

CYNGOR CYMUNED CILYCWMM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Capel y Groes Vestry on Tuesday 15th November 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Present : Councillors Arwel Davies , Moira Davies, Aled Edwards, Christopher Jones. Eurwyn Lewis and Hywel Jones. Councillor Arwel Davies chaired the meeting.

Cllr. Hywel Jones was welcomed as a newly coopted member and duly signed the Declaration of the Acceptance of Office.

Also present : County Councillor Dafydd Tomos and Mrs Ann Jones (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed the newly elected County Councillor, Mr Dafydd Tomos to the meeting.

Policing issues : No member of Policing team in attendance. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the PCSO. Some concerns re cold callers were reported.

Apologies for absence: Councillor Walter Jones

Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial: Cllr. Arwel Davies (Speed limit Porthyrhyd & Siloh)

Minutes of meeting had been circulated to the Councillors. These were proposed, seconded and approved as a correct record.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Correspondence :

1. One Voice Wales - Notices and Minutes of meetings received and noted. Correspondence forwarded by OVW was circulated to Councillors and discussed.
2. Training – Details of forthcoming Training programmes were received and discussed.
3. Carmarthenshire County Council – Correspondence received and discussed inc. the Agenda & Minutes of County Liaison Forum; Community Resilience, Carmarthenshire Sports Awards , Seasonal decorations guidelines and Christmas Toybox scheme.
4. Welsh Government - Correspondence received by email was circulated to Councillors to include Reviews, Notices & Consultations; Initiatives & Public appointments; Bulletins etc. These were considered and noted.
5. Hywel Dda Health Board - Annual Planning Review – Issues affecting services locally discussed. Clerk to complete the questionnaire.
6. Pine Marten seminar – Details of event on 16th November noted.
7. Fire and Rescue service – Concerns re locations of Fire hydrants discussed following a recent farm fire. Clerk to write to fire & Rescue service.

Other Miscellaneous Notices, Publications and Newsletters & e mails were made available to Councillors

Financial matters

- ***Financial report and Bank reconciliation:*** An updated of Financial report was circulated and discussed. Bank reconciliation and report was checked and approved .
- ***Cais am Arian / Request for financial support:***
Homestart Dinefwr, Llanelli Deaf, Marie Curie, Cancer Info & support Services, Cae Chawarae

Cilycwm/Playing field, Macmillan. Eisteddfod Llangollen

A list of requests received to date was circulated and considered

It was resolved that the Council (in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the L.G.A. 1972), should incur the following expenditure which in the opinion of the Cilycwm Community Council, is in the interest of the area and its inhabitants, and would be beneficial in a manner commensurate with the expenditure :

Cae Chwarae Cilycwm Playing field £624.13 (to cover Insurance premium);
CFFI/YFC Sir Gar £50; Marie Curie Cancer Care £50.

- ***Cadarnhad Taliadau / Confirmation of payments :***

Chq 576 £50 Y Lloffwr

Chq 577 £90 HMRC (Paye - Jul – Sep 2016)

Chq 578 £360 Mrs PA Jones (Clerk's net salary Jul – Sep 2016)

- ***Biliau i'w Talu / Bills for payment***

External auditor - Audit fee (Invoice awaited)

Due end of December 2016 :

Clerk's salary & Paye Oct – Dec 2016

Derbyniadau / Receipts :None

- ***HMRC : RTI - The clerk confirmed submissions to HMRC***
- ***New Bank account signatory - Forms for 'Change of Signatory' (awaiting processing)***
- ***Pensions Regulator - Update on staging date etc.***
- ***Independent remuneration panel***
Submission to IRP by 30th September 2016 Confirmed
- ***Office for National Statistics***
Business details and Employment survey : Return to ONS. Confirmed
- ***AON Insurance – Information re new guidelines received and noted.***

Materion Cymunedol / Community Matters

Hall group – Cllr Aled Edwards reported progress made following meetings with Trustees and lawyers. A Public meeting is earmarked for early 2017.

Play area – Details of AGM 21 November received and noted. Councillors discussed details of letter and Summary of accounts received. Clerk agreed to respond enclosing the S137 Donation agreed by Councillors and was asked to commend the work of Volunteers. Noted that the considerable reduction in the cost of Insurance and considerable input by volunteers had placed the organisation on a more sound Financial footing.

Materion Cynllunio / Planning Matters

The following application received from Carmarthenshire County Council was considered :

E/ 34446 *Nantyronnen, Rhandirmwyn (Single storey side extension)*

For updates and further details on Planning applications, please visit:

www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/planningapplications

Am y diweddara a manylion pellach, ymwelwch a :

www.sirgar.gov.uk/ceisiadaucynllunio

Public Footpaths & Highway Issues

Signage at Penygroes and issues at Penybank – report awaited

Footpath 8/28 – Reported that access across the stream on this path from the Wyrddol lay by requires attention.

Filling Salt bins ahead of the wintry weather

(Clerk to contact Carmarthenshire County Council re above matters)

Parking issues in Cilycwm Village – County Councillor Dafydd Tomas had received reports of Traffic flow problems in the village caused by parked vehicles blocking the flow of traffic. He sought the response of Councillors in order to address this issue . Raising awareness would be a first step in the process. Concern that access for emergency services could be affected .

Speeding traffic through Porthyrhyd and Siloh – Cllr Arwel Davies raised issues about the problem of speeding traffic through Porthyrhyd and Siloh. Letters of complaint / concern and a petition with numerous signatories were presented in support of a request to set a speed limit to address the problem. Councillors discussed the detail and issues raised and agreed to the support this request.

The Clerk agreed to write to the Highways Dept. of Carmarthenshire County Council.

Community Council Vacancies

Councillors met on 15 October to consider the cooption of Councillors to two Vacant seats.

Their deliberations were noted. Four candidates had presented their names for cooption.

In a secret ballot –

1st Vacancy - Mr Hywel Jones was selected

2nd Vacancy – There was no outright winner. It was agreed to give further consideration to the selection.

Councillors were keen to bring the process to a conclusion and plan to make the selection as soon as possible.

Footway Lighting

Update on Lighting pole 804-08

Mr Steven Pocock and Mr Eurwyn Jones Davies kindly volunteered to clear the vegetation around this pole and this work is now completed. The Community Councillors expressed their sincere thanks for their assistance in this respect and to show such goodwill to the local community. The Clerk agreed to write a letter of thanks to both gentlemen for their services. Cllr Arwel Davies kindly assisted in the clearance of the vegetation.

BT - Proposals to remove Public Payphones/Cynllun gwaredu Ffonau Talu Cyhoeddus

Proposals by BT for the Removal of Public Payphones at Cilycwm, Porthyrhyd and Siloh were discussed. The Council gave consideration to the details re usage of these payphones. The number of calls made during the last 12 months were Cilycwm 29, Porthyrhyd 2, Siloh 2. The Clerk was asked to respond to the Consultation process being conducted by the Planning Dept. Carmarthenshire county Council on behalf of BT.

Concern re poor Mobile telephone signals especially in Cilycwm was an important factor to consider. Deemed essential to maintain services until more reliable mobile signals are available.

An ‘Adopt a Kiosk scheme’ could be considered to preserve the red kiosks under a scheme being offered by BT. (Details to be explored)

Councillor Arwel Davies suggested installing Heart Defibrillators in the kiosk . Strong support expressed for this in Porthyrhyd, but other kiosks in the parish could be considered for this facility. Grant funding could be considered for this.

Adolygu / Reviews :

Risk Assessment – Document circulated for consideration at next meeting

Financial Procedures – Considered and adopted in July 2016 meeting

Council Clerk – after discussion, the Clerk agreed to remain in post for 2017

Notice of closure of Lloyds Bank, Llandovery – Discussion around the negative impact of this closure , both economic and social Agreed that the Clerk write to express concern about the closure earmarked for March 2017

County Councillor Dafydd Tomos – Dafydd had taken up his new role as the newly elected County Councillor and expressed his sincere thanks for the welcome and kind reception of residents in the area.