



Dear Councillor,

24<sup>th</sup> November 2020

A meeting of the Full Council is to be held at **5.00 pm at White Rose Resource Centre on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020** and your presence is hereby requested.

Please note the earlier time than usual.

If you are unable to attend in person but have the means to attend virtually – e.g. face time or similar please contact me to make arrangements.

Also the White Rose Centre have arranged an adequate room to enable social distancing to be observed.

Also can please all members also observe all relevant Welsh Government rules and regulations in relation to COVID that are in force at the time of the meeting.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs D E Gronow  
Clerk to the Council

### **Agenda Full Council**

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of interest  
Councillors and Officers are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Officers.
3. Chairperson's Report
4. To discuss options on holding future meetings and attendance options (in person or virtual)
5. To discuss options for AGM for 20/21
6. To consider precept for 2021/22 financial year
7. To receive and confirm the minutes of the following meetings: -

**Meeting of Full Council held on 11.2.2020**  
**Special meeting 27.2.2020**  
**Special meeting held 29.6.2020**

Matters arising from the minutes

- 8 To receive urgent correspondence
- 9 Any Other Business/ Public matters

**NEW TREDEGAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED TREDEGAR NEWYDD**

**Meeting of Full Council held on the at White Rose Resource Centre on the 11.2.2020**

**Present:**

Councillors E Stenner (Chair) B Gingell, E White, J Segarty, P Jones, L Roderick,

**3869 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs S Mills, M Roberts, M Evans, D Philips and A White. Consent was requested and granted for the absences.

**3870 Declarations of interest**

None noted

**3871 Chairman's Report.**

Nothing of note to report.

**3872 Confirmation of minutes.**

The following issues were noted  
10.12.19 A White had tendered apologies.

The minutes were approved as a true record

**3873 Matters arising**

None

**3874 Reports of members on external organisations**

None

**3875 Correspondence**

Various items presented

**3876 AOB**

Christmas lights were discussed. It was agreed that the quote was too costly in comparison to the current contractor so other solutions would need to be discussed to find a way to bring some festive cheer to the area. It might be worth considering asking the CCBC procurement section to assist in an exercise.

It was agreed the Brithdir living tree was doing well and looked very nice.

The Chair reported that she needed to return the allowance that had been paid as she is a senior County Borough Councilor she is not entitled,

Members unanimously approved the donation of this allowance that would otherwise have been paid to the local schools as a way of contributing to local community projects.

Cllr Gingell also returned the £150 allowance cheque previously paid.

**Meeting Closed**

Signed

Date

**NEW TREDEGAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED TREDEGAR NEWYDD**  
**Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held at White Rose Resource Centre on the 27.2.2020**

Councillors E Stenner (Chair), L Roderick, P Jones, E White, B Gingell, D Phillips, L Lewis, M Roberts, M Evans

**And members of the public**

**3877 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs S Mills and A White. Consent was requested and granted for the absences.

**3878 Declarations of interest**

Cllr Evans stated as he had a close family member affected he would take no part in the meeting and left the room.

**3879**

The Chair explained the purpose of the meeting which was to discuss setting up an assistance scheme to support residents that had been affected by the recent flooding. A financial assistance programme had been set up by CCBC and having taken advice from CCBC officers she proposed a grant of £150 per affected property based on the criteria already set up by CCBC for their financial assistance.

The specifics were discussed and it was confirmed that CCBC would have a list of the properties affected, and if possible their automated payment process could be used as this would be able to make direct transfers and then the Community Council would be recharged by CCBC.

The responses of various members of the community and local businesses was also mentioned and some of these had really gone above and beyond and special mention was made of EE, the Fire Service and the Chief Exec of CCBC who had put officers staff and resources to work to assist those affected.

A member asked if it would be possible to raise the possibility of the community centres being used as assistance centres and this was agreed to be a worthwhile suggestion.

A member brought up the issue of the river and underground tunnels she had a map in her possession and it was considered to be a risk that these are potentially filling up and contributing to the issues recently experienced, however another councillor stated that they had been assured that they had been inspected recently.

The members of the public present addressed the meeting giving their personal experiences and current circumstances that had arisen as a result of the flooding.

The suggested flood assistance scheme was put to the members and was unanimously approved.

**Meeting Closed**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW TREDEGAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED TREDEGAR NEWYDD**  
**Minutes of the Special Meeting held at White Rose Resource Centre on 29.6.2020**

**Present:**

**Cllrs E Stenner (Chair), A White, E White, M Evans, L Roderick**

**3880 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors P Jones, D Phillips, M Roberts, L Lewis, and S Mills. Consent was requested and granted for these absences.

**3881 Declarations of interest**

None noted

**3882 flood relief**

It was noted that no meetings had taken place since February 2020. A meeting had been planned for March but this was not quorate, However a community collection fund of £1604.29 for the victims of the flooding had been raised from local residents and this was accepted by the clerk on the evening of the planned meeting to be divided over the number of eligible properties. A sum of £100 was also received from Markham Community Council which was to be added to the collection divided over the eligible properties.

**3883 COVID**

It was noted that no meetings had taken place since February. The planned March meeting was not quorate and following that the Country entered lockdown and these restrictions prevented meetings from taking place. However these restrictions had been relaxed somewhat so the Chair explained that she had called this meeting to discuss the possibility of setting up a financial relief fund for those residents who had been affected financially by the pandemic.

Chair reported that Phillipstown had received a financial grant from their local Windfarm but this was restricted to that area. This had been allocated to COVID relief. It had been suggested that his scheme be extended to the rest of the New Tredegar area, but a source of funding would be required. The Chair reported that of the original Phillipstown grant a lump sum donation was made to the local foodbanks and some school packs were funded however additional funding was being sought.

The 20/21 finances were discussed, the precepted amounts were due to be received and there would be some unavoidable costs but with the current pandemic many if not all of the planned events such as Weston and the Fireworks would be unlikely to take place and these make up the majority of the budgeted expenditure each year. In addition there was a reasonable balance of reserves in hand at the end of 19/20.

Members discussed whether the expenditure that would have been planned for the community events and a balance from brought forward reserves if necessary could be allocated to this fund. It was explained that the plan was that the scheme was administered by White Rose Resource Centre and they would have a strict assessment process to evaluate entitlement. This would be determined by a 3 person panel independent of New Tredegar Community Council. They would also ensure that appropriate data protection would be in place.

A poster and application form would be made available, and the criteria would be that individuals would need to be furloughed or self-employed and on the job retention scheme. All claims would be required to be supported by evidence.

As payments are made they can invoice the community council for reimbursement.

An amount for this grant of £10,000 was proposed and approved

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**3884 Draft accounts**

The 19/20 draft accounts were circulated. A balance of £28299.73 was reported at the year end.

**3885 Budget 20/21**

The budget for 20/21 was circulated, this took account of the COVID pandemic and only the festive lighting was included as a community cost. A sum of £15,000 was also budgeted for donations and based on the balance brought forward this forecast a closing balance of £21k

**3856 Any other business**

None

**Closed**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson