

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Llangunnor Community Council held “remotely” at 6.30pm on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

**Present:** Councillors: Elwyn Williams (Outgoing Chair), Geraint Bevan, S. Thomas, P. Totterdale, Jenny Slate. Charlie Evans, Lee Whatley who joined five minutes after the meeting commenced due to connectivity issues with his internet connection.

**Two Electors present and Mr Howard Davies Clerk**

The Clerk opened the meeting due to the recent Election and welcomed our newly elected Cllr Lee Whatley on his return to the council.

He then sought nominations duly proposed and seconded for the following Offices:

**1. Chairperson / Vice Chair / Chair of Planning 2022 / 2023. The following nominations were received and duly seconded.**

- i) Election of Chair for Llangunnor Community Council for the year 2022/23 – It was proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Totterdale (**Minute AGM 22**) and unanimously agreed that Cllr Geraint Bevan be elected Chair of 22/23. **Cllr Bevan then proceeded to Chair the meeting.**
- ii) Election of a Vice Chair for Llangunnor Community Council for the year 2022/23- It was proposed by Cllr Thomas and seconded by Cllr Williams (**Minute AGM 22**) and unanimously agreed that Cllr. Jenny Slate be elected Vice -Chair for the coming year 2022/23
- iii) Election of Chair for the Planning Committee for the year 2022/23 - It was proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Slate (**Minute AGM 22**) that Cllr Sandra Thomas be elected Chair of the Planning Committee for the coming year 2022/23

**2. Cllr Bevan invited Cllr Elwyn Williams outgoing Chair to provide a summary of his two years in Office.**

Cllr Williams stated that he had enjoyed his year in office and thanked his fellow Councillors for their support. He was proud of several significant projects that the Council had delivered, against the backdrop of very challenging times, as we had to continue to live and work through the Covid Pandemic, and its challenges, notably transferring to virtual meetings, and keeping the council running in an effective manner.

He was pleased that the Council Precept had remained at £33000 for this financial year, however there would be a need to revisit for the next financial year.

Latterly there had been further challenges for our residents notably the cost-of-living increases, and rising inflation, where he was pleased that the Council had donated £1200 to the Local Food Bank to try to alleviate some of these pressures.

He was proud of what the Council had achieved in the park, and are looking to deliver in the future for this prized asset that had remained open and maintained throughout the pandemic for the benefit of our residents and their families

He wished the Council and its Officials well for the forthcoming year.

**3.Apologies:** None

**4.** Clerk reminded all Councillors that if they had not returned their signed “Declaration of Office” could they do so as a matter of urgency.

**5.**There were no declarations of interest

**6.Responsible Financial Officer / Proper Officer.**

Resolved unanimously – (Minute AGM 2022-5) to appoint the Clerk as the Council’s Responsible Financial Officer / Proper Officer.

**7.Minutes of previous AGM – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2021 were confirmed as true record (Minute AGM2022 - 7)

**8.Cheque signatories** – Resolved unanimously to reappoint Cllrs, E Williams, G Bevan and Cllr S Thomas – (Minute AGM 2022 – 8)

**9.External Audit**

It was noted: the appointment of Audit Wales as External Auditors for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 – (Minute AGM 2022– 9).

**10.Review allowances paid to Clerk**

**Resolved (Minute AGM 2022 – 10):** that the clerk convene a meeting of the Finance Committee to discuss the allowances.

**11.To confirm annual allowances for members for 22/23 as per Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Recommendations – Resolved Minute (AGM 22 –** that the clerk add to the agenda for next month’s Council meeting as it will require voting on by all Councillors given that there is a new attendance allowance now available to Councillors subject to adoption for attending meetings.

**12.** It was decided at the start of the meeting that Cllr Whatley’s motion be best dealt with at the ordinary Council meeting to follow. Agreed to place on the Council meeting agenda) (Minute AGM 2022 11)

**13. It was agreed that the following Councillors would represent the Council on (Minute AGM 2021 – 10 I, ii, iii, iv)**

- i)** Finance Committee – Cllrs E Williams, S. Thomas, & Chair / Vice. **One vacancy remains as no further nomination received.**
- ii)** Web & Media Committee – Cllrs. C Evans & Chair / Vice **Two vacancies remain as no further nominations received.**

- iii) Park and Environmental Committee – Cllrs. P. Totterdale, C Evans, S Thomas & Chair / Vice. - **Full compliment.**
- iv) Christmas Lights Committee – Cllrs. E Williams, P Totterdale, & Chair / Vice. **One vacancy remains as no further nominations received.**

**14. Chair's allowance for the year 2022 / 23. - Resolved** (unanimously): allocate a sum of £1650 for the Community Fund and £350 for Chair's Support Fund with the opportunity to review in-year – **(Minute AGM 2022 - 14).**

**15. REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES.**

**i) Un Llais Cymru/One Voice Wales**

It was proposed by Cllr Totterdale and seconded by Cllr Slate **(Minute AGM 22)** and unanimously agreed that Cllr. Whatley be appointed our representative on this committee.

**ii) Riverside Development Committee.**

**Cllr Totterdale was proposed but later withdrew his acceptance. Position of Council Representative remains vacant.**

**iii) Carmarthen River Festival**

**Cllr Totterdale was proposed but later withdrew his acceptance. Position of Council Representative remains vacant.**

**iv) Governor to Llangunnor School.**

**Cllr Sandra Thomas has already been appointed, which will run for a four-year term. (Minute 1121-9)**

**v) Carmarthen Town Forum**

It was proposed by Cllr Slate and seconded by Cllr Totterdale **(Minute AGM 22)** and unanimously agreed that Cllr Evans be Appointed our representative on this committee.

**16. Any other business.** There was no other business.

Date of next meeting to be notified.

Meeting closed 7.05pm

Confirmed as true record \_\_\_\_\_ G Bevan - Chair)

Date.