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Minutes of the Council Meeting held 21st January 2021
(by Zoom; the meeting was recorded)

Present: Cllrs. DT. Oliver (chair), JC. Bird, MR. Harvey, C. Frost, K. Jones, I. Moody, R. Tanner, C. Thomas, M. Tucker.

Mrs Patricia Hallett from the VoG Independent Standards Committee observed the meeting.

- 1) Apologies received from R. Sexton and C. Harlow
- 2) Interests were declared by M. Harvey with regards to the library group WLC, and by I. Moody with regards to a TPO planning issue.
- 3) The minutes of the council meeting on 17/12/2020 were approved.
- 4) There was no report on police matters.
- 5) Planning applications were considered as follows:
 - 2020/01433 Grange Avenue: already approved
 - 2020/01577 and 01578 Walston Road: no objection (minor change to earlier consent)
 - 2020/01435 Heol Draenen Wen: no objection
 - 2020/01473 Heol Collen: no objection
 - 2020/01120 Land west of tv mast: already approved subject to legal conditions
 - 2021/00017 Land off Chapel Terrace, revision to 2017/00661: same objection as to the original application: *"Object on the grounds of the location of the proposed barn within the site. The site is of special landscape value being within the Duffryn ridge basin and slopes. The barn should be positioned adjacent to St. Lythan's road where it will be less prominent in the landscape."*
 - 2020/01552 Walston Road: TPO application, to be handled by planning committee via email.
- 6) The cash book accounts for December 2020 were examined and approved.

The finance committee met on January 14th to consider the budget for 2021/22. It was proposed that, as the number of households in Wenvoe has increased by 2.7%, the precept should be increased by the same amount, so that the rate per household should stay the

same. This was approved unanimously. The budget for 2021/22, drawn up by the finance committee, was proposed, and approved, also unanimously.

- 7) Capital projects: still waiting for planning consent for the library building. Additional projects using section 106 funds have to wait until we know exactly how much money we have.
- 8) Applications from three Wenvoe residents for the casual vacancy were considered, and a show of hands supported Janet Williams by 8 votes to 2. Ms Williams will therefore be invited to join the council.
- 9) It was agreed that we should respond to the VoG consultation on the proposed Bro Tathan development, by supporting it on condition that the road system be developed appropriately, preferably by going ahead with the proposed A48 to M4 link road.

The Active Travel Routes consultation was discussed; it appears that there has already been considerable input into the consultation website. Agreed that no further action was needed.

- 10) The problem with fly-tipping was discussed: it was considered important to try and work with the VoG and ask what we can contribute. Agreed that we write to the Head of Services, Miles Punter, and ask what we can do to help, and ask if he can write an article to put in Wenvoe What's On. Also agreed that we write to the fast food companies at Culverhouse Cross, pointing out that their packaging is a contributor to our problem, and asking if they would consider arranging a litter pick.
- 11) No urgent matters.
- 12) Health and Safety: an incident was reported where a child ran down the bank from the Grange playground instead of using the ramp, and ran out into the road. The school has been notified, and it was suggested that some sort of fencing be installed using S106 funds. It is planned to install a defibrillation machine at the entrance to Cambrian Park.
- 13) Reports: there is real concern about the recent flooding in Nant Isaf and Grange Close, apparently caused by drain gulleys being blocked. VoG will be asked to ensure that drains are kept clear to avoid a recurrence.
- 14) Correspondence: two letters from charities asking for contributions. It was agreed that it is not our policy to give public money to charities.
- 15) Next meeting February 18th; meeting closed at 20:45