

Wednesday, 4th September, 2024

Minutes of a meeting of a Special Co-option Meeting of Llandybie Community Council held at the Council offices, High Street, Llandybie and on Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 4th September, 2024 at 6.30 p.m.

Present

Councillors ; P.H. Roberts, R. A. Davies, J.W. Tandy, D. Hopkins, A. W. Jones, Mrs C. R. Thomas, A. Evans, H. Davies, C. Davies

Online ; D. Thomas, Mrs K.D.L Davies, E. Davies, A.Thomas

Apologies ; Councillors; R. Barnes, E. Nicholas, G. Davies, S. Roberts

496.

Declarations of Interest.

There were none.

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors; R. Barnes, E. Nicholas, G. Davies, S. Roberts

497.

To consider One Application for Co-option to the Heol Ddu Ward.

The Clerk explained that the full due diligence process had been followed and following the vacancy for a Community Councillor at Heol Ddu Ward the vacancy had been advertised and no person had submitted an interest with ten supporting signatories by the closing date to trigger an election, following this, and as per the agreement in the Ordinary Meeting of July 31st and on the advice of Carmarthenshire County Council Electoral Office an advertisement for co-option had been issued offering eligible persons the opportunity to apply via a written CV to the Clerk to fill the position.

The Clerk explained that only one CV had been received from Lynne Wilkins and proceeded to read out the written CV in full.

The Clerk explained that it was for councillors to debate the application and then take a vote by either secret ballot or a show of hands.

Whilst Cllr D. Thomas had reservations on the application due the number of times the applicant had not been elected in Community Council Election, as he felt it undemocratic but both Cllr A. Jones and E. Davies felt that the process had been followed and that the position was one of needing to either accept or reject the application on merit.

Cllr C. R. Thomas felt that the candidate by continually showing interest in the Community Council was a sign of a commitment to work for the community.

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The Clerk advised that a proposal and seconder be asked for on whether to go to a vote, Cllr A. Jones proposed and Cllr P. H. Roberts seconded. The Clerk then advised that a vote be taken on whether a show of hands or secret ballot be undertaken, a show of hands was subsequently made and it was decided unanimously to vote on a show of hands. The vote was recoded As eleven in favour and two against and four abstained.

Lynne Wilkins was **recommended** for co-option and to be ratified by the next Ordinary meeting of council.

498.

Clarification on the vacancy at Penygroes Ward.

The Clerk confirm that on the closing date on which an election could be called in the Penygroes Ward that no applications with ten supporting signatories had been received by the County Council Electoral Office and he had now been advised by them to advertise a co-option notice which had been done in notice boards and online.

He further explained that the same process was now to be followed as in the case of Heol Ddu Ward and a co-option advert would be advertised in the coming week asking for CV's to be considered to fill the vacancy.

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As there was no further business to discuss, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.45 p.m.

_____ Chair