
| Mel & Ron Watkins (Sales Invoice 0144) Duplicate Payment | EFT | 1,300.00           |
| SLCC x 2                                                 | EFT | 108.00             |
| Central Bar & Catering x 5                               | EFT | 600.08             |
| Biffa Waste Services                                     | DD  | 190.90             |
| Certras Energy                                           | DD  | 131.36             |
| Certras Energy                                           | DD  | 21.64              |
| Certras Energy                                           | DD  | 24.54              |
| Certras Energy                                           | DD  | 128.84             |
| Function 28 – website hosting                            | DD  | 48.00              |
| ICE Communications – Telephone & Broadband               | DD  | 52.12              |
| RCTCBC – Rates                                           | DD  | 87.00              |
| Xero – accounting software                               | DD  | 39.00              |
| B.T. – Credit Note                                       | DD  | -182.03            |
| ScrewFix / B & Q                                         | DD  | 433.65             |
| Bright Pay - Thesaurus Software – payroll                | DD  | 8.62               |
| DVLA – vehicle tax on van                                | DD  | 28.00              |
| Welsh Water                                              | DD  | 26.00              |
|                                                          |     | <b>£ 25,647.54</b> |

## 8. Options for CCTV equipment

Members were presented with the quotation sourced by RCTCBC from their preferred supplier.

Following discussion about whether or not to have a second camera looking over the leisure centre car park and new housing block, it was proposed, seconded and

**Resolved:** To accept the quotation from CDS Integrated in the amount of £7,001.20 being option:  
“Lighting column opposite carpet shop” for one camera only.

It was noted that the signal from the camera would be transmitted to two relay points along Waunrhydd Road before onward transmission to the leisure centre. Thereafter, the data would be managed by RCTCBC in conjunction with South Wales Police.

It was suggested a letter could be sent out to all Tonyrefail businesses letting them know CCTV would be going up.

## **9. Options for HR Consultancy Services**

It was agreed to consider this at a later stage.

## **10. Planning & Development Control**

### **a) 24/0459/38 – Discharge of condition 3 (Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Measures) of planning application 22/1374/10 at Land to the rear of 68 – 72 High Street, Tonyrefail**

Cllr D Owen Jones advised he would ask the Planning Officer for further information.

### **b) 24/0435/10 – Two storey extension at 42 Heol Dinas Isaf, Williamstown**

No objection.

### **c) 24/0340/10 – Single storey rear extension at 36 Beech Wood Drive, Tonyrefail**

No objection.

## **11. Members’ Reports – for information only**

Cllr D Owen Jones:

- i) raised a matter of growing distaste in the community, that being the reduction in car parking spaces at the old Rhondda Bowl site where the developer plans to “green” the area.
- ii) reported RCTCBC had laid tarmac on a stretch of unadopted land at High Fields.

Cllr D Owen Jones asked members to give an indication of what they would like to see prioritised during his year as Chair when giving their report.

Cllr K Webb:

- i) reported a general deterioration once more in the Waterton Hotel area in Thomastown as well as an increase in rubbish and fly-tipping.

Cllr A Davies:

- i) reported skatepark works were due to commence on 17<sup>th</sup> June.
- ii) suggested he would like to see the Council’s finances on a good footing by the end of this term of office.

Cllr M Davies:

- i) asked if there was any sign of the A4119 development money? Cllr D Owen Jones said he would look into it.

Cllr D James:

- i) reported the new gate on the bridleway was now open to all traffic.
- ii) said she would like to see more focus on the countryside this year.

Cllr G Evans:

- i) reiterated the environment was in crisis and this needed to be communicated to the public. Therefore, he would like to see more community engagement and more stringent enforcement from RCTCBC.
- ii) would like to see more meetings with the police. Cllr D Owen Jones advised there was a new inspector for the area who he would contact with a view to inviting to the next meeting.

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| Cllr L Michel:   | <p>i) suggested, and it was confirmed by Cllr D Owen Jones, that Maes-y-Bryn would be getting 80 new houses. It was noted there was a robust residents' association already in existence.</p> <p>ii) expressed a hope that all members could work together harmoniously for the greater good of the Council.</p> |
| Cllr G Powell:   | <p>i) said he would like to see the Council on a firm financial footing and also prioritise public rights of way and the environment.</p>                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Cllr C Skym:     | <p>i) greater collaboration with other organisations and the school.</p> <p>ii) reported that where the dumping had taken place in Coedely, the rubbish had started working its way into the river.</p>                                                                                                          |
| Cllr A Richards: | <p>i) reported that a pyre had been built up behind Mill Street and had been set on fire; fire brigade had been notified.</p> <p>ii) said she would like to see all the repair work completed in the Cemetery including the public toilets.</p>                                                                  |

***Introduction of Standing Order 3(d) – exclusion of members of the press and public***

**12. Confidential matters pertaining to Staffing**

The Clerk updated members on ongoing matters of a staffing nature.

**13. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

Meeting concluded at 8:05pm.