



## Cyngor Tref Rhydaman Ammanford Town Council

### Minutes of FULL COUNCIL'S held on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 6pm at Ammanford Town Hall & Online via MS Teams

The deputy Chair, Cllr Heulwen Howells presided over the meeting.

**Attendees** - Cllr Heulwen Howells (HH), Cllr Anthony Jones (AJ), Cllr Marie Griffiths (MG), Cllr Johnny Owen (JO), Cllr Terry Howells (TH), Cllr Llio Davies (LD), Cllr Lyn Brodrick (LB) online, Cllr Calum Higgins (CH) online

Also in attendance: Mrs S Murray (interim Clerk) & Member of the public (in person)

1. **Apologies & reasons for absence:** Cllr Deian Harries – Medical Appointment, Cllr Emyr John – Work commitment, Cllr Julia Bell – Family commitment
2. **Declarations of Interests:** HH – husband is an employee of CCC, MG – employee of CCC
3. **Matters arising from the public:** Member of public raised the issue of lamppost in memorial avenue being vandalised & that he had moved it to the compound in Ammanford Park – Clerk acknowledged his email & confirmed emergency electrician had attended and made the area safe.  
Member of public also raised the issue of the planning application & his concerns over where the posts would be placed, concerned that the hedge would be damaged. MOP has already responded to the planning application online.
4. **Policing Matters:** Clerk reported that issue of lamppost being damaged had been reported to the police. Clerk also to establish if Neighbourhood Policing Meetings are still taking place & request invite.
5. **To receive the Chair's report and announcements:** EJ asked that attendees be informed that he had attended Ammanford Coral Society celebration on the 21st March following their decision to cease as a choir.
6. **To receive County Councillors' Reports:** The Clerk has not received a report from Cllr D Harries or Cllr C Evans.
7. **To receive the interim Clerk's verbal report:** Clerk gave a brief overview of work she has been undertaking since being appointed including updating the phone system with BT, liaising with accountant and locating

relevant paperwork, dealing with an FOI request, attending meetings with LTA, Peninsula H&S & Electoral Services regarding vacancies in 2 wards.

8. **To consider Planning Application PL/07340 - installation of a removable ball stop system at the existing hedge between the cricket pitch and the bowls area at Ammanford Park.**

No objections to the installation, some councillors also concerned that hedge may be damaged.

9. **Community Governors:**

Cllr Llio Davies was nominated by HH for vacancy at Ysgol Gymraeg Rhydaman. Seconded by MG.

All in agreement.

Vacancy at Parcyrhun – Clerk to clarify position with CCC.

10. **Finance Update:**

**Invoices Paid** – Clerk read out list of invoices paid in March. MG proposed that the Council ratify the list. TH seconded the proposal. All other members present in favour.

**Invoices to be paid** – Clerk read out a list of outstanding invoices to be paid. MG proposed that the Council ratify the list. TH seconded the proposal. All other members present in favour.

**Bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024:**

Business Reserve Account ending 8573 - £1390.31

Business Reserve Account ending 9522 - £214,142.55

Business Reserve Account ending 4785 - £125.72

Business Current Account ending 1307 - £211.87

Business Current Account ending 9514 - £28,810.25

AJ proposed that the Council ratify the above bank balances. MG seconded the proposal.

All other members present in favour.

**Update from Bevan & Buckland**

Clerk advised that she had now located all but 3 of the requested invoices for the 23/24 tax year & sent them to the accountant.

All monies in the safe, including petty cash have been banked. Clerk to forward all invoices for February & March on to accountant along with bank statements.

11. **Public Conveniences**

Councillors requested more information so Clerk to speak with current contractor & look into waste disposal.

12. **Park Update**

**Splashpads – to discuss the quote for a deep clean prior to recommissioning.**

Clerk has previously circulated the quote to all councillors. AJ proposed that the Council accept the quote. LD seconded the proposal. All other members present in agreement.

**Playground Update**

Clerk provided an update to members. Equipment installation almost complete, wetpour surface is weather dependent – completion hopefully within next few weeks. Contractors will keep the Council informed.

The Clerk also read out an email from Dragon Play regarding comments made on social media about the lack of a wheelchair swing in the park design. MG has also been advised that there will be an additional cost of approximately £1300 + VAT for additional groundworks.

MG has also been contacted regarding the container in the splashpad which is going to be painted. The roof needs to be sealed prior to painting, at an approximate cost of £70. Councillors agreed that this is an opportunity not to be missed. HH proposed that Council accept this cost. AJ seconded the proposal.

All members present in agreement.

### **Tennis Court Update**

The Clerk informed council that following a Teams meeting with LTA on 4<sup>th</sup> April there is a lot of additional information and work still required before the launch. The tarmac is currently in its curing phase & painting is scheduled for the end of April (weather permitting). LTA are chasing a date for the gate installation system. ATC need to produce a Safeguarding Policy and Diversity & Equality Policy. The Council need to provide their booking conditions for the website & also agree yearly & session booking fees. Clerk has forwarded the email from LTA to all councillors.

### **Launch of Tennis Courts & Playground**

Councillors decided to discuss this at a later date when we have an accurate idea of completion dates.

### **13. Correspondence Received**

- Requests from Cor Persain, Rainbow Run & National Play Day forwarded to all councillors. All members in attendance in agreement – no objections raised.
- Email from Chair of Llannon Community Council read out by Clerk.
- Email from member of public regarding the hedge – Clerk has forwarded to all Councillors. Councillors are sympathetic but of the opinion that if the property is privately owned then it is the responsibility of a homeowner to secure their garden. Clerk to contact the member of public.
- Letter from member of the public regarding overhanging trees. Clerk read out the letter. MG stated she had spoken with the gentleman. Clerk to obtain guidance regarding trees & report back to council. Clerk to update the member of public.

### **14. Personnel Update**

The Chair asked the members of the public to leave the meeting and thanked them for attending.

Cllr L Brodrick left at 7:57pm

Councillors discussed the requirements for staff to provide timesheets & diaries.

**Meeting closed at 20:27pm**