

## **CYNGOR CYMUNED CILYCWM COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes** of the meeting held at Capel y Groes Vestry on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

**Present** : Councillors, Christopher Jones, Moira Davies, Tomos Theophilus, and Aled Edwards

**Also present** : Mrs Ann Jones (Clerk)

Cllr. Christopher Jones kindly agreed to Chair the meeting

Councillors stood silently in memory of the late Cllr Ifor Williams

**Apologies for absence** : Concillors Eurwyn Lewis, Arwel Davies and Walter Jones

**Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial** : None

Local Government Ethical Framework: Notice received of Statutory Instruments signed in respect of The Local Government (Model Code of conduct) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016. Copies of this notice had been circulated to Councillors for their consideration. Action required to adopt the Revised code of conduct by 26 July 2016. Agreed that this matter should be placed on the agenda for adoption at the Annual meeting in May 2016

**Minutes** of meeting had been circulated to the Councillors. These were proposed, seconded and approved as a correct record.

**Matters arising from the Minutes:**

Responses received for the following were discussed :

- Cilycwm Ffald - The Clerk reported that there was no further progress to date but would continue to liaise with Mr Glyn Jones if any further options might be considered.
- Footway Lighting - Discussion on going re vegetation growth on Footway lighting pole 804-08. No further progress had been made with attempts to persuade the County Council to fund the work out of the footway lighting maintenance budget. The Clerk was asked to make further attempts to discuss the way forward with the Carmarthenshire County Council. Councillors were keen to move the process forward after fruitless attempts to confirm ownership etc. Agreed that a further option should be considered . In order to examine the cost of the clearance work, the Clerk agreed to seek quotes for the work required. Noted that the required Insurance/ public liability cover would be necessary for anyone carrying out the works.

**Correspondence**

1. One Voice Wales: Letter received giving details of services offered by OVW. Invitation to renew Membership for 2016/17. Discussed and agreed. Cost of renewal was £65  
Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales: Annual report received . Copies of Section 10. of the report had been circulated to Councillors. This set out details of Payments in respect of costs, expenses etc. to Members of Community and Town Councils . Formal decision to be made by the Council in respect of any decision to forego part/all of the

allowances . (No payments/ allowances had been claimed by Cilycwm Community Councillors in the current financial year)

OVW responses to consultations were noted. (Court and Tribunal services; Local Government Wales etc.)

2. Training: Details of Training programmes were received and noted. These included Planning aid Wales; SLCC Training; Digital Inclusion and OVW Training programme. Details of Code of Conduct Training courses organised by Carmarthenshire County Council were awaited. Clerk to liaise with members as details were made available.
3. Carmarthenshire County Council - Correspondence was received re :  
 Ysgol Pantycelyn site : update on proposals to move Ysgol Rhys Pritchard to the site was discussed. Cllr Eurwyn Lewis had represented the Council at the Closing Assembly before pupils were transferred to the new site at Llandeilo. School transport issues were discussed.  
 County Liaison Forum - Details of forthcoming meeting discussed and Minutes of previous meeting noted.  
 Play area Questionnaire: Clerk had responded with details required.  
 Events : Details of events received and noted.
4. Welsh Government - Reviews, Notices & Consultations ; Public appointments ; Bulletins etc. were received and discussed.  
 Boundary commission : Review of Parliamentary Constituencies – 2018 review to commence during the course of the year. Details of current Electoral table and proposals to reduce numbers of constituencies in Wales from 40 to 29 seats was discussed.
5. Letters of thanks for S137 - Letter of thanks received from Cilycwm Play area (£1200) and Air Ambulance Wales (£100)
6. HOWLTA - Newsletter received .
7. SLCC Newsletter - Received and noted. Report of SLCC conference received. Audit guidance for Clerks received.
8. Ombudsman – Notice received of new edition of Principles of Good Administration and Good Record Management now available on line.
9. Tywi Gateway project – Development proposals for historic Bishop’s Park, Abergwili received. Details of Questionnaire to be circulated to Councillors
10. Events – Details of various events noted. (Hearts Wales; Cambrian Mountains; Kidney Wales Walk for Life etc)
11. Request for information – Request for information received re Community Council. Clerk to follow up . (Information available on Cilycwm website)

***Miscellaneous Notices, Publications and Newsletters were made available to Councillors***

**Financial matters :**

- ***Financial update & Bank reconciliation:*** Financial report prepared by the Clerk was circulated to Councillors and discussed. Cllr Moira Davies signed off Internal audit check.
- ***Precept 2016/17:*** Receipt of application for Precept requirement noted.
- ***Cais am Arian / Request for financial support:***  
*Numerous requests were received. These would be discussed at the next meeting*

- **Cadarnhad Taliadau / Confirmation of payments :**

*Cae Chwarae* £1200

*Air Ambulance Wales* £100

*Footway lighting(1/4/15 – 31/3/16)* £764.35

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

*Clerk's Admin expenses 2015/16* £82.00 (*Postage, Stationery etc*)

*Meeting room hire Capel y groes 2015/16* £70

*Clerks net salary Jan- Mar 2016* £360

*HMRC Paye Jan - Mar 2016* £90

**Derbyniadau / Receipts :**

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

**Community matters:**

**Hall group - Report of Public meeting at Capel y Groes to discuss a Community Hall:**

Cllr Aled Edwards presented a report of the meeting held at Capel y Groes on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 . A strong cross section of people from the community were present to discuss the issues. Support for the project was positive. Going forward, the Working group will continue to liaise with Chapel trustees and Undeb yr Annibynnwyr, to examine documents , check terms of charitable status and to seek further legal advice as necessary to clarify issues around the project.

Cllr Edwards reported that following an approach from Mr Roger Stevens of the Cambrian Mountains Trust, the Hall project could benefit from possible distribution of funds from the winding up of the Trust. Cllr Edwards will continue to work with others on this (completing necessary paperwork etc )

Councillors agreed to a request that as a 'constituted body ', the Community Council would consent that any monies granted could be held by the Community Council on behalf of the Hall group.

**Materion Cynllunio / Planning Matters**

No current applications received for consideration

*For updates and further details on Planning applications, please visit :*

[www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/planningapplications](http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/planningapplications)

*Am y diweddara a manylion pellach , ymwelwch a :*

[www.sirgar.gov.uk/ceisiadaucynllunio](http://www.sirgar.gov.uk/ceisiadaucynllunio)

Consultation on Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance - Notice received from Carmarthenshire County Council . Noted.

The Planning Inspectorate : Developments of National Significance (DNS) Letter received outlining changes in respect of Developments of National significance. Request to notify the Inspectorate of the Community Council's wish to receive such notifications was discussed. Clerk had responded on behalf of the Community Council.

**Public Footpaths & Highway Issues**

Received from Carmarthenshire County Council :

*Public footpath Diversion order Notice (RW2/54/CJF)*

*(Footpath 8/35 Llysnewydd, Cilycwm)*

The Clerk briefed Councillors on issues reported to the Council at the previous meeting.

Clerk had reported damage to bridge wall near Pont Newydd

Response re Concerns re Satellite Navigation issues on country roads received. Request for specific information which would have to be directed to the Welsh Government for consideration.

Concerns re danger on road verges from Benlan towards Porthyrhyd to be reported. Noted that there was a sharp drop off the tarmac and undermining of the foundation which could be a safety issue.

Councillors enquired re ownership of path from Old Post Office to Capel y Groes. Clerk agreed to make enquiries.