

ROGERSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL'S AGM HELD VIA A ZOOM MEETING ON
WEDNESDAY 12TH MAY 2021

Members present: -

Chairperson: Councillor S. Mlewa

Councillors: S. Bowen, C. Larcombe, S. Jones, K. Hopkins, T. Jaynes, M. Bentley, Y. Forsey, C Evans.

Apologies were received from: -

Councillors: N. Upham, N. Ireland, L. Hearn

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this point in the meeting.

2. APPOINTMENTS 2021/2022

The following appointments were made: -

2.1 Chairperson of the Council

Councillor S. Mlewa

2.2 Deputy Chairperson of the Council

Councillor S. Bowen

2.3 Committees of the Council: -

Staffing Committee

Chairperson, Councillor S. Mlewa

Deputy Chairperson, Councillor S. Bowen

Councillors: Y Forsey, L. Hearn, N. Ireland, N. Upham, M. Bentley, T. Jaynes.

Leisure Committee

Chairperson, Councillor S. Mlewa

Deputy Chairperson, Councillor S. Bowen

Councillors: N. Ireland, K. Hopkins, C. Larcombe, S. Jones, C. Evans, Y. Forsey.

Finance Committee

Chairperson, Councillor S. Mlewa

Deputy Chairperson, Councillor S. Bowen

Councillors: Y. Forsey, K. Hopkins, S. Jones, C. Evans, C. Larcombe, T. Jaynes.

Youth Services Committee

Chairman, Councillor S. Mlewa

Deputy Chairperson, Councillor S. Bowen

Councillors: C. Larcombe, S. Jones, K. Hopkins, L. Hearn, T. Jaynes.

The new co-opted member will be offered a place on this committee.

Civic Events Committee

Chairperson, Councillor S. Mlewa

Deputy Chairperson, Councillor S. Bowen

Councillors: Y. Forsey, N. Ireland, V. Dudley, C. Evans.

Environment Committee

Chairperson, Councillor S. Mlewa

Deputy Chairperson, Councillor S. Bowen

Councillors: Y. Forsey, N. Ireland, K. Hopkins, C. Larcombe, A. Collingbourne, V. Dudley.

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Interim Planning Committee

Councillors: S. Mlewa, L. Hearn, C. Evans, V. Dudley, M. Bentley

Representatives to Public Bodies:-

Rogerstone & Bassaleg Burial Board

Chairperson, Councillor S. Mlewa

Deputy Chairperson, Councillor S. Bowen

Councillors: Y. Forsey, S. Jones, K. Hopkins, L. Hearn, M. Bentley

Representatives to Meetings

All Councillors may attend on behalf of the Council.

14 Locks Committee (Monmouthshire, Brecon and Abergavenny Canals Trust)

Councillors:- S. Mlewa, Y. Forsey.

It was agreed to take item 4 Police Matters next.

4. POLICE MATTERS

The Chairperson welcomed Sergeant Turner to the meeting and invited him to speak about local police matters.

Sergeant Turner discussed the recent Police Report for April (circulated to members and put on the website prior to the meeting). The following was discussed:-

- Operation Senior.
- The joint operation with Trading Standards to deter rogue traders.
- Arrests and warrants issued for drug related and public order offences in Rogerstone.
- Policing priorities in Rogerstone.
- Ward Officers leaving the area and interviews taking place to replace them.

- Continued problems with off road bikes in various areas of Rogerstone, and the number seized by Police. Sergeant Turner agreed to keep members updated on this matter.
- Police surgery dates at 14 Locks – 14.5.21 & 3.6.21 at 11am-12pm
- Perceived issues with HGVs at Cefn Road.
- Parking issues at Golden Mile View.
- A skateboard incident, which the police dealt with admirably.
- The Gwent Police Twitter account, which members agreed is very informative and helpful at getting the message out to members of the public.
- The merits and disadvantages of social media.
- Anti-social issues at the Welfare Grounds that were dealt with quickly and efficiently by the local police.
- Members agreed that the police in Rogerstone are doing a great job, and Sergeant Turner agreed to pass on the message to officers.

The Chairperson thanked Sergeant Turner for attending and members looked forward to him coming to a meeting in approximately three months time (unless something urgent occurs in the interim).

2. MINUTES

As the last meeting was held via Zoom, the following minutes were approved prior to publication on the website to comply with legislation: -

Full Council meeting 7th April 2021

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1 Dwr Cymru

The Clerk updated members on the water leak at the Welfare Grounds, which is still ongoing. The company carrying out the work on the new water main are awaiting a licence from Dwr Cymru. The insurers are dealing with the issue for the Council and they are happy that nothing more can be done to mitigate the leak. The half yearly direct debit has been cancelled as the next bill is already more than £4,000, and the Council paid a large bill in December 2020, which will hopefully be partially reimbursed.

3.2 Lyndon Way

The Clerk updated members on the drainage work at Lyndon Way, which has been started by Newport City Homes.

3.3 Community Garden

Members and the public are very pleased with the work undertaken at the Welfare Grounds by Sarah Simons and the volunteers, and asked that the Clerk send a letter expressing the thanks of the Council.

3.4 Morrisons

The Clerk advised that he had emailed to the Morrisons Champion a number of times but has received no response. Members queried the email contact details and Councillor Jaynes agreed to make contact via social media.

Members discussed Morrisons 'Package for Sandy' initiative, which aims to help ending period poverty. A notice in the ladies toilets states - Please don't feel shy. If you are in need or struggling for sanitary products, go to our Customer Service Kiosk and ask for a package Sandy has left for you. You will be given a free discreet envelope with what you need. No questions asked. Members asked the Clerk to write to Morrisons thanking them for this initiative, which will hopefully help many women in the community.

3.5 Take Away Café at the Hut

The Clerk advised that the electrics at the Hut have up to date electrical certificates and PAT testing. The issue appears to be when all the electrical plugs are switched on at the same time, which causes the board to trip.

3.6 School Terrace – Fencing

The Clerk advised that 2 further quotes for palisade fencing have been received, however, the original quote is still the lowest submitted. It was agreed to:

- Appoint the contractor with the lowest quote.
- Go with the 2nd lowest quote, should the first contractor not be able to fulfil the order.
- Advise the residents of School Street when the work will start (when known).

3.7 Bethesda Rise

The Clerk advised that LLanmoor Homes will undertake the required reinstatement of the buffer zone during the summer; the Clerk will chase up during June 2021.

3.8 Tydu Community Hall

The Clerk advised that regular organised groups with approved risk assessments will be returning to Tydu Community Hall week commencing 17th May 2021, numbers in accordance with the Welsh Governments latest announcement on Friday 14th May. Members agreed that ad-hoc advance bookings can be taken mid-June, provided the type of booking is permitted by the Welsh Government, and is covered by an approved risk assessment, and strict adherence to the regulations in force at that time.

3.9 Gate – High Cross Open Space

The Clerk agreed for staff to monitor the area at the bottom of High Cross Open Space, where the gate is missing, to ascertain if a replacement gate would be beneficial.

3.10 Allotment Dispute

The Clerk confirmed that the plot holder discussed at the last meeting, has been given a list of requirements to comply with; work to be carried out within 4/6 weeks.

3.11 RWCC Roller/ Grounds Machinery

The Clerk advised that:-

- The roller has been purchased and is being utilised.
- The old tractor will be advertised for sale; and once sold will free up secure storage space for other items.
- The new trailer approved a while ago from the former Citizens Panel fund will be purchased when secure storage space becomes available.

3.12 Field Off Cefn Road

Members were advised that there is no update regarding this project, and it was agreed to keep it as an agenda item so that updates can be given as and when.

3.13 Recycling – Welfare Grounds

Members were advised that the large recycling bin near the play area was removed by Newport City Council, due to contamination; members of the public were putting mixed waste in with recyclable products. Newport City Council will only collect recycling if containers are kept indoors where the level of contamination can be controlled.

4. POLICE MATTERS

Discussed earlier.

5. CLERKS REPORT

Members acknowledged the Clerks Report (emails are forwarded to members when received).

6. NEW CORRESPONDENCE

There was no new correspondence to consider.

7. ACCOUNTS

Wild About Rogerstone (CP)

Malarky

Container painting 1 st payment	2160.00
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Container painting 2nd payment	969.60
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Glasdon

Benches	3739.92
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Fuel Genie

Fuel	235.01
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Nathan Evans Ltd

Xero fees	23.04
Monthly accounts (JP)	240.00
TalkTalk	
Broadband & phone	57.54
Utility Warehouse	
Gas Tydu Hall & electricity Tydu Hall & outbuildings	100.99
Zoom	
Meetings	14.39
T. Carter	
Amazon – bin bags for grounds	122.94
Amazon – litter pickers	36.00
Poundshop – cleaning grounds & hall	83.70
Medicine Market – gloves – grounds	74.70
West Environmental	
Asbestos Removal & disposal of asbestos containing materials at Cefn Rd.	474.00
Direct 365	
Cleaning products/brushes/mops/buckets – grounds & hall	274.19
S. Davies	
Asda – bags grounds	8.40
Morrisons – trees (CP)	20.00
Colourcentre – paint	23.98
Walter Hunter	
Payroll services	612.00
Ted Hopkins	
Machinery (JP)	2935.85
Newport City Council	
Bins (half JP)	340.50
Barnes Plant	
Cricket roller (CP)	9900.00
(£4,950 received RWCC)	
Currys	
Clerk – paper & ink (JP)	41.49

8. PLANNING

Planning Committee members were in receipt of planning applications.

Members discussed the naming of the street for the new development at the former Old Oak Stave.

9. OTHER MATTERS

9.1 Co-Option

Following discussion, members approved the appointment of Bev Davies as the new Community Councillor for the East Ward, to replace Mark Hoidn.

9.2 Burial Board

The Clerk gave members an interim update on Burial Board matters following the last meeting of the Board

Members asked the Clerk to leave the meeting while they discussed the recommend option for the Clerk to the Burial Board.

Following consideration members agreed that:-

- Rogerstone Community Council become the employer of the Clerk.
- The Burial Board Clerks position be incorporated as part of the Clerk to Rogerstone Community Council duties, at his usual salary rate but at 4 hours per week rather than 5.5.
- Payment is to be via the Councils usual payroll arrangements which will be reimbursed by the Burial Board.

The Clerk was readmitted to the meeting, and accepted the position as stated above; Graig Community Council will be notified.

10. MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT

Litter Pickers

Councillor Forsey left the meeting whilst members discussed funding for litter picking equipment for the local litter picking group. Members unanimously agreed to fund the items, and agreed Councillor Forsey and the volunteers do a marvellous job around Rogerstone.

Councillor Y. Forsey returned to the meeting.

Former Bowls Club & St Annes Church

Members discussed St Annes and also the possibility of taking on a lease for the former Bowls Club. Councillor Evans and Councillor Forsey explained the situation regarding the former Bowls Hall and agreed to liaise with Newport City Council on the future use of the building.

Book Project – Mental Health/Disability

Councillor S. Bowen advised members that he was going to approach the National Lottery for funding for a book on various types of mental health and disability issues, and encouraged members to contact him if they knew of people who could contribute to the book.

Boundary Changes

Following discussion, the Clerk agreed to provide members with information on Community Council membership as a result of proposed boundary changes following consultation with the Head of Law and Standards at Newport City Council.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members discussed Zoom meetings, hybrid meetings, meetings at the hall, and alternative dates. It was agreed to meet at the Hall in July, if the Welsh Government regulations permit this.

The next meeting will be held via Zoom on the 2nd June 2021.