CYNGOR CYMUNED CILYCWM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Capel y Groes Vestry on Tuesday 9 January 2018 at 7.30 p.m. **Present** : Concillors Arwel Davies (Chair) Aled Edwards, Moira Davies, Matthew Paul, Hywel Jones and Jamie Pickup .

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

Policing issues : PCSO Helen Fender attended the meeting to discuss policing issues in the area. Matters discussed : Theft of Quad bikes ; The Farmwatch scheme ; Damage by 4X4 vehicles and scramblers ; Sheep thefts ; Speeding issues and the Use of Drones . PCSO discussed and advised Councillors on crime prevention measures and urged farmers and the wider public to be vigilant and report any suspect activity. The Dewis Officer was not present at the meeting .

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Apologies for absence: Councillor Cllr Walter Jones

Declarations of Interest : Councillor Arwel Davies (Defibrillator) ; Councillor Jamie Pickup (Planning issues) Cllr Aled Edwards (S137)

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: Recycling centre ; Library service (Post information on website to raise awareness of service)

Correspondence

- *1.* One Voice Wales Correspondence was forwarded to Councillors and discussed. Letter from Chairman received and discussed.
- 2. Training Details of forthcoming Training programmes received and circulated to Councillors.
- Carmarthenshire County Council Correspondence received was circulated to Councillors . The following matters were discussed : Standards committee : Notice of Appointment to fill vacancies on the Standards committee .
- 4. Carmarthenshire Sports Awards . Clerk had submitted the nomination of Mr Wyn Jones for the Sports Personality Award . A Response re Nomination submitted was received but regrettably, Mr Wyn Jones was not shortlisted on this occasion. It is hoped that another opportunity will arise for nomination in the future. Community Resilience Carmarthenshire - Details received and noted Royal Garden Party (for Chair)
- 5. 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.
- 6. BT Payphones Further discussion on Adoption of kiosk at Porthyrhyd. Clerk reported on advice sought from OVW to clarify legal issues / obligations before signing up for the 'Adopt a Kiosk' scheme . Also reported on 'Feedback' sought from other Councils who had gone through the process. There was strong support in the Porthyrhyd area and

following discussion, it was agreed to proceed with Adoption of Porthyrhyd Kiosk. Clerk to respond to BT. Funding for provision of Defrillator at Porthyrhyd was discussed (Cllr Arwel Davies declared an interest re 'Defibrillator' scheme) Damage to the kiosk at Siloh had been reported – no progress to date on repairs to this kiosk. Clerk asked to seek further assurance From BT re future of remaining Kiosks in the area.

- 7. Llandovery Museum Clerk reported on meeting to discuss plans for Museum at Llandovery
- 8. HOWLTA Newsletter and Invitation renewal for 2018/19 received
- 9. NHS Wales (Major Trauma network) Consultation document and Questionnaire discussed.

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 checked and Internal audit completed by Cllr Moira Davies.
- Cais am Arian / Request for financial support (S137) Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2018/19 is set at £7.86 per elector

(Declaration of interest Cllr Aled Edwards – S137 Request (Côr Cyswllt Cilycwm) The following requests were received Eisteddfod Llangollen; Cor Cyswllt (Concert event in Aid of Air Ambulance Wales); Cancer Information and support services

Councillors gave further consideration to requests received during the year.

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 :

Carms YFC Sir Gar £50; Marie Curie Cancer Care £50; Côr Cyswllt Cilycwm £100

- Cadarnhad Taliadau / Confirmation of payments: Chq 603- £208.50 Wales Audit Office (Ext audit fee - Receipt awaited) Chq 604 - £642.90 S137 Cilycwm Sports & Play area Committee (S137) Chq 605- £90 HMRC (Paye Oct – Dec 2017) Chq 606 - £360 Mrs PA Jones (Clerk's net salary Oct – Dec 2017)
- **Biliau i'w Talu / Bills for payment** Payment authorized for : Carmarthenshire County Council - Footway Lighting (Invoice awaited)
- Derbyniadau / Receipts Precept £1666.67
- HMRC : RTI Confirmation of submissions / Update presented by the Clerk
- The Clerk reported on correspondence received re : Details of Forthcoming changes to Council Insurance; VAT and updates from Pensions regulator.
- **Precept 2018/19 :** The yearly task of setting the Precept requirement for the coming year was discussed following the Guidelines issued. The Clerk presented a Spreadsheet noting Bank Balances together with a summary of Income and Expenditure figures over previous years. Using this information the Councillors gave consideration to budgetary needs for the coming year and to ensure that reserves were

adequate. In addition, Councillors gave consideration to the additional estimated costs incurred by the Authority in respect of Community Council Election in 2017/18 which had been estimated at £1216.39. After careful consideration, it was decided that the extra costs of the Community Council Election should be absorbed and Precept requirement should be kept at £5000. Clerk to complete and return Precept request form to Carmarthenshire Council

• **RISK ASSESSMENT** : This Schedule was circulated to Councillors and reviewed.

Materion Cymunedol / Community Matters

Menter Cilycwm : Cllr Aled Edwards reported that positive progress was being made on this project.

Materion Cynllunio / Planning Matters

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

The following applications were discussed : *Cllr Jamie Pickup declared an interest re application E/36263 (Llysnewyddd)*

$E\!/\,36183$ $\,$ Ty Eco /Eco House , Cilycwm

Consultations to Carmarthenshire County Council - Following consultation with Councillors, the Clerk had submitted concerns to the Planning department. Responses to Consultations were discussed. Planning now granted.

E/ 36263 Llysnewydd - Agricultural Notification Concern re this development was conveyed to Planning department Decision made by Carmarthenshire County Council - 'Agricultural Notification – Prior approval 'Not required'. No further updates on this development

> 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

Penstacan 8/21 (By Way Open to All Traffic)

Correspondence was received from Mr Jason Lawday of Carmarthenshire County Council regarding unresolved issues on this By way. 'Historical' Information and maps had been sourced from Archives to gain background information and to identify potential errors regarding the registration of this route. He would welcome any input from The Community Council and will liaise with Landowners etc to resolve the problems.

Councillors discussed Highway issues reported at last meeting Clerk reported problems re Footway lighting ; salt supplies etc

Efail Fach – Clerk had reported problems with missing gate on this path. No progress date.

Notice Board at Towy Bridge Inn – Plans by the landlord to re site the Information board. Cllr Jamie Pickup to make further enquiries on proposals in advance of the next meeting.

Council Clerk : 'Appointment of New Community Council Clerk' to be placed on the Agenda for March meeting.