

**ROGERSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA A ZOOM MEETING ON**  
**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022**

Members present: -

Chairperson: Councillor S. Mlewa

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

Apologies were received from: -

Councillors: J. Reynolds, , N. Ireland, N. Upham, B. Davies, T. Jaynes.

*Members were saddened to hear that Eddie Burke (former City and Community Councillor) and Mrs Anita Bailey (former Community Councillor) had passed away recently. A minutes silence was held as a mark of respect and to reflect on the work and support they had both given to the community of Rogerstone for many years.*

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**2. MINUTES**

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

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**3.1 CCTV**

The CCTV work and signage is now finished.

**3.2 Roof Glazing – Tydu Community Hall**

The glazing to Tydu Community Hall has now been completed.

**3.3 Outdoor Table Tennis**

Members were advised that the tarmac surface has been laid and the table tables are due to be re-installed on the new bases.

### **3.4 Festival Committee**

Members approved the advert for the Rogerstone Community Platinum Jubilee Fete; this will appear in the next Rogerstone Directory. The cost is £150, this will be paid by Rogerstone Community Council and the Festival Committee will reimburse the Council.

Members discussed the plans for the event and were pleased with the progress.

### **3.5 The Glade Café**

Members discussed the refurbishment of the café and the opening date/times; information is the Community Council website and on social media.

## **4. POLICE MATTERS**

Police reports are forwarded to members and put on the website when received.

## **5. CLERKS REPORT**

Members acknowledged the Clerks Report and correspondence forwarded prior to the meeting.

### Wales Audit

The Clerk advised that the audit paperwork for 21/22 has been received.

The audit for 20/21 has still not been finalised by Wales Audit.

## **6. NEW CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence has been forwarded to members.

## **7. ACCOUNTS**

The following accounts were approved:

TalkTalk	
Broadband & phone	£ 59.94
Screwfix	
Tools & sundries grounds	£ 8.63
Tools & sundries grounds	£ 72.03
T. Carter - mops, buckets, hall & grounds	£ 120.13

Fuelgenie	
Fuel for van & machinery	£ 135.00
Zoom	
Monthly charge	£ 14.39
Newport City Council	
Bins ½ RCC ½ JP	£ 340.56
Nathan Evans	
Monthly fee JP	£ 240.00
Xero	£ 24.96
Utility Warehouse	
Gas Tydu Hall, electric – hall, grounds	£ 423.58
Gas Tydu Hall, electric – hall, grounds	£ 364.36
CIA	
Ty Du House insurance	£ 316.39
D. Evans	
Cleaning March – Hall, outside toilets	£ 520.00
Eurosec	
CCTV JP	£5640.00
CCTV RCC	£2160.00
Enerveo	
Exterior lighting work JP	£2310.00
T. Carter	
J. Lewis – JP staff clothing	£ 90.98
Sports Direct – JP staff clothing	£ 268.93
Golf Shop - JP staff clothing	£ 94.62

## **8. PLANNING**

Planning Committee members were in receipt of all planning applications.

Members discussed at length the additional houses proposed for Jubilee Park, including:-

- Traffic issues and traffic impact surveys.
- Parking issues.
- The planning process and public consultation.
- Newport City Council planning website.

## **9. OTHER MATTERS**

### **9.1 Cricket Club Lease**

The new Cricket Club lease had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Following discussion members approved the new 25 year lease, the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson will sign the lease on behalf of the Council.

### **9.2 Bethesda Rise Land**

Following discussion regarding the 10m buffer zone between the houses and wooded area at Bethesda Rise, members agreed to accept the reinstated land from Llanmoor Homes; legal fees will be paid by Llanmoor Homes.

### **9.3 NJC Local Government Pay Settlement**

Members were in receipt of the NJC local government pay settlement information (circulated prior to the meeting).

Following discussion, members approved the 1.75% backdated pay rise (from 1.4.21) and the new hourly rates.

### **9.4 'The Dell' Nature Reserve**

The proposal for the pond area and the field beyond it at the Welfare Grounds was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

The following was discussed:-

- The cost of the feasibility study (unknown)
- Funding for the project, suggested from the former Citizens Panel funds and the Heritage Lottery, costs unknown.
- Project management – who will be responsible (the volunteers from the Glade, will not be undertaking this)
- On-going maintenance funding.
- Project benefits & disadvantages for Rogerstone residents.
- Possible school involvement.

Members agreed:-

- To the project in principle, however, this is subject to the results of the feasibility study, affordability and suitable on-going maintenance arrangements.
- That full costs and on-going maintenance responsibility would need to be known before proceeding with the project.
- The feasibility study is the first step, and funding for this has to be reasonable and within the Council's budget.
- The Chair and Deputy will have delegated authority to approve the feasibility study, should this be required before the next meeting, however the cost must be reasonable and affordable for this to proceed.

- Should the study be undertaken, members can consider the next step at the June or July meeting.

## **10. MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT**

### TW SW Defibrillator Donation Photo Shoot Monday 14th March

Members were pleased to be advised that the above photo shoot went well for the donation of a defibrillator by Taylor Wimpey to the residents of Jubilee Park.

### Jubilee Park to Welfare Grounds Footpath

Members discussed the above at length, including:-

- Responsibility for the erosion on the river bank.
- Land ownership.
- Correspondence sent to Newport City Council.
- Lobbying Newport City Council.
- Ideas for improving the access, such as steps etc.
- The purpose of the Linear Park and previous planning decisions made.
- The relatively short walk from the Jubilee Park estate to the Welfare Grounds via the pavement/roadway compared to other areas in Rogerstone.
- Play areas and open spaces at Jubilee Park.

### Newport City Homes – St Johns Court Engagement Session

Members discussed the next public event planned by Newport City Homes - Community event to discuss proposals for Oak Road, St Johns Church Hall & St Johns Court, at St. Johns Church on Friday 8 April, between 4pm – 7pm.

### Ukraine

Members discussed:-

- The support that the Welsh Government and Newport City Council has in place for refugees from Ukraine as well as the people offering them homes in the area.
- The procedure for offering a home/room to refugees.
- Additional support that Rogerstone Community Council and local residents could provide.
- Local school capacity.
- Job/training help.
- Local community groups.
- Using Tydu Community Hall for a social group once a week/fortnight/month.

It was agreed to discuss this at the June/July meeting.

## **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting (AGM) will be held 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (later due to the election process).