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Minutes of Council Meeting Held on 19th May 2022

Present :

Cllr J Williams (Chair), Cllr R Sexton, Cllr R Tanner, Cllr R Godfrey, Cllr C Thomas, Cllr M Harvey

1. Apologies :

2. Interests were declared by Cllr. M. Harvey and Cllr. J. Williams with regards to the Wenvoe Community Library Ltd.

3. The minutes of the council meeting held on 21st April 2022. (see notes and amendments on April's minutes). Amended minutes were approved. Cllr Godfrey moved and Cllr Harvey seconded.

4. **Police Matters:** New PCSO (Rhian) – will be attending Junes community council meeting.

5. **Planning updates** Pizza hut (Greggs) – No objection (not carried by a full committee).

Chair to contact Vale of Glamorgan about dog walking field.

6. Finance and payment of accounts

Cashbook: shared and approved

VAT - noted

RPW – appeal on going (under review)

Insurance – Renewed for 3 years

7. Capital Projects –

Library directors have requested to attend Junes meeting. Wenvoe Community Council would like to postpone until July. (hopefully new councillors will have been co opted)

8. Other projects and responsibilities –

a.) Queens Jubilee – Notices displayed around the village.

Topper scope being installed next week. An article is to feature in the What's On about the toposcope.

Jubilee bench discussed and not agreed.

b.) Standing orders review – move to October's council meeting.

Cllr Mike Harvey spoke about councillor conduct – please see separate notes.

c.) Co Opt – advert is in the next addition of the What's On. All Cllrs agreed to transparency and equal treatment of all candidates.

d.) Annual report is currently in the process of being written.

9.) Any matters the Chairman decides are urgent.

A new Clerk has been appointed. (Claire previous clerk to the council) is to train the new clerk. It was discussed and agreed that the role of clerk need to be reviewed.

Cllr Mike Harvey – invited all Cllrs to the official opening of the Library hub on Saturday 21st May at 2pm.

10.) Health and Safety

Risk Assessments - Jubilee – no action

Community building door is damaged , glass to be replaced on Saturday.

Eye wash has been used from the first aid kit. Needs to be replaced. (clerk to action)

Library spot check – all paper work in order and being completed correctly.

Twyn-yr-odyn playing field goal posts are broken. Cllr Godfrey to contact Vale parks department.

10.) **Reports –**

Cllr Godfrey has been contacted by St Brides Community Council. They wished for him to attend their monthly meeting to discuss boundaries at the Downs.

11.) **Correspondence and Communications –**

Meeting closed

Next WCC meeting : June 17th @7.30pm

Standing Orders
Statement read out by
Cllr Mike Harvey at 19 May 2022 meeting

- I asked that this subject go on our agenda as soon as we meet following the appalling conduct at the last meeting of the previous Council in April 2022.
- Don't take my word for it. A member of the public, who came by accident and stayed for most of the meeting has told many friends and neighbours how unwelcome she felt and how awful it was (I have the name and address).
- There was zero following of standing orders and orderly debate. On one subject of discussion one councillor spoke 9 times. N.B. Standing Orders (SO) say once and with the Chairman's approval, once more.

4 times the words "I'm getting annoyed by this" and "I'm angry over this" was said. This is a bullying tactic and is grounds for exclusion from the meeting. There was butting in and shouting down (raised voices).

- Can I immediately say that in no way do I blame the Chairman, who has never been shown how to conduct a meeting according to SO since joining the Council in 2016.
- So I am determined to return this Council to conducting business according to the rules of normal debate for Community Councils (and VoG).
- On the subject of rules, I want to remind Councillors we are a Statutory Body set up under the Local Government Act 1972:

constitution and powers of functions
financial administration duties
public notices
burial responsibilities, etc.

There are subsequent Regulations, e.g. Acceptance of Office order issued by WAG 2004 – 1508 governing the conduct of today's events.

- I hope I've said enough to ensure that henceforth this Council behaves in a (civilised) lawful and orderly way.