**GROSMONT FAWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD BY ZOOM ON THE 10TH DAY OF JANUARY 2022**

Those attending the meeting: Councillors David Hughes Jones (Chairman), Andrew Farr, James Beavan, Paul Sheridan, James Stark, Witek Mintowt-Czyz and Peter McCann and the Clerk to the Council, Clare Preece

1. **Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

1. **Declaration of interests**.

It was agreed that these could be given as and when the occasion arose during the meeting.

1. **Public Forum**

No members of the public attended the meeting

1. **To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th November 2021.**

The Minutes were approved.

**5 To discuss the Budget proposal and Precept Demand for 2022**

This question was decided in conjunction with the next following item. No agreement was possible, but it was agreed that there should be an Extraordinary General Meeting which would be held on the 24th January 2022, to decide on the precise amount. The Clerk pointed out that she had been instructed to settle an amount that would assist in building reserves.

**6 To consider matters relating to the Grosmont Futures Project – The Grosmont Hub**

There was considerable discussion about the project. It was going to be discussed by a Steering Committee that would meet in the middle of January. The details were to be put into a Partnership Agreement that it was anticipated would be made between the Council and Grosmont Futures. Councillor Farr suggested that this would necessitate a tenancy agreement. It was agreed that it was desirable that the Town Hall should be made watertight, but different view-points were expressed as to how this should be funded. There was to be an application for lottery funding through the anticipated partnership. Other possibilities were community engagement, crowd funding and a loan taken out by the Council itself.

It was agreed by the Council by a majority that a loan of £30,000 should be taken out over 12 years, and that it would be necessary to increase the Precept to take account of the repayments, which would be of the order of £3,000 per annum. Councillor Stark said that whatever sum was decided on, this should be paid out of an increase in the precept, and that it was important that any wastage should be eradicated. As an example, he cited the necessity of having just one set of scaffolding rather than two. It was agreed in principle that a degree of community involvement was required.

**7 To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting on the 8th November 2021**

 The question arose as to whether or not the Post Office would be closed. There was no conclusive response, although it had been suggested that it would be closed temporarily for a month.

**8 To consider items of correspondence**

No items fell to be considered

**9 To consider matters relating to Highways/Rural Roads**

A query was raised as to whether or not there was to be a road-sweeper

**10 To consider matters relating to planning**

None fell to be considered, since planning matters were dealt with by e-mail between the Clerk and Councillors

**11 To consider matters relating to Grosmont Events**

This had already been dealt with at some length in earlier items on the Agenda

**12 To agree expenditure and other accounts matter**

**13 To receive and consider any other business**

 Itwas announced that Councillor Martin Davies was disqualified because of his failure toattend **M**eetings forsix months. Two vacancies had arisen. In view of the fact that the Council was in its last six months, it was agreed that there was no need to co-opt members nor advertise for new vacancies

1. **Date of the next meeting of the Council**

The Chairman said that the next meeting would be an Extraordinary General on Monday, 24th January 2022 at 7:30 p.m.