

CYNGOR CYMUNED CILYCWYM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Cilycwm School on Tuesday 8 March 2011 at 7.30p.m.

Present : Councillors Moira Davies, Arwel Davies , Ivor Williams and County Councillor Tomos Theophilus (Chair), Leslie Holdaway Evans

Also present : Mrs Ann Jones (Clerk)

Apologies for absence : Councillor Aled Edwards, Councillor Walter Jones

Declarations of Interest : None

Minutes of the meeting held on 4 January 2011 had been circulated to the Councillors . These were proposed , seconded and approved as a correct record .

Matters arising from the Minutes :

- WPD : Mr Steve Pocock , Councillor T Theophilus and Mrs Ann Jones met with Mr Talfan Jones and Mr Alwyn Phillips of WDP to assess and discuss the options re replacements of poles in the village . WPD identified and discussed issues re the works proposed and plan to come back with proposals which would be mutually acceptable to the parties concerned.
- Highways Issues : A letter was received from Carmarthenshire County Council in response to concerns re road conditions over the Christmas and New year period - a review of the Winter maintenance plan was planned and the concerns expressed would be noted . The clerk agreed to write to Mr Stuart Quick re continuing problems on Penybanc hill and Esgairefail . Severe weather conditions had resulted in further erosion causing problems for motorists – the situation should be addressed before next winter .
- Cwm Rhaeadr Footpath : A letter was received from Ms Caroline Ferguson confirming receipt of the application to modify Public Footpath 8/0/67 (Cwm Rhaeadr) A registration error in respect of the footpath was suggested . More documented evidence was invited from longstanding members of the community to enhance the basis for modification if this was available. The Council were agreeable that Ms Ferguson should proceed as outlined in the letter .
- HM Courts service : Court Estate Reform Programme update received and noted Ammanford Magistrates Court will close in December 2011

Correspondence :

1. BDO Audit : Audit Briefing Pack received .
2. WAG Community & Town Councils Survey : Notice of survey findings will be published in March 2011 and will be available to view online .
3. WAG Section 137 Expenditure : Notification of maximum expenditure limit for 2011-2012 £6.44 per elector
4. WAG Borrowing by Councils : Notification and information re Borrowing Approval received and noted .
5. Macmillan : Letter of thanks received re donation of £25 (S137)
6. SLCC Training : Notice re Welsh Training Bursary and List of SLCC Events in Wales in 2011 received and noted.

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7. OVW Electoral Commission : Letter and Poster received re Referendum on the law-making powers of the NAW on 3 March 2011
8. OVW Area Committee : Notice of Carmarthenshire Area Committee to held on January 31st at Mynydd-y-Garreg - received and noted
9. OVW - The Voice : Received and made available to Councillors .
10. Following the Flame : 'Wales at the Olympic and Paralympic Games' - details received .
11. Community strategy : Comments invited in the development of the Integrated Community Strategy for Carmarthenshire 2011-2016 (Consultation Document)
12. Buckingham Palace Garden Party : Invitation received for The chairman to attend the Royal Garden Party on 12 July 2011 received .
13. Mobile Youth Work Project : Partnership project with Plant Dewi - details received and noted .
14. The Valleys : Project details received and noted
15. The Royal British Legion : Great British Poppy Party Weekend brochure received and noted .
16. SIA : Poster to publicise event to be held on 29 May 2011 received and noted.
17. Discover Carmarthenshire : 2011 Brochure received and made available to Councillors
18. Gypsy and Traveller Strategy : Response to questionnaire invited .
19. Home Star Dinefwr : Invitation to an event on 28 January to celebrate success of 'Big Lottery' funding.
20. Heart of Wales Line : Newsletter received and made available to Councillors
21. Ceredigion County Council LDP : Received and noted .
22. Sustainable Income Workshop ; Details of event held at Coleg Elydir (17 February 2011)
23. Handyperson Scheme : Scheme details received and noted.
24. Volunteer Responders: Policy Consultation on this scheme received and noted .
25. Carms YFC – Newsletter received and made available to Councillors
26. Kidney Wales : Details of 'Walk for Life' on March 27th 2011 received and noted .
27. Zurich Municipal Insurance : Information pack received . Council to consider details at time of Policy renewal (June 2011)
28. Licensing Applications : Notifications now available to Community Councils by E mail from Carmarthenshire County Council . Clerk to accept E mail listing .
29. Affordable Housing : E mail received from the Rural Housing Enabler -Ms Lynne Beer re suggestion from the Church in Wales that '*they use some of the land around the old vicarage to build new homes - Some would be 'open market' and some 'affordable homes'.* In order to measure the likely need , Ms Beer was hoping to undertake a survey and was looking for the Council's support in this .The Council considered this request and were of the opinion that the matter of a 'local needs survey' as described would be addressed by the County Council under the LDP . The Clerk agreed to write to Ms Beer .
30. Closure of By Way : Public Notice re By Way at Cilycwm (Prohibition of Driving) Order 2011 noted . Ms Sally Ford had contacted the Clerk on this matter. Maps and schedules were available to view at Llandovery Library.
31. Commisiwn Coedwigaeth (Forestry Commission -Design Plan) Maps and proposals were discussed . Comments were invited by FC Wales .Concerns were raised re continuing problems re timber haulage in the area – The Clerk agreed to respond identifying these concerns .
32. CCW Cylchlythyr : Budget news received and noted .

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33. Drysau Agored (Open Doors - Civic Trust) - An invitation to partake in the Open Doors project . Participation by local communities was invited – more details on Open doors website.
34. Energy Trust – Details of ‘Ynni’r Fro Programme’ to promote the development of community scale sustainable energy programmes . Received and noted .
35. Fly Tipping : Continuing problems at the Wyrddol Lay by reported to the Clerk as well as problems with regard to ‘Dog fouling’ in the village .Suggested that suitable notices might address these problems . Councillor Theophilus would report the problem to Carmarthenshire County Council .

5. Financial matters

- *Request for financial support : Cruse ; Cilycwm Sports & Playarea ; Cerebra ; Women’s Aid ; Y Lloffwr*
- *Confirmation of payments: Clerk’s expenses (Jan -Dec 2011) £121.06 ; Capel y Groes £25; PL Long £37.89; Macmillan £25*
- *Bills to pay : Footway Lighting (Notice of Charges for 2011 received.); Clerk’s salary (1Jan – 31Mar 2011) £450
The Clerk was authorised to pay the above bills .
Payment of any other outstanding bills to 31 March with the permission of the Chair*
- *Receipts ; None*

It was resolved that the Council, in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of 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 .

*Cilycwm Sports and Playing Field Committee £1200; Cruse Bereavement Care £25;
Carmarthenshire Women’s Aid £25*

6. Planning matters

The following Planning applications were received from Carmarthenshire County Council
Coed y Fron (E/22769) Granted ;
Erryd Wood Access (E/24420) Application for new Forestry access by Mr Perryman .
Concerns re visibility and access of heavy plant / machinery off this minor road were noted. The Clerk agreed to notify the Carmarthenshire County Council re these issues.

7. Broadband : The Clerk reported on the progress of the Project . An invoice was received from ResQ IT and Telecoms for £7500 (inc VAT). This is the 1st of 4 invoices covering the payment by instalment for the works as listed :

- Site surveys completed
- Application for Ofcom Licences
- Installation of Backhaul
- Completion of project

The Clerk was liaising with Mr Hywel Davies from Carmarthenshire County Council re procedures on the Grant funding. The Clerk confirmed that the Grant funding from Carmarthenshire County Council would be released in stages . VAT would be paid by the Community Council and would be recoverable from HMRC .

Once the necessary checks are complete , the request to release the Grant funding can be submitted to Carmarthenshire County Council (A copy of the Invoice and supporting / documented evidence from ResQ IT would be required).

Discussion followed on site survey evidence . Further checks on documentation /evidence was needed before submitting the Grant request to Carmarthenshire County Council. The Clerk agreed to proceed when this evidence was received from ResQ IT .

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Payment of the invoice to Resq IT would then be authorised and once the Grant funding was received .

8 . Interpretation Boards : The Clerk had received concerns re the condition of Interpretation Boards near the Towy Bridge Inn. A site inspection revealed that the Board was in need of some minor attention but the structural state appeared to be sound. The Landlord of the Towy Bridge was prepared to clean the surface of the Board . Decided that the situation should be monitored.

9. Clerk's Appointment (Contract): The 'Model document' was presented for discussion . Final details to be agreed at the next meeting .

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