**NASH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY**

**6th. APRIL 2023 IN NASH COMMUNITY HALL**

**The above meeting was held with strict adherence to Covid 19 precautions, as detailed in the Risk Assessment for holding Council Meetings during Covid 19 Pandemic.**

**Present: Cllr. J.German (Chair)**

Cllr. S.Williams

Cllr.A.G.Thomas

Cllr. G.Budhia-Luke

**In attendance: Clerk - Mr.A.C.Ducroq,**

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1.**APOLOGIES - Apologies for absence were received from Cllr.D.Johnson, Cllr.J.Nurden,Cllr. L.Knoyle.**

**2**..**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 2nd. May 2023 were taken as read, approved and signed ..

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**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**4.1 Matters arising from the Hall Committee -** Cllr. S.Williams stated that the Hall Committee were still unhappy about the Hall being hired for profit purposes. Their concern was noted, but in the present economic climate with all grant aid being withdrawn by Newport City Council and an attempt to reduce the precept on local council tax payers all avenues of income were necessary.

**4.2** **Gwent Police - Unlawful Encampment Act 2022 -** Cllr.Williams had sent an email to P.C.Gardner, but no response to date. In the absence of a response the Clerk advised that the Council could resort to tabling a question under the Freedom of Information Act as to what measures Gwent Police had put in place to implement this new act.

**4.3 CCTV -** Cllr. S.Williams gave an update on progress. Cllr. Williams stated that Goldcliff Community Council had withdrawn from the scheme, as they were unwilling to put the cost on the precept to Council Tax payers. She stated that some individual residents of Goldcliff were willing to contribute to the cost, but she was having difficulty in finding a second signatory so a Neighbourhood Watch bank account could be opened to temporarily house the donations. It was explained that Nash Community Council could not fund expenditure on the Goldcliff element of the scheme. In order for Nash Community Council to award a contract for it's part a third estimate would be required. Cllr. Williams would seek a third estimate.

**4.4 Newport Marathon** - Representaives from Run Wales the organisers of the Marathon had met with some Councillors on the 9th. March 2023. Certain assurances were given that access for emergencies such as animal welfare for lambing etc. that a flexible approach would be put in place.

**4.5 Hall Heating Failure** - Following a visit from S.J.May Refrigeration Ltd., they had advised that they could not repair the current Heat Pumps at the hall and had submitted an estimate for in excess of £13,000 for a new system. The Clerk advised he was trying to contact the Daikin main agent for the area, for their assistance.

**4.6 Chair Purchase** - The Clerk had held back on placing the order for 70 additional chairs at a price of £2627 + VAT, because of the possibility that the Council would nedd to spend a substantial amount on a new heating system. After discussion, it was agreed the additional chairs were required and the Clerk instructed to continue with the purchase.

**5.0 Accounts/Finance**

**5.1 Hall Bookings and Receipts / Expenditure.**Hall Bookings,Receipts & Expenditure were approved as follows;

**Hall Bookings:**

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| 11.3.23 | M.McGoldrick | Birthday | F.O.C+£60 clean |  |  |
| 24.3.23 | M.Parfitt | Party | F.O.C.+£60 clean |  |  |
| 25.4.23 | Salman Abrahaby | Family gathering | £150+£60 clean |  |  |
| 29.4.23 | R.Boulton | Party | £150 +60 clean |  |  |
| 4.6.23 | A.Langdon | Birthday | £150+£60 clean |  |  |
| 9 -10.6.23 | J.Palmer | Wedding | £300+£60 clean |  |  |
| 17.6.23 | M.Eldo | Holy Communion | £150+£60 clean |  |  |
| 11.6.23 | J.George | Family gathering | £150 +£60 clean |  |  |

**5.3 To approve receipts:**

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| Payment Date | Method | Date of Event | Description | Amount |
| 13.2.23 | BACS | Feb.2023 | Film Hire of Hall | £2140.00 |
| 15.2.23 | Cash 100303 | 17.6.23 | Holy Communion | £200 deposit |
| 23.3.23 | Cash 100303 | 29.4.23 | Party | £20 deposit |
| 28.3.23 | Cash 100303 | 4.6.23 | Birthday | £20 deposit |
| 24.3.23 | Cash 100303 | 24.3.23 | Birthday | £30 deposit |
| 11.3.23 | Cash 100303 | 23.4.23 | Family gathering | £190 |
| 11.3.23 | Cash 100303 | 11.3.23 | Birthday | £60 clean |
| 3.3.23 | Cash 100303 | 10.6.23 | Wedding Party | £100 deposit |
| 3.3.23 | Cash 100303 | 11.6.23 | Family gathering | £50 deposit |
| 6.3.23 | BACS | Barclays | Interest | £7.60 |
| 6.3.23 | BACS | Barclays | Interest | £6.37 |

**To approve expenditure:**

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| Date | Payee | Details | Amount |  |  |  |  |
| 2.3.23\* | G.D Environmental | Bin Hire at Hall 101469 | £67.00 |  |  |  |  |
| 14.3.23\* | A.C.Ducroq | Clerks salary. Jan,Feb, Mar 2023 101470 | £500.00 |  |  |  |  |
| 15.3.23 | S.Williams | Printing of Newsletters 101471 | £26.25 |  |  |  |  |
| 27.3.23 | HMRC | PAYE Clerks salary BACS | £125.00 |  |  |  |  |
| 27.3.23 | Welsh Water | Water at Hall - BACS | £159.74 |  |  |  |  |
| 6.2.23 | SWALEC | Electric bill | £701.63 |  |  |  |  |
| 6.4.23 | A.C.Ducroq | Ink Cartridges 101472 | £22.00 |  |  |  |  |
| 6.4.23 | A.C.Ducroq | Janitorial supplies 101472 | £6.27 |  |  |  |  |
| 6.4.23 | A.C.Ducroq | Postage stamps101473 | £5.44 |  |  |  |  |
| 6.4.23 | A.C.Ducroq | Parking for banking 101473 | £4.00 |  |  |  |  |
| 6.4.23 | A.C.Ducroq | Scissor Mop for cleaner 101474 | £64.99 |  |  |  |  |
| 6.4.23 | A.C.Ducroq | Floor polish for cleaner 101475 | £12.25 |  |  |  |  |
| 6.4.23 | Newport C. C. | Council Tax Village Hall 101476 | £219.35 |  |  |  |  |

\*All of above paid outside of meeting

**6 BANK STATEMENTS**

Bank Reconciliation was presented and statements as at the 24th. March 2023 were circulated and signed

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence had been circulated Electronically to Councillors .

8 **PLANNING**

All Planning Schedules had been circulated to Councillors electronically.

It was reported that some Land owners in the village had been approached regarding leasing or sell ing their land for Bulk Battery Storage. No formal Planning application had been seen to date.

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS & AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

**9.1 Welsh Audit of Accounts - The Clerk was pleased to report that the Audit Conclusion had been received for the accounts 2021/22 with no matters to report.**

**9.2 Newport Local Development Plan - No new matters to report**

**NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING -**The next meeting would be held on **Thursday 4th.May 2023**.

Signed Chairman..........................................................................Date..............................

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