

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Llangunnor Community Council held “remotely” at 6.30pm on 18th May 2023.

Present: Councillors: Geraint Bevan (Outgoing Chair), J Slate, C Evans, P. Totterdale, Elwyn Williams. M Williams, A Wadeward, J Evans, G Slate.

Cllr L Whatley joined remotely.

Two Electors present and Mr Howard Davies Clerk

The outgoing Chair Cllr G Bevan asked Vice Chair for 22/23 Cllr Jenny Slate to take the Chair:

Council Officials Nominated at our April meeting of full Council.

	Nomination	Nominated by	Seconded by
Chair of Council:	Cllr J Slate	Cllr E Williams	Cllr Wadeward
Vice-chair of Council:	Cllr E Williams	Cllr J Slate	Cllr C Evans
Chair of Planning:	Cllr C Evans	Cllr J Slate	Cllr P Totterdale

1. Chairperson / Vice Chair / Chair of Planning 2023 / 2024

Following minute 0423-8 it was unanimously agreed (**minute AGM 2023 – 1**):

- i) Election of Chair for Llangunnor Community Council for the year 2023/24 – It is proposed that Cllr. Jenny Slate be elected Chair for the coming year 2023/24
- ii) Election of a Vice Chair for Llangunnor Community Council for the year 2023/24- It is proposed that Cllr. Elwyn Williams be elected Vice - Chair for the coming year 2023/24
- iii) Election of Chair for the Planning Committee for the year 2023/24 - It is proposed that Cllr. Charlie Evans be elected Chair of the Planning Committee for the coming year 2023/24

2. Cllr Jenny Slate invited Cllr Geraint Bevan outgoing Chair to provide a summary of his years in Office.

Cllr Bevan stated that he had enjoyed his year in office, this being the second time he had fulfilled this office having previously been Chair in 2012-13 and thanked his fellow Councillors and the clerk for their support.

He advised that the role of Chair had changed significantly over the past decade, as had the work and the responsibilities of the Council.

The year itself had been challenging as we slowly transitioned out of the Covid Pandemic, with a degree of normality returning, and the ability again to hold face to face Council meetings out of our new venue at Babel Zion Newydd Chapel, allowing

us to use their excellent I T facilities, and thanking them for helping us implement hybrid meetings so successfully.

The highlights of his year being

Four new Councillors being co opted onto the Council, who were already making a significant contribution to the running of the Council and supporting its activities. Being a member of the “Events Committee”, I have seen at close hand how well they work, and to see their ambitious plans for this years summer party and fun run develop for what I am sure will be a great day,

Seeing community engagement increase with two very successful community events held being the first “Party in the Park” held in the summer, with over 600 people in attendance, and the return of “Christmas Lights switch on followed by the Children’s party at Babell, which had previously fallen victim to Covid restriction for the past 3 years, where the biggest crowd ever was seen in attendance. Our relationship with Llangunnor School continues to grow, where I was pleased to have taken part in the annual “litter pick” with some of their senior pupils,

Having Nigel Owens retired former International Rugby referee dedicate a bench in memory of the contribution made by the late Cllr Alun West to the community of Llangunnor and beyond, and having the children of Llangunnor school attend, along with Mrs West, family, and friends.

Seeing further developments at the Llangunnor park, where a disabled toilet has been purchased by the Council, which had been greatly appreciated by the Community, along with several exciting projects in the pipeline.

Investing in two new streetlamps on the Ger y Nant footpath, making it far safer for its users during the darker morning and evenings of autumn through to winter.

Getting Carmarthen C C to agree to a feasibility study on the creation of a controlled emergency exit out of Charlies Pensarn car park onto Pensarn Road being something that the Council had lobbied for many years.

Seeing local community organisation reach out and supporting our residents throughout the Covid pandemic.

Attending the very lively and colourful St David’s Day parade in town and seeing so many young people from our primary and secondary schools in attendance, as this annual event continues to grow in popularity.

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

3.Apologies: None

4. Clerk reminded the Chair, and Vice Chairs that new “Declarations of Office” would be required and that he would attend to the paperwork.

5. There were no declarations of interest

6.Responsible Financial Officer / Proper Officer.

Resolved unanimously – (**Minute AGM 2023-5**) to appoint the Clerk as the Council's Responsible Financial Officer / Proper Officer.

7.Minutes of previous AGM – 19th May 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th of May 2022 were confirmed as true record (**Minute AGM 2023 - 7**)

8.Cheque signatories – Resolved unanimously to reappoint Cllrs, E Williams, G Bevan, and appoint Cllr J Slate to the signatory panel in place of of Cllr Sandra Thomas following her retirement (**Minute AGM 2023 – 8**)

9.External Audit

It was noted: the appointment of Audit Wales as External Auditors for the year ending 31st March 2023 – (**Minute AGM 2023– 9**).

10.Review allowances paid to Clerk

Resolved (Minute AGM 2023 – 10): that the Clerk convene a meeting of the Finance Committee to discuss the allowances.

11.To confirm annual allowances for members for 23/24 as per Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Recommendations – Resolved Minute (AGM 23 – 11) that the clerk add to the agenda for next month's Council meeting as it will require voting on by all Councillors.

12. It was agreed that the following Councillors would represent the Council on the following Committees in addition to the Chair and Vice Chair. (Minute AGM 2023 – 12 i, ii, iii, iv)

- i) Finance Committee – Cllrs G Bevan, J Evans, L Whatley, Chair & Vice. **-Full compliment**
- ii) Web & Media Committee – Cllrs. C Evans, A Wadeward, L Whatley, Chair & Vice – **Full compliment**
- iii) Park and Environmental Committee – Cllrs. P. Totterdale, G Slate, M Williams, Chair & Vice. - **Full compliment.**
- iv) Events Committee – Cllrs. P Totterdale, C Evans, G Bevan, G Slate. M Williams, A Wadeward, J Evans, Chair & Vice. **-Full compliment as Committee numbers increased to 9 serving Councillors as per Cllr J Slate supported Motion and would only apply to the Events Committee (Minute 02/23-14)**

13.Chair's allowance for the year 2023 / 24. - 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 2023 - 13**).

14. REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES.

i) Un Llais Cymru/One Voice Wales

It was proposed by Cllr Wadeward and seconded by Cllr C Evans (**Minute AGM 23 – 14i**) and unanimously agreed that Cllr. Whatley be reappointed our representative on this committee.

iv) Governor to Llangunnor School.

C Cllr Elwyn Williams representing CCC and Cllr Ally Wadeward newly appointed to the position of the 29th of March 2023, which will see her appointment run to 28th March 2027.

v) Carmarthen Town Forum

It was proposed by Cllr J Evans and seconded by Cllr A Wadeward (**Minute AGM 23 – 13v**) and unanimously agreed that Cllr C Evans be reappointed our representative on this committee. Cllr Evans whilst accepting the appointment asked if we could ask that we could send a deputy if he could not attend due to work commitments.

Action point: Clerk to make enquires to see if a deputy could be sent in such circumstances.

15. Any other business. There was no other business.

Date of next meeting to be notified.

Meeting closed 7.20pm

Confirmed as true record _____ J Slate - Chair

Date.