

**DARRAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**CYNGOR GYMUNED CWM DARRAN**

Minutes of the last meeting of the above Community Council on:

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 6.00 pm using Microsoft Teams

**Attendees**

**Present**

Cllr D Nicholas (In the Chair)

Cllr H Hollifield

Cllr R Chapman

Cllr A Vincent

Cllr G Matthews

Cllr P Roberts

Cllr E Blanche

Cllr D Johnson

**Absent and Apologies**

Cllr D. Hardacre

**In attendance**

Ms A Pallister (Clerk)

**06 Minutes and Apologies**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020 (previously circulated to members), were accepted as an accurate record. The meeting was remote so not signed by the Chairperson Cllr D Nicholas.

**07 Welcome new Councillors (Duncan Johnson and Eddy Blanche)**

Following the successful recruitment of two new Councillors for the Fochriw and Pentwyn Ward, Council were delighted to welcome them to their first Council meeting. The Clerk also contact Caerphilly CBC who recommended the new Councillors watch this you tube video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cm4escGiBgk>, which is from the Ombudsman training on ethics and standards. This should be used in conjunction with the Darran Valley Community Council standing orders document. The Clerk also sent both new Councillors a 'declaration of acceptance of office' form.

## **08 Declaration of interest**

There were no declaration of interest reported. The forms were sent to the new Councillors (Duncan Johnson and Eddy Blanche) following the meeting. Clerk also sent the form to all Councillors to cover the new financial year.

## **09 Planning Applications**

There were no planning applications to report.

## **010 Approval of Community Council Cheques / Payments**

During the Coronavirus outbreak all face to face meetings have been cancelled. However, this has created delays paying bills as cheques have to be posted to obtain the signatories. With approval from all Councillors, and the Chair, the Clerk was pleased to report the successful setting up of on-line banking. Not only will this make payments easier and more streamlined, but it will reduce the costs of postage and stationery costs. Clerk also reported that Council Paul Roberts has been added as a third signatory.

The following payments were authorised at the meeting:-

<u>Approved at meeting on</u> <u>30th July 2020</u>		
On-line BACS	Clerk Salary July 2020	£00.296.83
Direct Debit to save £5 a year	ICO - Data protection	£00.040.00
On-line BACS	HMRC Salary submission	£00.370.00

## **011 Election of a Chair & Vice Chair**

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic the Annual General May scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020 had to be cancelled. During this meeting a new Chair and Vice Chair are usually selected. This was raised at the meeting, and after discussion and careful consideration Council decided not to make any changes until face to face meetings resume.

## **012 Summer Scheme 2020**

Due to uncertainties with the coronavirus pandemic, Council decided there could be no summer scheme this year.

Council hope to support another event for the community either around the Christmas period, or to provide an enhanced summer scheme for 2021.