



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council
held at the Council Meeting Room, Trane Cemetery, Tonyrefail
at 7:00pm on Thursday, 21st March 2024

Present: Cllr Linda Michel (Chair)
Cllr Austin Davies
Cllr Mary Davies
Cllr Glenn Evans (Vice Chair)
Cllr Danny Grehan
Cllr Dan Owen-Jones
Cllr Amanda Richards
Cllr Ceirion Skym

Absent: Cllr Greg Powell

Officers: Ms Jo van Tonder (Clerk & RFO)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Karen Webb and Debbie James.

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 previous meeting: 15th February 2024

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To agree the minutes of the Meeting held on 15th February 2024 as a true and accurate record.

5. Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Full Council meeting: 18th March 2024

The Clerk advised minutes of the meeting held earlier in the week had not yet been prepared.

6. Devolution of County Borough services

Members noted income and expenditure figures were still awaited from RCTCBC regarding the two Community Centres. It was agreed any transfer arrangement would need to be on the Council's terms.

Following further discussion, it was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To agree to taking over the management of the Pritchard Street and Capel Resource Centre from RCTCBC in principle, and subject to satisfactory financial scrutiny.

7. Finance, Governance and Administration

a) Recommendation of Finance Committee: Small grants fund awards

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To accept the Finance Committee's recommendation and award grants in the amount of £4,355.80 as per the schedule presented.

b) Update on purchase of land to the north of Trane Cemetery

Members were advised that the documentation pertaining to the purchase of the land had been signed at the conveyancers by Cllrs L Michel and G Evans; the exchange of contracts was expected imminently.

It was noted that, upon the exchanging of contracts, the Council would have a limited period within which to erect a fence. Members discussed this further and it was suggested a definitive map of the parcel of land would be needed in order to measure out the border.

c) Payments made since the last meeting – January and February 2024

HMRC – NI & PAYE	EFT	2,699.63
RCTCBC – Pensions (February 2024)	EFT	2,841.20
Viking – stationery	EFT	31.13
Cleanmate – office cleaning (January 2024)	EFT	260.23
Rycon – dumper and digger hire (January 2024)	EFT	1,606.08
The Sign Shed – unstable memorial signage	EFT	172.55
Bear HR – HR consultancy fee	EFT	702.60
Forest Park & Garden – sundries	EFT	132.06
Amazon – stationery	EFT	13.08
Memsafe – larger memorial testing	EFT	420.00
Lanes Group – drainage works and survey	EFT	2,121.60
		£ 11,000.16

d) Accounts for payment – March 2024

SSE Electricity – Staff base 04/07/23 – 09/02/24	EFT	256.39
SSE Gas – Staff base 04/07/23 – 09/02/24	EFT	1,861.29
Rycon – digger hire (May 2023)	EFT	838.80
SLCC – Clerk's membership fee	EFT	298.00
Cleanmate – office cleaning (February 2024)	EFT	278.80
Biffa Waste Services	DD	238.62
Certras Energy	DD	149.83
Certras Energy	DD	136.86
Function 28 – website hosting	DD	48.00
ICE Communications – Telephone & Broadband	DD	50.04
Screwfix / B & Q	DD	270.94
Screwfix / B & Q	DD	28.68
SSE Electricity – Office	DD	505.34
PEAC Solutions – rental of photocopier 30/03 – 29/06/2024	DD	222.00
Thesaurus Software – payroll	DD	9.12
		£ 5,192.71

8. Committee Updates

a) Events Committee

Having read the minutes of the previous committee meeting, Cllr A Davies raised concerns about having children at the Miners or Workmens Clubs around drinkers for the D-Day 80 event. It was

noted, however, that the event would conclude at 9pm when everyone would make their way outside to witness the lighting of the beacon.

It was agreed the committee would discuss the event further at its next meeting.

9. Planning & Development Control

- a) **23/1364/12 – Part retrospective – rear extension and detached garage at Tylcha Wen Farm, Gelli'r Haidd, Tonyrefail**

No objection.

- b) **24/0160/10 – Two storey side and single storey rear extension at 43 Celyn Isaf, Tonyrefail (decided)**

Noted.

- c) **24/0129/39 – Non material amendment to amend the trigger of condition 10 (contamination) of planning permission 22/0828/10 at Land off Gilfach Road, West of Trane Cemetery, Tonyrefail (decided)**

Noted.

- d) **24/0122/10 – application for a dropped kerb for vehicular access at 59 Francis Street, Thomastown, Tonyrefail**

No objection.

- e) **24/0110/39 – Non material amendment to 23/0994/08 – amend wording of conditions 8, 9 and 11 to allow vegetation removal before discharge of pre-commencement conditions at Land at former Coedely Colliery, off the A4119, Coedely (decided)**

Noted.

10. Members' Reports – for information only

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| Cllr G Evans: | a) reminded members of the suggestion made last year to organise a consultation meeting to see where the community is at and how the Council could help. It was discussed and agreed that Cllrs G Evans and L Michel would make some preliminary plans for consideration at the next Events Committee meeting. |
| Cllr A Davies: | a) advised he had reported the volume of litter to RCTCBC, making special mention of Penrhiwfer Road.

b) asked others for anecdotal views on how the local children were being impacted by the new school transport arrangements. Cllr D Owen-Jones suggested it should not affect the majority of Tonyrefail children with the exception, perhaps, of those living in Penrhiwfer. |
| Cllr C Skym: | a) provided a quotation for CCTV that had been sourced by the Chamber of Trade for 7 cameras. It was agreed to put this item on the agenda for the next meeting with a view to discussing a Council contribution towards the cost. |
| Cllr D Owen-Jones: | a) updated Members on the LDP presentation that had taken place at the Leisure Centre. He went on to explain the plan covered a 20-year span and that the land to the top of the Cemetery site had been taken out of Sites. He went on to discuss other sites across the district. Cllr A Davies advised that Mick Antoniwi MS had met with Cwm Taf Health Board who would be contributing to the LDP and participating in consultations on all developments of more than twenty dwellings. |

Cllr M Davies: b) expressed concern about the Mill House as a building of significance.
The state of the unadopted road was discussed.

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

11. Confidential matters pertaining to Staffing

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

12. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 18th April 2024.

Meeting concluded at 7:53pm.