

CYNGOR CYMUNED CILYCWMM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held remotely via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 21st July 2020 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors Hywel Jones (Chairman), Matthew Paul (Vice Chair), Jamie Pickup, Moira Davies and Arwel Davies (County Councillor). Also present Maria Bennett (Clerk).

Due to technological difficulties Cllr. Hywel Jones was only able to telephone in and although on speakerphone could not hear much of what was being said.

Apologies: Councillors Walter Jones, Eurwyn Lewis and Aled Edwards.

Presentations: None

Declarations of Personal/Pecuniary Interest: None

Minutes:

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on Tuesday 4th February were proposed by Cllr. Jamie Roberts and Seconded by Cllr. Arwel Davies.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March were proposed by Cllr. Matthew Paul and seconded by Cllr. Moira Davies.

AGM and Future Council Meetings

The Council have found it difficult to hold remote meetings due to problems with broadband connections, software problems and lack of IT skills. As such a desire to hold socially distanced face to face meetings was expressed to the Clerk by the Chairman prior to the meeting.

As such the Clerk sought guidance from One Voice Wales as to whether face to face meetings were possibly under the current Coronavirus restrictions. The advice she received was circulated prior to the meeting. This stated that face to face meetings were not currently advised even if socially distanced and held outdoors, and that this was likely to remain the case for some time.

The Council felt strongly that the remote meetings were not working adequately and were preventing some Councillors from attending and taking part in meetings. Whilst the Clerk agreed with this she voiced concerns about going against advice provided by One Voice Wales. As such it was decided to question the advice given by One Voice Wales and postpone both the AGM and other future meetings until at least after the next government lockdown review in the hope that restrictions would be relaxed.

Action: Cllr. Matthew Paul to write a letter to One Voice Wales asking for clarification of their advice which the Clerk will forward to the Chief Executive.

All other business was adjourned until a future council meeting.

Meeting Closed at 8:00pm