



Cyngor Tref Rhydaman Ammanford Town Council

Minutes of Full Council Meeting of Ammanford Town Council (ATC)

on

Monday 16th January 2023

Held as a Hybrid Meeting at Ammanford Town Hall

Attendees: Mayor Stephen Davies (SD); Deputy Mayor Emyr John (EJ); Cllr. Julia Bell (JB); Cllr. Lyn Brodrick (LB)(Virtual); Cllr Llio Davies (LD); Cllr. Marie Griffiths (MG); Cllr Deian Harries (DH); Cllr. Calum Higgins (CH); Cllr. Heulwen Howells (HH); Cllr. Terry Howells (TH); Cllr. Anthony Jones (AJ)(Virtual); Cllr. Sara Murray (SM); Cllr Johnny Owen (JO)

Minutes taken by: Clerk Duncan Morgan (DSM)

Mayor Stephen Davies Presiding

Meeting commenced at 18:06

The public were asked to refrain from using the chat facility otherwise they would be disconnected from the meeting. Any derogatory remarks made on the chat facility against ATC could result in further action being taken by the Council. All present at the meeting were reminded that recording of this meeting was not permitted on any device.

1) Apologies for absence

Cllr. Lowri Harries (LH)

Cllr. Helen Rees (HR)

2) Declarations of interest

Mayor Stephen Davies (SD) – Ammanford AFC & Ammanford Cricket Club

Cllr. Lyn Brodrick (LB) – Sport Actif Wales

Cllr. Llio Davies (LD) – Menter Dinefwr

Cllr. Deian Harries (DH) – Ammanford AFC & County Councillor

Cllr. Sara Murray (SM) - Ammanford Cricket Club

3) Matters Arising from the Public (as per Standing Orders 3e;(f);(g);(h))

A member of the public did speak regarding why associated documentation was not published with Agenda. Awaiting Full Transcript.

The member of the public suggested that the location of defibrillators be mapped on google maps and that training should be given in the use of defibrillators.

4) **Minutes**

4.1) To receive, ratify and sign the minutes of the EGM on 28th November 2022, held at Ammanford Town Hall (hybrid)

The minutes of the EGM held 28th November 2022 were then verified as being a true record

**Proposed – TH
Seconded – HH
All present agreed**

4.2) To receive, ratify and sign the minutes of the Assets Management, Planning and Environment Committee meeting on 5th December 2022, held at Ammanford Town Hall

The minutes of the Assets Management, Planning and Environment Committee meeting held 5th December 2022 were then verified as being a true record

**Proposed – SM
Seconded – EJ
All present agreed**

4.3) To receive, ratify and sign the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting on 12th December 2022, held virtually via MS Teams

The minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held 12th December 2022 were then verified as being a true record

**Proposed – HH
Seconded – EJ
All present agreed**

4.4) To receive, ratify and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting on 12th December 2022 held virtually via MS Teams

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held 12th December 2022 were then verified as being a true record

**Proposed – SM
Seconded – LD
All present agreed**

4.5) To receive, ratify and sign the minutes of the Asset Management, Planning and Environment Committee on 10th January 2023, held at Ammanford Town Hall (hybrid)

The minutes of the Asset Management, Planning and Environment Committee meeting held 10th January 2023 were then verified as being a true record

**Proposed – TH
Seconded – HH
All present agreed**

4.6) Matters arising from the minutes only

EJ – Requested that meeting Actions be transferred onto an action plan

5) **Wellbeing, Community Engagement and Events Committee Meeting 5th December 2022**

To verify and ratify point 3 of the above mentioned meeting, that a smaller Santa's Grotto Event be held on Friday 16th December 2022

It was proposed that a smaller Santa's Grotto Event could be held

Proposed – LD

Seconded – HH
All present agreed

Resolved that the Santa's Grotto Event could be held

6) Dyfed Powys Police Crime Report

The Clerk presented the Crime figures at the meeting. It was noted that there was very little difference in trend between this year and last year statistics.

7) To Discuss and Approve CCTV

The Clerk reported that he had liaised with Carl Morgan of Action Surveillance, and he was awaiting a break in the weather to commence.

It is currently anticipated that the installation of the CCTV is to commence on w/c 5th February 2023.

Updates are to be provided at future meetings.
Cricket Club to have their own system.

ACTION – Enquiries for GDPR Licences to be undertaken and Licences to be put in place for ATC Officers to view recordings from CCTV Cameras

8) To provide update on laptops

The Clerk reported that he had sent out reminders for Members to return their ATC laptops. Clerk to purchase new laptops this week. Update to be provided at future meetings.

9) Planning Applications/Consultations

The Clerk reported that there had been no further applications received since the Asset Management, Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 12th January 2023.

10) Correspondence

Ysgol Bro Banw

The Clerk reported that he had received letters from the pupils of Ysgol Bro Banw who are currently investigating the topic of how welcoming Ammanford would be for refugees

Comments/Observations/Additional Information (from Members/Councillors)

- CCC are contacted regarding cleaning up the Town Centre
- Request a work schedule from CCC regarding the maintenance and cleansing of the Town Centre
- DH – Reported he had already written to CCC requesting a 'clean up' of the Town Centre with a response that pressure washing of Quay Street would be undertaken. DH stated he would 'drive forward' the cleansing of the Town Centre

Danswyr Penrhyd

The Clerk reported he had receiving additional correspondence (email) from Danswyr Penrhyd requesting funding.

It was proposed that Dawnswyr Penrhyd receive a donation £500.00

Proposed – DH
Seconded – MG
All present agreed

Sport Actif Wales

The Clerk reported that he had received an email from Cllr. Lyn Brodrick on the behalf of Sport Actif Wales requesting if they could provide a venue for an event they are holding on Thursday 13th April 2023.

The event is designed to engage with parents and young people to provide information and opportunities to support them being physical active.

LB left room 19:07

It was agreed that Ammanford Park could be used as venue for the event on 13th April 2023 and that the ATC would approach Ammanford Cricket Club to request use of their facilities

LB – returns 19:15

Additional Information

It was suggested that for the 2023/24 Fiscal Year that a pack be made available for grant applications and that a link be set up on the website to access the information.

Grant application would be for specific organisations and would be awarded on criteria matching.

EJ queried if any further correspondence had been received from Audit Wales. The Clerk confirmed that he had not despite chasing.

11) Planning and discuss Future Events

Dydd Gwyl Dewi

LD reported that Menter Dinefwr would be organising the Dydd Gwyl Dewi event for ATC and would be providing entertainment throughout the day.

Menter Dinefwr have previously charged £500 for organising the Dydd Gwyl Dewi event.

It was proposed that the Menter Dinefwr receive a donation of £500 towards the organising the Dydd Gwyl Dewi Event to be funded via the Events Budget. Menter would be promoting the event as sponsored by ATC.

Proposed – JB

Seconded – CH

All present agreed

Resolved that £500 be allocated from the Events Budget to Menter Dinefwr for organising the Dydd Gwyl Dewi Event and that ATC would be promoted as sponsors.

Action – Events Committee to be held shortly to discuss events from Easter onwards

Ammanford Funfair

The Clerk reported that he had been approached by the Owner of the Funfair held bi-annually at Ammanford Recreation ground. The dates were as follows:-

Easter Funfair - Setting up 16th April 2023, running from Wednesday 19th April 2023 to Saturday 22nd April 2023 (dates inclusive)

August Bank Holiday Funfair – Tuesday 29th August 2023 to Saturday 2nd September 2023 (dates inclusive)

It was proposed that the Funfair could use Ammanford Recreation Ground on the above dates but the Owner of the Funfair be approached stating there had been an increase from £500 to £600 for ground rent.

Proposed – EJ
Seconded – JB
Opposed by AJ

A vote was taken at the meeting with the following result:-

In favour – 8
Against -1
Abstained – 4

Motion carried by 3 votes

Resolved that the Clerk approaches the Owner of the Funfair to request an increase of ground rent from £500 to £600 but should this not be amicable £500 would be accepted

At this point the meeting had been in progress for nearly 2 hours; as per Standing Orders, a vote has to be taken to continue or adjourn the meeting.

A vote was taken to continue the meeting

12) Financial Report Update

The Clerk presented the financial report. It was requested that Bank Balances be presented to members in advance of future meetings.

AJ queried who was internal auditor and that Clerk should establish deadlines for future statutory submissions

It was suggested that ATC employs a Deputy Clerk

Consideration be given to employing a Community Development Officer

MG – Returned 7 ties and 20 handkerchiefs from the Ammanford Twinning Association as it had ceased functioning

Suggested that a walkaround be undertaken of Ammanford Park to establish remedial work that needs to be undertaken.

Date of next Full Council Meeting – 13th February 2023

Meeting Closed at 20:15

Signed: (Chair)

Print Name:

Date: