

## CYNGOR CYMUNED CILYCWYM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the meeting held at Cilycwm School on Tuesday 6/3/12

**Present** : Councillors Tomos Theophilus (Chair), Arwel Davies, Leslie Holdaway Evans, Ivor Williams, Walter Jones .

**Also present** : PCSO Stephen Griffiths , Mrs P Ann Jones (Clerk)

**Apologies for absence** : Councillors Moira Davies, Aled Edwards.

### **Presentations :**

Policing Issues : PCSO Stephen Griffiths updated Councillors on policing issues. Warnings given following scrap metal thefts and burglaries in the locality – Public asked to be vigilant and to note vehicle details. Important to report any suspicious activity to the police.

**Declarations of interest** : None

**Minutes** of the meetings of 3 January and 21 February 2012 had been circulated to the Councillors. These were proposed, seconded and approved as a correct record.

### **Matters arising from the Minutes :**

- Highway issues : progress reported on road maintenance ; more works required at Pentrecwn

### **Correspondence**

1. WPD - Cilycwm Footway Lighting - Works on this project to underground electricity and telephone cables in the centre of Cilycwm village commenced this week .
2. Dyfed Powys Police - Response received from Inspector Paul Williams , Dyfed Powys Police reviewing the issues raised by the Council. Assurances given that a high quality of service will be provided to all residents including those in the rural areas. Additional manpower planned to consolidate supervisory presence in the Amman Towy Section.
3. Bobby Van Scheme – Annual report received - Scheme staffing costs funded by Police authority ; an appeal for donations to the Crime Prevention Trust to meet the cost of security equipment . Appeal for public to support the scheme.

### **Welsh Government :**

4. Borrowing by Councils: Notice of ‘Borrowing approval ‘consent requirement received and noted
5. Welsh Fire and Rescue Consultation : Letter of thanks for response to consultation. Noted.
6. S137 Payments :Notice received of Section 137 Expenditure Limits for 2012-13 received and noted. Limit £6.80. per elector.
7. Local Elections : Clarification dates received of Dates following Local elections on 3 May
  - 3 May Local Election day
  - 8 May Current Councillors retire and newly elected Councillors take office
  - 22 May The last day on which the annual meeting of the Community / Town can take place

## One Voice Wales :

- 8 Funding Newsletter: Details of CCW's External Funding Newsletter received .Details of the Carmarthenshire County Funding Fair received and noted.
- 9 Local Elections : Proposals to alter the date of local elections in Wales from May 2016 to May 2017 . Views on the proposals invited by One Voice Wales who will be coordinating a response to the Minister. Discussed and noted
- 10 Ombudsman's Casebook: Latest edition of the Ombudsman's Casebook now available on line.
- 11 Bye Laws : Copy of One voice Wales response to Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Bill . Received and noted
- 12 Strong Roots Project: Details of Scheme focussing on sustainable development initiatives. Received and noted.
- 13 Training : Details of Training courses arranged by One Voice Wales received and discussed . Agreed that Clerk be permitted to attend selected courses .
- 14 Traffic in Villages Toolkit : Received and noted.
- 15 Area meeting : Details received of Carmarthenshire area meeting received and noted.
- 16 New Year Honours 2013: Details received for Nominations. Names of any possible candidates for consideration to be made known to the Clerk

## Carmarthenshire County Council :

- 17 Have your say : Booklets received giving details of Social Care services and Customer Complaints and Compliments Procedure . Received and noted.
- 18 Consultation ; re Three County Compact Consultation – Views being sought on a Draft Overarching Three County Compact – Draft Document enclosed.. Received and noted.
- 19 Prayers at Council meeting :Judicial review decision – briefing received and noted
- 20 RCA – Newsletter- Received and noted
- 21 Joint Arson Group : JAG – Wales Arson Strategy 2012 -15. Consultation document available online.
- 22 Hywel Dda Health Board : Listening and Engagement process – Details of Questionnaire discussed . Response to be completed online by the Clerk. Details of Health Events received and noted.
- 23 CCW: Notice of Review of maps of 'Open access' land received and discussed. More details on the CCW website - Clerk to report with more details by the next meeting
- 24 Opt for Life Wales : Information pack received from Kidney Wales Foundation. –The aim is to support the Welsh Government's change in legislation on Organ Donation in Wales.(Consultation document enc) Details available from the Clerk.
- 25 HOWLTA ; Invitation to renew membership of Heart of Wales Travellers' Association . Agreed to renew membership at a cost of £10. Newsletter enc.
- 26 S137 : Letter of thanks from Macmillan Cancer Care for donation of £25

- 27 CFFI YFC: Invitation to attend the County Rally on 5 May 2012 – Complimentary tickets enclosed.
- 28 Kidney Wales Foundation : Year Book 2011 -12 Received ; Notice of ‘Walk for Life’ event on 25 March received and noted.
- 29 Safer Communities : Details of ‘Application for Safer Routes in the communities Grant’ received and noted. ‘Traffic in Villages’ Toolkit available on line

**30 Elections of County / Community Councillors – 3 May 2012.  
Nomination packs, Guidance notes and Public notices etc received.**

**Financial matters**

- Footway Lighting : Notice of Footway Lighting charges for 2012 /13 received – Cost for the period will be £738.84 inc VAT which will be paid in instalments.
- Request for financial support : *Air Ambulance Wales ; Cruse Bereavement Care ; British Heart Foundation ; Cilycwm Playing Field & Sports Committee ; SIA;*

*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 :*

*Air Ambulance Wales £250; Cruse £25; British Heart Foundation £25; Cilycwm Playing Field £1222;*

- Bills to pay :  
*Footway Lighting Charges £456.03 (1/8/11 -31/3/12)*  
*Clerical expenses (2011/2012) £77.85;*  
*School Booking charges £80.87*  
*Clerks’ salary and Paye (1/1/12 – 31/3/12)*  
*(Payments authorised)*
- Confirmation of Payments:  
*Chq 453 BDO External Audit £162*  
*Chq 454 Macmillan Cancer Care £25*  
*Clerk’s salary (1/10/11 – 31/12/11):*  
*Chq 455 HMRC Paye £90*  
*Chq 456 Clerk’s salary (net)£360*
- Receipts :

**Audit matters :** 2012 Audit Briefing Pack received and noted

**Broadband Project :** Update discussed - Further links set up in the Porthyrhyd area enabling further connections to the network

**Community Association** – Update on new Website – Council minutes now on website  
Notice of forthcoming meeting at Cilycwm school on 13March. List of projects which might be considered for Grant funding by Upper Towy Valley History group was circulated.

**Planning matters:**

*The following Planning applications were received from Carmarthenshire County Council*

E/25819 Application for conservatory at Caerdelyn, Cilycwm – Granted

E/26232 Erection of Detached dwelling on land adjacent to The Vicarage, Cilycwm.

An application which had been considered by the Community Council in May 2011 had been refused by Carmarthenshire County Council in July 2011. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to write to Carmarthenshire County Council noting the observations already made to them. The Council were not supportive of the application .