

Gwehelog Fawr Community Council Minutes Meeting Number 379
Held virtually on line: Wednesday 28 October 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Chair Cllr J Kershaw, Cllr Bayliss (JB), Cllr. R. Marfell (RM), Cllr P Stevens (PS),

Cllr K. Backland (KB) **In attendance:** the Clerk Ms. Awni, (NA) 1 member of the public attended part of the meeting
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Item No.	Item	Action
1	The meeting began at 7.33pm. The Chair welcomed K Backland and Pat Stevens to the meeting Apologies for Absence: Cllr.C.Kirby, (CK) Declarations of Interest – none	
2	Minutes of the ASM held on the 29 July 2020 were approved- proposer Cllr JB seconder Cllr JK. There were no matters arising. Minutes of the meeting 379 were approved proposer Cllr RM seconder Cllr JB. The matters arising appear on the agenda.	Clerk to action
3	The Clerk confirmed that the necessary paperwork including the declaration of office was in place following the September meeting. The council was asked to confirm and approve the co-optation of Pat Stevens and Kaely Backland by Cllr RM. This was seconded by Cllr JB. Both members were welcomed to the council.	Clerk to action
4	Finance and governance – The Clerk confirmed that all papers relating to finance and budget setting, had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. There had been no regular payments made since the September meeting. It was confirmed that the current account balance was £5647.31 and a copy of the account balance had been circulated. Budget Setting for 2021-22 The Clerk went through the figures and assumptions made as part of the budget setting process. Based on assumptions for 2020-21 spend, it is likely that there will be an underspend on budget of £1629.64 with an account balance of £3640.87. The council agreed that the precept should remain at £4500 for 2021-2022. A total of 8140.87 would be available for 2021-22 on a proposed budget of £7261.40. If we spend all funds budgeted for then the difference would be an £879 surplus. The budget for next year was set out to include an uplift of £287 which reflects increased training costs for new members and a potential clerk salary uplift. At the Council meeting held on the 22 July, it was agreed that council funds should be made available to support the village cinema. The Chair declared an interest in the discussion on the cinema. The clerk confirmed that £500 would remain in the money for the good of the community budget if the council wished to continue the annual donation of £100 to the Wales Air Ambulance. It was proposed by Cllr JB and seconded by Cllr RM that the precept remain at £4500. It was proposed by Cllr JB and seconded by Cllr PS, to donate £100 to the Wales Air Ambulance. It was proposed to allocate £1000 to support and sustain the village cinema experience, by Cllr JB and seconded by Cllr RM. As part of the conversation Cllr JB said the Council might wish to have a further conversation next year if funds allow. The proposed budget of £7261.40 for 2021-22, was proposed by Cllr RM and seconded by Cllr JB. All members were in favour. A member of the public joined the meeting during this item.	Clerk to action
5	Meeting schedule during Covid 19 pandemic -it is unlikely that the Council will meet face to face before the end of the year. Survey results from OVW on virtual meetings demonstrated that generally councils had found them a successful medium to use. Technical kit, individual ability and broadband access remain an issue. It is expected that there may be a law change to enable virtual meetings to become a standard option.	
6	Consultations and Notifications - have been circulated.	
7	Reports – OVW Clerk to forward email re next meeting to Cllr JB	Clerk action
8	Highway matters -Chair to contact clerk with details	Chair

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9	<p>Planning - Application DM/2020/01288 The Gables Concern was generally expressed on the content and nature of the retrospective application and the setting of a precedent more generally. The Chair had made a site visit at the request of an adjoining property. The Council wished to object in the strongest terms and refer the matter to the Planning Committee. The Chair agreed to draft a response objecting in the strongest terms and the Clerk agreed to send a holding email to confirm the full Council response would follow. Judicial review -nothing to report. Appeals notified -none</p>	Clerk and Chair to action
10	<p>The Clerk asked Mr Jones to update the council on his eligibility for co-option, following his conversation with the Election team at MCC. He confirmed that he remained currently not eligible but, he would become eligible on the 1 November, subject to appearing on the electoral roll on that date. The clerk confirmed Mr Jones should contact the MCC election team to confirm that he was eligible on /around the 1 November and then to confirm his status with her. The council members agreed that if Mr Jones were to remain ineligible by the date of the next meeting of the Council on 25 November, then the Council would not be in a position to proceed any further with his application for co-option.</p>	Clerk to Action
11	Questions from the public – none received	
12	Correspondence : All received circulated	
13	Matters for the next meeting : Finance and risk group members	
	<p>The meeting was declared closed at 8.32 pm Next meeting : 25 November 2020 at 7.30 pm</p>	