

**ROGERSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT TYDU COMMUNITY HALL
MONDAY 6TH MARCH 2023**

Members present: -

Chairperson: Councillor S. Mlewa

Councillors: S. Bowen, S. Jones, C Larcombe, , N. Upham, Y Forsey, M Bentley, B. Davies, A. Hobbs,
J. Reynolds.

Apologies were received from: -

Councillors. K Hopkins, N. Ireland, L. Cummings, J. Gibbons

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors S. Mlewa, S. Jones, Y. Forsey, declared an interest in Jubilee Park matters.

Councillor S. Jones declared an interest in the Scouts planning application.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held 1st February 2023 were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1 Festival Committee

Members discussed:-

- Holding a Festival meeting.
- Pill Carnival date, possibly Monday the 28th of August (not confirmed).
- Past Rogerstone Festivals being on the first Sunday in September.
- Sunday the 27th August being the weekend before the children go back to school.
- Coronation events.
- Festival contacts and members.
- The amount of time festival members need to commit to the event.

It was agreed:-

- To hold the Festival on the 27th of August.
- The meeting to be the 29th March at 7pm in the council chambers at Tydu Community Hall; all members welcome.

3.2 2023/24 Precept

Members discussed: -

- The Community Councils precept increase, which had to be agreed at the last meeting due to a deadline set by Newport City Council.
- The Community Council using CPI this year rather than RPI, which was lower.
- Members agreeing not to increase any of the fees to benefit residents using the facilities.
- The slight difference between Newport City Council and the Community Councils percentage increase.
- The reason for Newport City Councils increase – achieving a balanced budget and cutting back where necessary.
- Newport City Council’s school budgets and the problems schools face.
- Schools having to pay the increased utility costs.
- Newport City Councils climate change policy and future work.

It was agreed that representatives of Newport City Council’s climate change team be invited to a future meeting to discuss their work.

Councillor Y. Forsey left the meeting while the Riverbank erosion was being discussed.

3.3 Riverbank Erosion

Members discussed: -

- The meetings held on the 10th & 15th of February.
- The apologies given for non-attendance by Newport City Council etc. for the meeting on the 10th February.
- The request made for a copy of the options appraisal and minutes of the meeting on the 15th of February from Newport City Council.
- Jubilee Park Management Company are arranging to obtain Counsel Opinion on liability for maintaining the footpath, which also provides erosion protection for the flood defence wall.

Members agreed that the written notes and the options appraisal from Newport City Council are essential so that the information can be shared with the public.

3.4 School Competition

At the last meeting members discussed the Deputy Chairpersons suggestions for the next school’s competition and agreed to proceed as in previous years, including the cash prizes.

At this meeting the Deputy Chairperson clarified this year’s questions prizes:-

Q1 What do you think is the most enjoyable part of being a king?

Q2 What do you think is the most difficult thing about being a king?

Q3 What would make you a good king or a queen?

Each school will have a winner who will receive a prize of £30.00. There will also be a prize of £50.00 for the overall winner.

Following discussion, it was also agreed to use any surplus from a previous competition if additional prizes are needed. This may be necessary if the entries are as varied as last year with a number of different formats and age groups submitting.

4. POLICE MATTERS

Police reports are circulated via email when received, February's report was emailed before this meeting.

Members discussed 'boy racers' on Pontymason Lane and other local issues, and the importance of residents reporting incidents to the police and obtain a log number.

5. CLERKS REPORT

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

6. NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Members approved the plans for an outdoor seating area that the Glade Cafe tenants want to provide, subject to an agreeable base, surface and an increased bond. Specification to be agreed by the Clerk prior to commencement once any necessary consents have been achieved.

7. ACCOUNTS

Zoom	
Monthly charge	14.39
Newport City Council	
Bins ½ RCC ½ JP	433.33
Nathan Evans Ltd	
Xero fees	26.88
Salary fee	114.00
Accounts JP	240.00
Accounts JP	240.00
Vodafone	
Broadband	34.00
Fuel Genie	
Fuel for van & machinery	100.02

T. Carter	
Nisbets – cleaning sundries & cloths – grounds	111.26
D. Evans	
Hall & outside toilet cleaning Jan 23	496.00
Ted Hopkins	
Service kit & machine sundries	484.00
Treecare Ltd	
Tree survey	1248.00
Tree survey JP	264.00
Printerbase	
Paper & ink CA	92.04
Eurooffice	
Bin bags, toilet rolls grounds.	151.04
Soap dispensers and soap	70.26
Frugo	
Drain cleaning equipment – grounds	287.48
Asgard	
Shed	1028.00
Regen Amenity	
Glyphosate	78.00
Screwfix	
Grounds tools	26.95
Utility Warehouse	
Electricity – hall, out buildings & Glade Cafe, gas – hall	2771.34
Electricity – hall, out buildings & Glade Cafe, gas – hall	4490.34
Enerveo	
Replacement LED lamps JP	852.00

Members discussed the recent utility bills:-

- *Buildings and areas the bills are for –
Gas – Tydu Hall, disabled toilet, changing rooms & showers, hot water in the hall toilets.
Electric – Glade Cafe, Hall lighting, electrical sundries, hot water in kitchen, & all outbuildings (works garage, toilets, wardens hut etc.)*
- *Some of the bills being estimated; a smart meter may be beneficial.*

- *Hall heating – this is put on 15/30 minutes before bookings and is controlled by a thermostat in the hall.*
- *Heating is not on when there are no bookings in the hall, or if only office being used.*
- *Staff turn off radiators in rooms not being used. (Only 3 radiators in the main hall, 1 in kitchen, 4 in room, 2 in chambers, 1 in office, 1 in each toilet, 1 in outside foyer & a few in changing rooms).*
- *The boiler, which was only replaced a few years ago and the benefits of changing to other green methods of heating in the future; a heating system options appraisal to be arranged.*
- *The radiators – thermostatically control knobs.*
- *VAT being reclaimed from the amounts on the accounts.*
- *The utility cost being at business not domestic rate.*
- *The feedback tariff and income from this to offset some costs.*
- *Glade Cafe paying for electricity usage from 2023 onward.*

It was agreed to forward billing information to members and to apply for a smart meter.

8. PLANNING

Members on the interim planning committee are emailed plans as and when received.

Members considered and supported the following application, which will provide a community hall:-
CONNEX/23/0126 Change of use at St Annes Church Hall

Councillor S. Jones updated members on the current status of the lottery application, and the changes to made; issues with the use of the church grounds were also discussed.

Members thanked Councillor S. Jones for all the work he has put into this lottery grant proposal and were pleased to see that it is progressing so well.

9. OTHER MATTERS

9.1 Section 137 Applications

The Clerk advised that:-

- HCPT Group 99 have withdrawn their application due to funding from elsewhere.
- An application from a school has not been completed (no accounts), therefore has not been forwarded to members for consideration.
- A late application from a business had been received and declined. (Applicant advised to apply again within the application dates, if criteria met).

It was agreed to change the format for receiving applications as follows:-

- Applications will be considered half yearly, the closing dates -
1st September 2023 & 1st March 2024

10. URGENT MATTERS

Community Awards

It was agreed to exclude the press and public from this matter.

Defibrillator

The Clerk agreed to look into correspondence offering the possibility of obtaining another defibrillator in Rogerstone. Possible areas were discussed and will be finalised later; members noted that there is a defibrillator awaiting installation at a location in Rogerstone, currently stored in the hall.

Wi-Fi

Members discussed the Councils Wi-Fi being left on for members use while at the hall. The Wi-Fi is currently available to members for Council meetings. The password, (which is updated regularly) is displayed in the chambers for meetings as previously agreed. The Clerk advised that public Wi-Fi & the costs have been discussed previously.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was agreed to be **Wednesday 5th April 2023 at 7.00pm.**