

CYNGOR CYMUNED CILYCWYM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Capel y Groes Vestry on Tuesday 5th September 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present : Aled Edwards (Chair), Moira Davies, Walter Jones, Eurwyn Lewis, Hywel Jones, Jamie Pickup and Matthew Paul.

Also present : PCSO Helen Fender , Mrs Ann Jones (Clerk)

Policing issues : PCSO Helen Fender attended the meeting to discuss policing issues. The Chairman conveyed his thanks on behalf of the Community Council for her attendance at the Cilycwm Show to promote crime prevention initiatives. Letters received from local residents re Speeding issues in Cilycwm village were discussed. The ‘Speedwatch scheme’ was explained – this could be offered as a means of addressing the concerns of residents on the speeding issue. Clerk agreed to respond to letters received offering information on this scheme. PCSO Helen Fender would then move the process forward. Inappropriate parking continues to be a concern with regard to clear access for emergency services. The Clerk agreed to write to the Highways Dept at Carmarthenshire County Council to explore further means of addressing the speeding problems. Interest shown in the Farm watch scheme - PCSO reported that some people had signed up for this initiative. Thefts from farms were on the increase and it was important to be vigilant as a Farm bike theft had been reported in the area.

Apologies for absence: Councillor Arwel Davies

Declarations of Interest : Councillor Jamie Pickup (Planning & Mobile telephone masts)

Minutes of the previous 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 - Correspondence forwarded by OVW was circulated to Councillors and discussed. Training - Details of forthcoming Training programmes received and circulated to Councillors.
2. Carmarthenshire County Council – Correspondence received was circulated to Councillors . The following matters were discussed :
 - The Code of Conduct Training – Copy of the Guidelines received from Carmarthenshire county Council was forwarded to all Community Councillors for their reference.
 - Nominations of a Community Council representative to the Standards Committee – A letter outlining the selection process was received and discussed – this offered an opportunity to submit any additional information in support of candidates to be submitted to Carmarthenshire County Council. ‘The Safer routes’ scheme (Application pack received) , Library services – no changes to weekly service at present. Reported that the ‘Newly commissioned’ Library van was now operational but no Internet connection to enable use of the I Pads on offer. Clerk had already made representations requesting the expanding of the service to cover other villages in the area.

3. 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.
4. Review of Electoral Arrangements – ‘Presentation on the Review for the Carmarthenshire area’ will be held on 20 September 2017 (5.30 p.m.) at County Hall Carmarthen. Proposed that the Chairman, Councillor Arwel Davies might attend on behalf of the Community Council. Cllr Matthew Paul indicated that he would be interested in attending in his absence (Clerk to liaise)
5. AON Insurance – Letter received advising the Council of changes to Local Councils Policies. AON to cease involvement with local Councils and a ‘Renewal’ Invitation will be issued by BIHB Ltd (another Insurance Broker) before renewal of the policy. The present Policy will remain in place until the renewal date 1st June 2018. Clerk to monitor and seek out other quotes for consideration by the Council before this date.
6. HOWLTA Newsletter & Confirmation of membership payment received.
7. BT Payphones – Following the Consultation conducted by Carmarthenshire County Council on behalf of BT – A letter was received from BT in respect of the kiosk at Porthyrhyd (01558 650377 - SA19 8DF) giving details of the ‘Adopt a Kiosk’ scheme together with a Contract for the Community Council to consider. In the unavoidable absence of Cllr Arwel Davies, the Councillors decided to defer further discussion and decision on this until the next meeting. The Clerk had made further enquiries re the kiosks at Siloh and Cilycwm village. A response confirmed that these will remain operational. The dilapidated state of the kiosk at Siloh was a concern and the Clerk agreed to contact BT to enquire whether they had plans to repair and maintain this kiosk. Action was required urgently.
8. Dementia Friendly Llandovery – An Invitation was received to attend an ‘Official Launch’ of this Initiative on 26th October 2017.
9. Safer Communities Roadshow – This event will be held on 15 Sept 2017 at The Dyfed Powys Police HQ (To discuss the future delivery of Community safety in Wales)
10. Cilycwm website – Following enquiries by the Clerk, Mr Chris Robertson had responded indicating that he would be happy to continue offering his services to assist this community in respect of posting Minutes and Notices on behalf of the Community Council. His services are being given free of charge and continue to be appreciated by the Community Council.

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

Financial matters

- ***Adroddiad Ariannol / Financial report*** . Presented and discussed. Bank reconciliation / internal audit completed by Cllr Moira Davies.
- ***Cais am Arian / Request for financial support (S137)***
Carms YFC/ Sir Gar; Llandovery Sports Committee

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 :

Requests for support will be considered at a future meeting

Cadarnhad Taliadau / Confirmation of payments :

Chq 598 - £50 Y Lloffwr S137 (Letter of thanks / receipt)

Chq 599 – £12 Howlta - (membership confirmed)

Chq 600 - £50 Miss Mari Jones(receipt awaited)

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

Payment authorized for :

External audit fee (Invoice awaited)

Clerks salary & Paye (Jul, Aug, Sep 2017) due end September

- ***Derbyniadau / Receipts***

Precept £1666.67

- ***HMRC : RTI Confirmation of submissions / Update presented by the Clerk***

- ***AWDIT / AUDIT 2016/2017 :*** The External audit for the year ended 30th March 2017 was now completed and certified by Grant Thornton on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales. Details of the Audit report were discussed and The Notice of Conclusion of Audit Notices would be posted and displayed as required.

An Invoice for payment of the Audit fee was awaited. Copies of the Annual Return and Accounts will be available from the Clerk. Notices will be posted on the Notice Board and the Cilycwm website.

Materion Cymunedol / Community Matters

Menter Cilycwm : An update was presented by Cllr Aled Edwards. Discussion on legal matters was progressing and it was hoped that this would be resolved.

Materion Cynllunio / Planning Matters

Weekly Planning lists received from Carmarthenshire county Council were circulated by e mail to Councillors

Declaration of Interest by Cllr Jamie Pickup re the foll :

A 'Prior Notification' for an Agricultural Track at Llysnewydd, Cilycwm . This Notification was discussed by Councillors.

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

Hedge trimming - operations on going throughout the area

Resurfacing of the lower section of the road over Heol y Rhos which was in poor condition - Carmarthenshire County Council had no current plans to resurface this section.

Footpath 8-10 at Cwm Saethe - issues re access along this footpath had been reported to Clerk and directed to the Footpath Officer . The response from the Footpath officer was discussed. The Clerk had requested Placing Notices to advise walkers . Further waymarking was advised. Clerk to liaise.

Efail Fach Gate – No progress on replacing the stolen gate at this site. Clerk to ask Footpath officer to consider / suggest options for replacing this gate.

Dwr Cymru – Problems re repeated Water main bursts in village were discussed. Clerk to write to Dwr Cymru

Waste Amnesty - Llandovery on 14 Sept 2017.

Notice board at Towy Bridge Inn - Possible plans to remove / reposition this Notice Board were discussed. Clerk to enquire re historical information on the original setting up of the Notice Board and the possible past involvement of the Community Council.

Mobile phone issues

(Declaration of Interest by Cllr Jamie Pickup)

Cllr Pickup gave brief update on possible plans to install mobile telephone masts in the area. Alternative sites are being considered.