

CYNGOR CYMUNED CILYCWYM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Cilycwm School on Tuesday 4 January 2011 at 7.30p.m.

Present : Councillors Moira Davies, Aled Edwards, Arwel Davies , Eurwyn Lewis, Ivor Williams and County Councillor Tomos Theophilus (Chair)

Also present : Mrs Ann Jones (Clerk)

Apologies for absence : Councillor Leslie Holdaway Evans, Councillor Walter Jones

Declarations of Interest : Councillor Tomos Theophilus (Capel y Groes)

Minutes of the meetings held on 2nd and 19th November and 8th December 2010 had been circulated to the Councillors . These were proposed , seconded and approved as a correct record .

Matters arising from the Minutes

- Cwm Rhaeadr : The Clerk reported that the Application for Modification of the Footpath 8/0/67 had been submitted to Carmarthenshire County Council together with the supporting documentation .The Clerk recorded her thanks to Mr Dafydd Tomos for his assistance with the Application.
- LDP : A hard copy of the Carmarthenshire LDP Revised Delivery Agreement had been received as requested . This was made available to Councillors
- Courts Service : A letter was received re the outcome of HMCS Wales on the provision of Court Services in Wales . Despite representations made during the consultation process , Llandovery and Ammanford Courts were on the list for closure. The Council noted that this decision would have an impact on access to Court Services in this area
- BDO audit : The Final Conclusion of the Audit for the year ending 31st March 2010 was confirmed with no matters outstanding . Public Notices were displayed as required .
- WPD : Response awaited from Western Power Distribution .
- Cambrian Mountains Meeting (Item23) This meeting was postponed due to the adverse weather conditions .
- Appointment of Clerk : Mrs Ann Jones commenced her duties as Clerk on January 1st 2011 following her service as ‘Acting Clerk’ for 2010. It was agreed that the ‘Terms of Employment’ for the new Clerk should be formalised in writing. The Chairman agreed to proceed on this.
- Broadband : Mr Aled Edwards conveyed his apologies for his absence at the CCBP meeting at Carmel .The Clerk confirmed that Mr Hywel Davies had assisted with completing the Application for Grant Funding to Carmarthenshire County Council.(To replace the RDP Grant) This had been had submitted . Subsequently ,the ‘Grant offer letter’ had been received and agreed .

Following concerns discussed at the previous meeting the Clerk had received written clarification / confirmation on the following issues :

- a) Mr John Wilson of Carmarthenshire County Council had confirmed that the Grant funding would be released by the County Council for payments of invoices subject to the Council’s approval . A Loan would not be required to finance the project.

b) HMRC had confirmed that the VAT would be recoverable .
 ‘Terms and conditions’ documents were received and discussed .The Clerk was receiving updates on the project ; Progress was positive and it was agreed that the Council should meet as necessary to monitor the project .

Correspondence :

- 1) Dyfed Archeological Trust: Notice of Christmas event received and noted
 - 2) Dyfed Powys Police : Notice of Conclusion of the Audit of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2010 received and noted.
 - 3) Letters of thanks received from the following : Tenovus , Marie Curie Cancer Care, Y Lloffwr, Cilycwm School Eco Project, CFFI Sir Gar, Air Ambulance Wales (S137)
 - 4) Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority : Fire and Rescue Annual Action Plan 2011-2012 received and made available to Councillors .
- Other Publications /Circulars were made available to Councillors

5. Financial matters

- Confirmation of payments : *AON Insurance £27.23 ; Footway Lighting £218.01 ; BDO Audit £141 ; Tenovus £25 ;Marie Curie Cancer Care £25 ; CFFI Sir Gar £25 ; Air Ambulance Wales £250*
- Bills : The following payments were authorised : *Capel y Groes £25 ; Clerk’s Expenses (for 2010) £121.06 . PL Long (Account for Computer services awaited)*
- Receipts : *Precept £1500 (24/12/2010)*
- Request for Financial support : *CAB Ammanford , Eisteddfod Llangollen , Macmillan Cancer Support*

It was resolved that the Council, in accordance with its powers under Section 137of the LGA 1972,should incur the following expenditure which in the opinion of the Cilycwm Community Council is in the interest of its inhabitants and will be beneficial in a manner commensurate with the expenditure .

Macmillan Cancer Care £25

6. Planning matters

Troedyrhiwgelynen E/23760 (Granted) Dolauhirion Gauging Station (Granted)

7. Precept 2011

The yearly task of choosing a Precept for the coming year was discussed following the Guidelines issued .The Clerk presented a Worksheet noting Bank Balances together with a with a summary of Income and Expenditure figures over the last four years . Using this information the Councillors gave consideration to budgetary needs for the coming year and to ensure that reserves were adequate . The decision to keep the Precept requirement at £1500 was agreed.

8 . Road Conditions during the adverse weather :

Councillors raised concerns re problems with road clearance encountered over the Christmas - New Year period . Heavy and persistent snow coupled with severe frosts had presented unprecedented problems. Minor roads had been impassable and Access for Emergency services had been encountered in the area. Clearing routes to villages should be prioritised , The Clerk agreed to write to the Highways Dept of Carmarthenshire County Council re these concerns

