

MAGOR WITH UNDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Extra-Ordinary Meeting of Magor with Undy Community Council held remotely on Monday 27th September 2021 at 7.08pm

COUNCILLORS: Cllr N Baicher, Cllr S Bailey, Cllr G Cook (Chair), Cllr J Crook, Cllr C Hopkins, Cllr D James, Cllr P Kirkham, Cllr S Raggett, Cllr A Zagozda (7.21pm)

IN ATTENDANCE: Beverly Cawley – Clerk,

APOLOGIES: Cllr Bisi, Cllr Plow, Cllr Wilson

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Open Forum

Public Open Forum (15 minutes at discretion of Chair)

There were no members of the public

Councillors advised that the meeting was being recorded

131 Chair's Announcements

131.1 To receive apologies for absence from Councillors

Apologies received as above

132 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda – Forms to be completed

132.1 To receive any declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Cllr Raggett – Min No 134.1 - Queen's Platinum Jubilee trees (*Original motion proposed and presented OM 13/09/21 Min 124*)

133 Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021

133.1 To note guidance from Welsh Government on the LGE (Wales) Act 2021 in respect of Multi Location meetings and meeting notices (deferred from EXOM 23/08/21)

Noted.

133.2 To consider how to deliver the requirements of the LGE (Wales) Act 2021 in respect of Multi Location meetings and meeting notices and agree any actions required.

Cllr Zagozda joined the meeting at 19.21pm

Members discussed the requirements in general and acknowledged the meeting venues would require Wi-Fi/internet connection in order to facilitate a hybrid meeting. The status and future availability of Undy Church & Community Hall was unknown at present due to a change in trustee/tenancy. Wi-Fi availability was unknown at Magor Church Hall, but the Ebenezer Baptist Church had Wi-Fi connectivity that the Community Council had used prior

to Covid-19 lockdown. The Chair took a 'straw-poll' of members views on returning to face to face meetings, many were not in favour at the present time. Members noted that Hybrid meetings were now part of legislation and would be a permanent feature going forward. Members acknowledged four needs going forward:

1. A stable internet connection (Wi-Fi)
2. A permanent base for meetings (preferable)
3. Provision for/of Visual and Audio equipment/connectivity through suitable software such as Zoom
4. Further amendments to Virtual Meetings Protocol and possibly standing orders to accommodate changes to hybrid meetings

Resolved: *That the clerk speak with the Ebenezer Baptist Church with regards to the availability of rooms, Wi-Fi and restriction on numbers permitted etc. going forward.*

Resolved: *That the clerk investigate the cost of equipment and options available to run a hybrid meeting from any venue that has Wi-Fi, and to bring back the information to a future meeting for discussion.*

Members took the opportunity to note other requirements placed on Town & Community Councils in the LGE (Wales) Act 2021, namely the requirement to prepare and publish an annual report about the Council's priorities, activities and achievements, a duty to prepare a training plan and the introduction of the General power of competence which will replace the Power of Well-being.

134 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

134.1 To consider cost of purchasing two Sessile Oaks (refer OM min no 124, 13/09/21) and agree any action.

The clerk provided information on the sale/cost of Sessile Oaks from eleven companies. Members noted some only supplied saplings, and some were currently out of stock.

Resolved: *That two sessile oaks (60ltr pots – heavy standard) be purchased from Border Nurseries, Raglan at the cost of £395 (inc vat) each, with free delivery to Magor. (under OSA 1906, s.10.b)*

A member did not agree with one of the trees being planted in Undy at the Council's Common-y-coed Plantation, as it was too far out of the Community. Members noted the Council did not own/have responsibility for any other public open space within the Undy Community (apart from the play park). An alternative suggestion was made to plant at Undy AFC ground subject to approval from Undy AFC.

Resolved: *That Cllr John Crook approach the Undy AFC with the view to planting the 'Undy' Commemorative tree on their grounds.*

Resolved: *That members consider and feedback on any other alternative and suitable sites to plant the commemorative tree in Undy.*

135 Sycamore Field Landscaping at MUGA Courts

- 135.1 **To receive feedback from members of the MUGA working group as to whether there is a need to complete the pathway layout as per the landscaping plan, or whether the current pathway is sufficient, and agree any actions required.**

The Chair advised that he had inspected the site and was not happy with the quality of work undertaken on site, including the laying of the pathway. He had concerns about the quality of the seed used. The matter of the work and pathways would be discussed at the forthcoming MUGA working group meeting.

Resolved: *That the clerk provide the Chair with a copy of the original specification, and a copy of the invoice.*

136. Meeting Dates

- 136.1 **Ordinary Meeting Monday 11th October 2021 at 7pm**

Noted.

MEETING CLOSED AT 20.04pm