



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council Held at The Heritage Hub, Treoes and via Video Conference on Tuesday 23rd January 2024 at 7.00pm

<p>Item 1: 169/23</p>	<p>Chair L Howells welcomed everyone to the meeting. Present in Attendance: Councillors: L Howells (Chair), K Jones, B Hayball-Jones, J Sykes Via Video Conference: D Hammond Apologies: A Jones, Cllr C Cave (VOGC), PCSO Angela Stone, Gary Williams</p>
<p>Item 2: 170/23</p>	<p>Declarations of Members' Interest: L Howells declared an interest in Treoes Vale Solar Farm</p>
<p>Item 3: 171/23</p>	<p>To receive the minutes of the Meeting held on 5th December 2023 for Accuracy and Approval. The minutes were a true reflection of the meeting, proposed by J Sykes and seconded by L Howells – carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Item 4: 172/23</p>	<p>To consider any matters arising from the Meeting held on 5th December not covered elsewhere on the agenda. Item 12 – The sum approved for legal fees of £500 + VAT had subsequently increased to £750+ VAT. Proposal by K Jones and seconded by J Sykes to increase the maximum payment – carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Item 5: 173/23</p>	<p>Public Question Time No members of the public were in attendance.</p>
<p>Item 6: 174/23</p>	<p>Community Police Matters: PCSO Stone's report detailed one incident of theft in St Mary Hill / Ruthin area. J Sykes previously asked if the earlier domestic incidents had been referred to MARAC, response from PCSO Stone was that she was unable to provide the information due to the data protection act. J Sykes will liaise with PCSO Stone to progress this considering information given at the VoG liaison meeting.</p>
<p>Item 7: 175/23</p>	<p>Vale of Glamorgan Matters The council noted Cllr Cave's report. D Hammond agreed to liaise on behalf of the council with regards to the RLDP.</p>
<p>Item 8: 176/23</p>	<p>Go Safe / South Wales Police The council were disappointed that Gary Williams was unable to attend the meeting as he was on leave this week, however he will be invited to the next meeting. He did respond via email –</p>

	<p>“We are actively enforcing in the routine 20mph roads that were 20mph pre Sep 23 legislation change. We are currently in the process of conducting 24/7 speed surveys on new 20mph complaint roads - those that meet the Welsh Government site criteria will be considered for future GoSafe enforcement.</p> <p>In conjunction with GoSafe enforcement, Road Safety Teams comprising of police officers and Fire & Rescue Service Staff are also conducting roadside operations across Wales upon new 20mph complaint roads. Those motorists that are travelling at lower speeds will be given the option to attend an educational input/presentation as an alternative to prosecution. Those travelling at excess speed will face fixed penalty/court process. Please refer to GoSafe website for further information.</p> <p>I have put Llangan on the list for deployment of our speed data gathering data box as well as the educational task force called Operation Ugain, looking at Treoes the topography of the village does not lean to mobile van / bike enforcement, this I think is more of a neighbourhood policing issue.”</p>
<p>Item 9: 177/23</p>	<p>Reports of Council’s Representatives on Outside Bodies</p> <p>Clerk reported that he had met with the MD of the roofing company RTL (Ben Murphy) and he agreed to send an engineer to probe the hall roof. Engineer subsequently found no faults with roof and suggested that condensation may be the problem. Agreed to monitor during heavy rainfall for further evidence.</p> <p>Llangan Hall basketball hoop – no update.</p> <p>Health and Safety Checks on village halls – no update.</p> <p>J Sykes reported on VoG liaison meeting – Several police incidents in Barry were discussed in detail, new coastline scheme to be initiated detailing the locations on noticeboards using “What 3 Words” to enable locations to be pinpointed quickly.</p> <p>D Hammond reported that several events had taken place at Llangan Hall including a successful Christmas party.</p>
<p>Item 10: 178/23</p>	<p>Councillor Training</p> <p>Latest training dates forwarded to councillors via email.</p> <p>.</p>
<p>Item 11: 179/23</p>	<p>Clerks Report</p> <p>Budget – Budgetary figures for 2023/24 with forecast until March 31st supplied to councillors, proposed budget figures for 2024/25 also supplied with comparison for existing precept versus an increase in precept to £11553. Due to an increase in the number of electors the increase in precept would not result in an increase of the charge to local electors. (Current Community Council Levy Band D is £24.22). It was proposed by D Hammond and seconded by K Jones to set the precept to £11553 – carried unanimously – RESOLVED</p> <p>It was proposed by K Jones and seconded by J Sykes to purchase a new padlock and 5 keys for the entrance to Treoes Moors as a key(s) were unaccounted for – carried unanimously.</p> <p>Banking and Bank Signatories - A Jones still to be added as additional signatory.</p> <p>Clerk agreed to monitor monthly hours and review in six months.</p> <p>The following documents were made available for councillors present to view: Latest cashbook statement, income, and expenditure year to date vs budget and 2022/23.</p> <p>Invoices from Amazon, Wales Audit Office (x2), Payroll Services and clerk’s payslips were circulated in the meeting.</p> <p>It was proposed by J Sykes and seconded by L Howells that the following payment schedule be accepted – carried unanimously.</p>

Payment schedule for January

Ref. No.	Payee	Details	Invoice #	Net	Vat	Total
56.2023	Stephen Sykes	Printer Toner	GB38A6K0WAEUI	£ 36.02	£ 7.20	£ 43.22
57.2023	Wales Audit Office	Audit 2019-2020 Fee	9815	£ 200.00	£ -	£ 200.00
58.2023	Stephen Sykes	Salary December	See payslip	£ 290.55	£ -	£ 290.55
59.2023	Wales Audit Office	Audit 2022-2023 Fee	10144	£ 225.00	£ -	£ 225.00
60.2023	Stephen Sykes	Salary January	See payslip	£ 290.55	£ -	£ 290.55
61.2023	DM Payroll	Payroll Services	3210	£ 50.00	£ -	£ 50.00
				£ 1092.12	£ 7.20	£ 1099.32

**Item 12:
180/23**

Grass Cutting

Seven companies invited to tender, only two responded. Of these one didn't want to cut Treoes Moors and the other was more expensive than the previous Countrywide contractor. Ewenny to review in February and report back to clerk.

**Item 13:
181/23**

Casual Vacancies and Co-Option

- Co-option St Mary Hill Ward - The Council have received no applicants yet for these vacancies.
- Co-option Treoes Ward – The Council have received no applicants yet for this vacancy.

**Item 14:
182/23**

Green Items for possible funding

Clerk had contacted two companies with regards to installing car electric charging points, one responded with information for personal household, awaiting response from the other.
Eco project – ongoing

**Item 15:
183/23**

Road Safety and Speed Awareness

B Hayball-Jones reported that action with Highways regarding outside Moor Mill Farm is currently a Work in Progress. One bollard had been replaced, two others in disrepair – ongoing.

**Item 16:
184/23**

Applications for Funding

Saron Chapel – safety handrail/fence at graveside/roadside site work not started.
Saron Chapel – cemetery grass cutting, proposed payment of £360 by K Jones and seconded by B Hayball-Jones – carried unanimously. Clerk noted an increase for 2024/25 to £45 per cut.
Treoes Community Hall roof – quote needed for repairs. K Jones to liaise with Nigel.

**Item 17:
185/23**

Correspondence

Training dates circulated.
Flooding is still an ongoing issue with VoG carrying out temporary repairs / pumping out of affected areas. Residents have highlighted blocked drains/culverts contributing to the problems with VoG.
VOG-555927306 - Awaiting response from highways.
Treoes Vale Solar Farm – L Howells excused herself from the meeting having previously disclosed an interest.
Drop in public exhibition at Treoes Village Hall on 29th January from 1pm to 7pm
Closing date for comment is 20th February via the website
www.treoesvalesolarfarm.co.uk

	Councillors commented that not enough notice had been provided for the meeting and would like to request postponement / second public meeting. Councillors need to listen to residents' concerns probably best in public meeting/forum.	
Item 18: 186/23	Planning matters	
	i. Update on current planning applications	
	Application No.: P/23/148/FUL Location: Land at Parc Crescent & Brocastle Avenue Waterton Bridgend CF31 3XU Proposal: Erection of a building for vehicle preparation, maintenance, and MOT testing (Class B2/B8) and associated offices, external storage yard, loading and unloading areas, parking, vehicle wash, landscaping, re-grading, and associated works	02/05/23 Discussed at Llangan Council Meeting. 17/05/22 Councillor Wilson collated and emailed objections to BCBC. 30/6/23 Followed up by Clerk. BCBC still collating comments. 04/09/23 No Update 10/10/23 – Awaiting reports, will go to committee next meeting planned 30/11/23, objections reiterated. 5/12/23 – Ongoing awaiting environment agency report and highways report 23/1/24 – Ongoing, clerk to object on flooding, owls, bats, fire risk and main sewer issues.
	Application No.: 2023/01033/FUL Location: Entrance to River Court, Treoes Proposal: Proposed secure entrance gates and fencing	Submissions by 30/11/23 14/11/23 Discussed at meeting, Prop B Hayball-Jones and seconded by J Sykes to object to this application – carried unanimously. 5/12/23 – Objection lodged
Application No.: 2023/01207/OBS Location: Lidl Distribution Warehouse, Waterton Industrial Estate, Bridgend Proposal: Internally illuminated elevation mounted flexface logo sign on the eastern elevation of the distribution centre	Submissions by 28/12/23 Received 31/12/23 via Cllr Cave 23/1/24 – No objections	
Item 19: 187/23	Any Other Business No other business – K Jones left the meeting.	
Item 20: 188/23	Meeting Closed 21:00 Date and time of next meeting Tuesday 13th February 2024 7pm, Heritage Hub, Treoes	