

## CYNGOR CYMUNED CILYCWYM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the meeting held at Capel y Groes Vestry on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

**Present** : Councillors Eurwyn Lewis (Chair), Christopher Jones, Moira Davies, Tomos Theophilus, , Walter Jones , Arwel Davies

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

**Apologies for absence** : Cllr. Ivor Williams and Cllr. Aled Edwards , PCSO Stephen Griffiths

### **Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial :**

In order to comply with the new requirements, a draft ‘Declarations of Interest’ document for publication on the website was presented by the Clerk. Details discussed. Clerk to proceed and display online as required.

Cllr. Moira Davies declared an interest re Request for financial support from Menter Bro Dinefwr.

### **Presentations :**

Representatives of local Policing team were unable to attend. Clerk to follow up request for a Drug Awareness session at the next meeting.

**Minutes** of 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 – Details of OVW Conference received and discussed. Notice received re Survey for Independent Remuneration panel for Wales. Details of Proposed changes in the regulations regarding Remuneration of members of Community and Town Councils were discussed. Noted that no remunerations were made to members of Cilycwm Community Council in the current financial year ended 31st March 2015
2. Training: Details of Training programmes were received and noted.
3. Welsh Government: Reviews, Notices & Consultations were received and discussed.
4. Carmarthenshire County Council – Letter re Education Provision in Dinefwr, notifying the delay in transfer dates to the new campus was discussed. Concerns were raised by Councillors re impact on pupils especially those in the GCSE group.
5. Cilycwm Notice Board : Repairs to Notice Board were completed and payment for £160 paid to Mr J. Morgan.
6. Pantycelyn school meeting : Report of meeting 3 Aug was discussed. Copies of the Minutes of this meeting had been received and copies circulated to Councillors together with a Survey/ Questionnaire. Numerous points for discussion were raised re decision making process for the future of the site. The need for structural thinking to bring economic and social benefit to the town and surrounding area; consideration for continued use of the site for educational purposes, the promotion of work opportunities /

small business units . Retention of the Hall and Swimming pool would be important for the community. It was considered important that the decision making process on the future of the site should be led by the Carmarthenshire County Council in collaboration with Llandovery Town Council and local communities. The Clerk was asked to write to Carmarthenshire County Council requesting information on the County Council's plans/ vision for the future of the site.

7. Ffald / Pound Cilycwm ; Clerk had made enquiries to try and establish ownership of the site. Further confirmation required before progress can be made on the project
8. HOW Railway : Appeal letter and Newsletter received.
9. Footway Lighting Pole: Issues raised by Carmarthenshire County Council following public complaint re re the growth of vegetation the Footway lighting pole 804 – 08 in Cilycwm Village. A Highways Inspector from Carmarthenshire County Council had visited the site to assess the situation. Cllr T. Theophilus was present at the site meeting. It was agreed that the overgrowth which had reached the light fitting was in need of cutting back, subject to the agreement of all parties. Clerk to request Carmarthenshire County Council to consider payment for this work due to the uncertainty as to the ownership of the site.
10. Pine Plantation for Blaenau Tywi : Letter was read re Conifer planting scheme in the Upper Tywi (submitted by Frank Jones, Technical Advisor, Afonydd Cymru) which highlighted concerns re impact on important spawning tributaries. Noted.
11. Mobile Phone meeting ; Report of meeting held at the Royal Welsh Show re improving services in rural Wales. Noted
12. Hydro Project : Update on meeting at Rhandirmwyn on 5/8/15. Noted.

***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. Davies. Details discussed and approved.
  - ***Materion Awdit / Audit matters***  
Clerk confirmed that the Audit papers were submitted to BDO as required (Audit date 30 June) Final approval of external audit was expected shortly.
  - ***Cadarnhad Taliadau / Confirmation of payments :***  
Chq 553 £160 Mr John Morgan – Payment for repair of Notice board
  - ***Biliau i'w talu / Bills to pay :*** Clerk's salary & Paye (Jul, Aug, Sep 2015) due end of Sept. Invoice for BDO External audit awaited. (Payments authorised)
  - ***Derbyniadau / Receipts :*** Precept £1666.67
  - ***HMRC :*** RTI Confirmation of Submissions to HMRC / Update presented by the Clerk.
  - ***Cais am Arian / Request for financial support:***  
The following requests were considered :  
Shelter Cymru ; Carmarthen Youth Orchestra; Urdd Gobaith Cymru;  
Menter Bro Dinefwr; CFF/YFC Sir Gâr
- (Cllr Moira Davies withdrew from discussion re request from Menter Bro Dinefwr)

*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 :*

*Urdd Gobaith Cymru ; £25 Menter Bro Dinefwr ; £25 CFF/YFC Sir Gâr £50*

## **Community matters:**

### **Materion Cynllunio / Planning Matters**

*For updates and more details on Planning applications, please visit*

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

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

### **Public Footpaths & Highway Issues**

- Update on FP81/82 : Footpath Officer had agreed plans to address problem on this footpath with the landowner. Works to proceed soon.
- Footpath issues at Ystradffin : Letter received clarifying footpath crossing lands at Ystradffin, Rhandirmwyn
- Proposal to Divert Footpath 8/35 Llysnewydd, Cilycwm : Details and map circulated and discussed
- Road narrows issues at Dolauhirion : Further SLOW signs had now been painted on the road to further address the road narrows issues at this site
- Hedgerow issues : Reports received of overgrowth on high sided hedges and trees at some locations in the area . In the interest of public safety, the Clerk was asked to report concerns to Carmarthenshire County Council for investigation.

### **Other matters :**

Gwyl y Celt – This event was relocated to Cwmgors (Noted)