

**ROGERSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE COUNCILS MEETING HELD AT TYDU COMMUNITY HALL**  
**7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

Members present:-

Chairperson: Councillor S. Bowen

Councillors: K Hopkins, Y Forsey, B. Davies, A. Hobbs, C Larcombe, J. Gibbons.

Apologies:-

Councillors: N. Upham, S. Jones, G. Foley, N. Ireland, J. Reynolds

*Members stood for a minute's silence in memory of Councillor Sally Mlewa, who recently passed away.*

It was with great sadness that our council meeting opened with a minute's silence in remembrance of Councillor Sally Mlewa who passed away on 26th January after a long illness during which she continued to perform her role as Chairperson of the Community Council. Following this there was an opportunity for members to share their thoughts and reflections of Sally who was greatly respected by all, this is clearly reflected by the fact that she was re-elected chair for the last seven years, which is a record.

For those who had not known Sally for a long time it was clear that they soon got to respect her, while for those who had known Sally for longer, were able to talk of shared values and warm lasting friendships. Sally was first elected to the Community Council in 2012 and has served the people of Rogerstone faithfully and diligently through her time in office. It was also noted that as well as her principal job as an educator Sally never failed to be involved in our community events and has spent time as a governor at three of our local schools where her skills will be greatly missed. It was also suggested that the Community Champion Award, which is given for outstanding service to our community should be renamed the 'Sally Mlewa Award'

Our thoughts and prayers remain with the family.

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations at this point in the meeting.

**2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 were approved.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### **3.1 Remembrance Sunday**

Following discussion, it was suggested that Remembrance Sunday be made an agenda item a little later in the year rather than March, when information on costs etc is known, members can then make an informed choice about the event.

#### **3.2 Carol Service**

Following discussion members agreed to agenda the item for the July or September meeting instead of March and Rev. Kate O'Sullivan will be invited to attend.

The date for the Carol Service has was agreed as the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024, and Rogerstone Band as well as the community singing group have both confirmed attendance.

#### **3.3 RLDP Rogerstone Candidate Sites**

Members discussed the comments that were submitted and agreed that public transport could have also been mentioned.

#### **3.4 Audit Report & Response**

The Clerk advised that no further response has been received from Wales Audit, therefore the matter will be escalated.

#### **3.5 Casual Vacancies**

Members discussed the number of casual vacancy applications that have been received and decided not to advertise the position as agreed at the last meeting, as there are now a sufficient number of interested persons to consider.

The interviews have been postponed due to the sad loss of the Chairperson, Councillor Sally Mlewa, and it was agreed that these will now not take place until the end of March/beginning of April.

It was agreed that the Deputy Chairperson, Councillor S. Bowen will become the Acting Chairperson until the AGM in May.

Newport City Council will be advised of the death of Councillor Sally Mlewa, and the statutory notice will be posted at an appropriate time.

### **4. POLICE MATTERS**

Members are forwarded the Police Reports when received.

Members discussed the shoplifting incidents in the report and the ward priority, which is drug dealing in Rogerstone.

## 5. **CLERKS REPORT**

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

## 6. **NEW CORRESPONDENCE**

### Use of Grounds Request – Whiteheads – Steelers Rugby Club

Members were in receipt of the above and agreed in principle that this event can take place, subject to all the information and provisos in the Council's email being received satisfactorily at least 2 weeks before the event, with final approval by the Clerk and Head Groundsman. It was further agreed that no charge is to be made to the public and that stewards will be required despite the Club stating none were necessary; the management of the access and egress will be the responsibility of the Club as well as additional facilities, which may be required such as toilets and bins etc. Catering arrangements will need to be advised so that they do not affect the Glade Cafe business.

## 7. **ACCOUNTS**

Where marked JP – charged to Jubilee Park not RCC. All include VAT where applicable (reclaimable for RCC not JP).

Zoom	
Monthly charge	£ 15.59
Fuelgenie	
Van & machinery	£250.05
Octopus	
Gas & electricity (this includes the Glades electricity, which is paid back monthly).	£1590.82
Newport City Council	
Bins ½ RCC ½ JP	£450.67
Nathan Evans Ltd	
Monthly accounts JP	£240.00
Payroll	£114.00
Xero	£ 28.80
Amazon	
Apple charging cables	£ 18.57
Screwfix	
Grounds tools & sundries	£ 5.99
Grounds tools & sundries	£ 56.93

Aviva Van insurance	£650.00
Vodafone Broadband	£ 38.90
D. Evans Cleaning hall & outside toilet blocks	£ 496.00

## **8. PLANNING**

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

Members discussed the plans submitted by the Fugitives Club on the land leased to them by the Community Council; it was noted that part of the application was on ground owned by the Club.

The application gives residents the opportunity to comment on the application and once the outcome is known, the Community Council can consider whether or not to approve the proposals on the leased land.

## **9. URGENT MATTERS**

### Wern Industrial Estate – Fire

Members discussed the above incident and the impact on local businesses.

### Clerk to the Burial Board – Vacancy

Members discussed the advert for the Burial Board vacancy.

## **10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was agreed to be **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7pm**

The Clerk gave his apologies for the next meeting (on leave)