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COWBRIDGE (ANCIENT BOROUGH) with
LLANBLETHIAN TOWN COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF A RE-CONVENED MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday, 30th April 2024 at 7pm.

Present: Council Chamber, The Mayor Cllr Malcolm Wilson, Deputy Mayor Cllr Heather Weddell, Cllr John Andrew, Cllr Peter Carter, Cllr Rowena Harbour, Cllr Charles Champion, Cllr Gwen Baty, Cllr Geraint Baty, Cllr Lianne Evans, Cllr Alec Trousdell, Cllr Biga John and Town Clerk Cathy Kennedy.
PC Stuart Elson attended the meeting and left after item 3.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted from Cllr Breen, Cllr Watkins, Cllr Williams and Cllr Cecilia Hannigan-Davies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from members.

3. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

PC Stuart Elson provided an overview of the community police report for March 2024.

4. VALE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Charles Champion Vale & Town Councillor briefed the meeting as follows; Boardwalk: The construction work is still ongoing but not yet finished. Delays are partly due to bad weather. He has spoken with a council officer from Vale and the work crew for updates.

Wi-Fi Mobile Signal: He attended a Vodafone event in Cardiff, discussing mobile signal issues with their representative. They learned about a method to measure signal quality using refuse vehicles with special devices. He also met with Colan Mehaffey from Cardiff Capital Region, and Elinor Williams from Ofcom offered to connect them with Streetwave, a company that employs the aforementioned signal-measuring technology. Twt Park and Popular Park: He met with a Section 106 officer and the County Landscape Architect to discuss new playground equipment and possible changes to the paths near Waitrose. They also visited Popular Park to explore suggestions for a new path that would connect with Cae Rex and require additional lighting. Bear Field: He raised a concern with the Council about overflowing manholes in Bear Field.

5. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

6. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS

Cllr Malcolm Wilson nominated Cllr Heather Weddell to serve as mayor for the ensuing mayoral year. The nomination was seconded by Cllr Gwen Baty, and a majority vote was received.

Cllr Heather Weddell nominated Cllr Geraint Baty to be the deputy mayor for the ensuing year. Cllr Lianne Evans seconded this nomination, and a majority vote followed.

RESOLVED

Cllr Heather Weddell has been designated as the mayor-elect, and Cllr Geraint Baty as the deputy mayor-elect, until the official mayoral inauguration ceremony scheduled for 21st May 2024.

7. MINUTES

The minutes from the council meeting which took place on the 19th March 2024 were considered by members.

RESOLVED

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

8. MATTERS ARISING/ACTION PLAN

There were no matters arising.

9. COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS

Members reviewed the resolutions that emerged from the town hall and finance & governance committee meetings.

10. FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report for the period ending 31st March 2024 was reviewed, along with the hygiene and cleaning expenses for the 2023/24 financial year. It was noted that £28,000 of reserves were spent during the 2023/24 financial year. The town clerk cautioned against further spending from the current £104,000 reserves, pointing out that this amount represents only 4 months of expenditure. Councils are typically advised to maintain reserves between to 4-6 months' worth of expenses.

RESOLVED

The financial report was approved.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

To review salient correspondence items:

Letters from residents concerning the planning application referenced in item 12a were received.

12. PLANNING MATTERS

The following planning applications were considered:

a) 2024/00166/FUL (TN) Marlborough Grange Farm, Cross Ways, Cowbridge

Retrospective planning consent was sought for the development of a car boot sale on Saturdays and Sundays during the period from 22nd March to 31st October, inclusive. The proposal involved the change of use from agricultural grazing land to a car boot sale during these months, with provisions for temporary facilities such as toilets and catering, along with associated hard and soft landscaping, signage, native hedges, and fencing. A robust discussion ensued regarding this retrospective planning consent.

RESOLVED

The council decided to oppose the application due to several concerns: the added strain on road traffic, the potential effects on nearby properties, safety risks related to emergency vehicle access, and the absence of detailed drawings and complete information.

- b) **2024/00216/FUL Pantwilkin Farm House, Llanquian Road, Aberthin**
Retrospective planning consent for the change of use of several existing rural buildings for employment uses (B1 & B8) and associated works
RESOLVED
To raise an objection because it contravenes planning policy.
- c) **2023/01296/FUL (TN) Glyndwr Vineyard, Llanblethian, Cowbridge**
Proposed 1 no. tourist accommodation lodge constructed in accordance with the Caravan Act

RESOLVED
No objection.
- d) **2024/00298/FUL (HM) Broomhill, Church Road, Llanblethian, Cowbridge**
Proposal : Replacement of conservatory with single storey family room
RESOLVED
No objection.
- e) **2024/00292/FUL (HM) 7, Millfield Drive, Cowbridge Proposed single storey extension to the rear of the property**

RESOLVED
No objection.
- f) **2021/00852/FUL (ANH) Filco, 2, High Street, Cowbridge**
Proposed ground floor extension to the Filco Foodstore and External Alterations at 2 High Street and Proposed conversion and extension of redundant 1st floor retail storage space into office accommodation with rear access.
RESOLVED
No objection.
- g) **2019/01337/FUL Garwa Quarry, St Mary Hill, Ruthin**
Variation of Condition 3 - Time Limit 31/12/2019 - Extraction of carboniferous limestone, Garwa Farm (Ref 382(Z)1341), 09/06/1070, as amended by Deepening of quarry from 135ft. to 90ft. AOD (Ref 1048), as amended by revised working scheme and end date Condition 3 (Ref. 97/00796/FUL)
- h) **2019/01340/FUL Ruthin Quarry, St Mary Hill, Ruthin**
Review of Old Mining Permissions - Resumption of operations and extension of time limit.

RESOLVED g&h

The town council agreed to reiterate the previous objection as follows:

We are pleased to have been given the opportunity to comment on this application, which is outside of our boundary, since it could impact upon our residents. It appears that this application could involve not just the extension of permission but the reopening of a quarry that has been closed for some time. This could have consequences such as dust and vehicle movements and should therefore be put out to full public consultation.

13. APPLICATION FOR A GRANT OF PREMISES LICENCE

To consider an application for a Grant of Premises Licence – Glebe Farm, St Hilary, CF71 7DP. The application seeks permission for; Sale of alcohol ON and OFF the premises: 10:00 to 20:00 Monday to Sunday. Any observations in respect of this application must therefore be made in writing to the Licensing Department on/by 22nd May 2024 to be taken into consideration.

RESOLVED

The town council requested further information and an extension to the application to the 23RD May to enable to council to re-consider at the meeting on the 22nd May.

14. MAYOR'S REPORT

The mayors report was received.

15. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The town clerks report was received.

16. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

RESOLVED

- a. The minutes from the community working group were approved.
- b. Expenditure incurred from the approved budget thus far for the May Fayre was noted.
- c. The development of a community engagement booklet was approved.
- d. The town clerk reported that she was waiting for contractors to respond to her with quotes for the improvement and testing of the High Street catenary wires and subsequent installation of Christmas lights.

17. TOWN HALL CLOCK MECHANISM

This item was considered at a meeting of the town hall committee on the 9th April 2024 and referred to full council:

To review a report prepared by St. Fagans Museum proposing three potential locations for the installation of the original town hall clock mechanism, with one site to be selected.

RESOLVED

To request St Fagans approval for using the mayors parlour to display the clock mechanism.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Mayor Making 21st May and Annual Statutory Meeting 22nd May 2024.