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**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council Held in the Colwinston
Village Hall Monday 18 December 2023 at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: E Lewis (Chairman), G Jones, B Morris, C Nightingale,
In Cllr C Cave (VOGC) & Ms S Hookins (Clerk),

Attendance:

Item 1: Apologies for Absence:

135/23 Cllr C Hadley, Cllr H Thomas, Cllr R Cronin & PCSO A Stone

Item 2: Community Police Matters:

136/23 PCSO A Stone Was unable to attend the meeting but updated council that there had been one incident of a mobile phone theft.

Item 3: Declarations of Members' Interest:

137/23 None

Item 4: Public Session:

138/23 One member of the public attended and wished for clarification on the publishing of draft minutes.

The Clerk explained the new legislation (Schedule 4, Part 1 of the 2021 Act) which requires Councils to publish within 7 days, notice of who attended, any declarations of interest and decisions made. Therefore, the Clerk publishes the draft minutes.

Item 5: Vale of Glamorgan Matters

139/23 December report-Noted

Cllr Cave also updated the Council on progress about the Landfill relocation at Llandow. A new site is still unknown however the road to access the current site has been improved.

Council reported to Cllr Cave that a block of street lighting is not working on Crack Hill and asked that this is reported to the relevant Vale officer.

Item 6: Approval of the minutes of the Meeting held on 20 November 2023.

140/23

Resolved: To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2023 with two amendments, to include reference to the financial paper Cllr Jones distributed during the meeting to be discussed under financial matters at tonight's meeting and to include reference to Cllr Jones proposal to change the financial regulations with regard when there is a requirement to get quotes. The Clerk informed council that this was not an agenda item and therefore had not been included in the resolutions (*LGA 1972, Sch12, para10(2)(b)*), but that this had not been made clear during the meeting, which in future it will be.

Item 7: To consider any matters arising from the Meeting held on 20 November 2023 that are not on the agenda.

141/23

Village Defibrillators-Cllr Jones suggested that due to the importance of this equipment functioning correctly, the council should consider a maintenance contract with a firm. Council have requested the Clerk look into this for discussion at the January meeting. Cllr Jones will continue check the battery levels in the interim.

Item 8: Reports of Council's Representatives on Outside Bodies:

142/23

Cllr Lewis updated Council that he was unable to attend the LDP webinar due to technical difficulties.

Item 9:

Finance

143/23

i. **Bank Reconciliation up to date**

Noted

ii. **YTD Financial Report up to date**

Cllr Jones discussed his report and hoped that it helped other councillors better understand the current financial situation. Council thanked Councillor Jones for the work on his report.

iii. **Forecast to year end & Budget 2024/25**

The Clerk discussed the YTD costs and Forecast to the end of the year. On the current projection the Council will have a deficit at year end, the forecast includes spending on 2 projects yet to be started.

Resolved: The budgeted money for the Little Hill Steps and a new Noticeboard will be held in reserves earmarked for these projects.

Item 10:

Future Projects-Precept Setting

144/23

In January the Council will be setting the Precept for 2024/25. The Clerk asked members to think of projects they would like to do next year. Cllr Lewis has distributed a list of potential projects for members to consider. The Clerk will collate these for the January meeting.

Resolved: Considering the current financial position and the work needed to be done particularly in the Old Ford area the council wish to start with a projection of 10% increase and asked the Clerk to construct a draft budget on this basis for the January meeting.

Item 11:

Village Maintenance (including the Old Ford are)

145/23

Council wished to thank Cllr Hadley for his work on this and Cllr Lewis confirmed that Grant Smith has carried out some needed maintenance.

Resolved: To approach contractors for prices to maintain these areas under contract to compare with the current ad hoc maintenance.

Item 12:

Standing Orders

146/23

The Council members are still reviewing these, deferred to January

Item 13:

Section 106-Redrow Development (Land to the rear of St. David's Primary School, Colwinston)

147/23

Council thanked Cllr Cave for forwarding the information on this so they can have an input into how the money is spent.

Resolved: The Council wish to propose 2 alternative options for consideration by the Vale of Glamorgan that they feel have more direct benefit to the Colwinston Community.

- An electronic speed sign on the school road but higher up by the large layby.
- A streetlight on the steps known locally as little hill.

Item 14:

Financial Regulation Review

148/23

The Clerk has distributed a new version of the financial regulations based on the One Voice Wales model for 2019. There are very few differences between these and the current ones, but they'd include some legislation updates.

Resolved: The Council wish to set up a working group to review these and other financial matters and report back to the Council. The working group members will be Cllr G Jones, Cllr B Morris and Cllr C Nightingale.

Item 15:

TWIG Grant Update

149/23

Cllr Lewis, Cllr Morris and the Clerk attended an informal visit to Brynagraw Park who are currently benefiting from a grant. The tour

highlighted some alternatives to woodland management and some key advice on applying for a grant. The two rangers would like to visit the Colwinston woodland and an invitation to attend in January has been made.

Resolved: The Colwinston Community Council wish to go ahead with applying a second time for the TWIG Grant and wish the Clerk to start working on the application.

Item 16: Vale of Glamorgan Council Replacement Local Development Consultation
150/23

The Clerk has distributed the dates of events organised by the Vale of Glamorgan for information on this.

Resolved: The Council wish to review their response to the first consultation and draft a response to this consultation on similar grounds to be brought to the January meeting for discussion.

Item 17: Councillor Roles
151/23

Councillors' Portfolios and Appointments: AS AGREED Dec 2023

Name	Committee/Working Party	Outside Body	Portfolio
Cllr Edward Lewis (Chair)	Community Engagement	Boundary Review	Regulatory Land Ownership History/Heritage
Cllr Gareth Jones (Vice Chair)	Finance & Governance	One Voice Wales	History/Heritage
Cllr Brian Morris	Finance & Governance	Community Liaison	Financial
Cllr Carl Hadley	LDP	Community Liaison School governor at St. David's Primary School	It/Website
Cllr Huw Thomas	Community Engagement		
Cllr C Nightingale	Finance & Governance	One Voice Wales	
Cllr R Cronin	Community Engagement		Social Media

Item 18: Church Yard Maintenance
152/23

Local Government Act 1972 c. 70 Part IX Miscellaneous functions Section 215

Resolution: Council agreed to donate £500 to help maintain the Church Yard for another year.

Item 19: Correspondence
153/23

- a) Survey/Consultation
- Vale of Glamorgan Council Consultation – Annual Delivery Plan 2024-25
 - Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report - February 2024 - Extended closing date.
 - Council Tax Reform
 - Have Your Say on Gypsy, Traveller and Show people Sites
 - New consultation: Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill

Noted

Item 20: Planning matters
154/23

	Application	Action
i	Planning Application No. 2021/01800/FUL	10/02/2022-No Objection

	Location : 5, Maes Y Bryn, Colwinston Proposal : Removal of existing single storey side and rear extensions and replacement with new two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Addition of driveway to provide off street parking and reinstatement of original pathway to relocated front door	16/10/2023-Update on plan, extension requested to comment 05/12/2023-Approved
ii	Planning Application No. 2023/00037/FUL Location : 44, Heol Cae Pwll, Colwinston Proposal : Take down existing boundary fencing and renew, increasing height as indicated to 1900mm	20/02/2023- The Council had no objection to the Application to renew the fence but they do not agree to retrospective planning consent and the loss of the well-established hedge.
iii	Planning Application No. 2023/00873/FUL (ED) Location : Pwll Y Wrach, Colwinston Proposal : Replacement of an existing squash court building with a tennis court	20/11/23-No Objection
iv	Planning Application No. 2023/01029/CAC (VI) Location : Field access to the West of Village Farm House, Colwinston Proposal : Repairing existing stone wall, reusing existing stone, and widening of field access with new gate	06/11/2023-Objection 05/12/2023-Refused

Item 21: Date & Time of next meeting
155/23 15th January 2024

Meeting ended at 8.48 pm