

CYNGOR CYMUNED CILYCWYM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Cilycwm School on Tuesday 17 Sept 2013

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

Also present : P.C Howie Davies , P Ann Jones (Clerk)

Apologies for absence: Councillors Ivor Williams; Christopher Jones

Declaration of interest :

Presentations :

Policing matters : P.C. Howie Davies gave an update on policing issues in the area. OWL Messaging notices discussed . Police wish to draw attention to : Household burglaries / break-ins in the rural area especially in the daytime; concern re problems of scams targeted particularly at the elderly – ‘Green deals’ and false notifications re Tax refunds etc. Public urged not to reveal personal details, to be vigilant and report any suspicions to the Police. Discussion re pilot scheme to ban cold callers - more information on this scheme to follow.

Minutes of the meeting of 16th July 2013 had been circulated to the Councillors. These were proposed, seconded and approved as a correct record.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Correspondence

1. OWL Messaging : Several OWL messages had been received , mainly concerning burglaries / break - ins in the wider area. Details discussed with Police .
2. LDP (Focused changes) Responses invited re development of Pantycelyn school site for housing to accommodate approx. 45 dwellings. The Plans presented by Carmarthenshire County Council were discussed . Concerns expressed re the impact on the town and community of Llandovery following the impending closure of the school . Suggested that an ‘Options Appraisal’ would have been appropriate to identify other uses for the site. Response form to be completed
3. National Delivery group. Details of Appointment of Independent member . Noted.
4. Commission on Public service, Governance and Delivery- Notice of ‘Have your say’ meeting . Noted.
5. Local Government Diversity - call for evidence. 2011 measure to conduct a survey of candidates and councillors at each local election - Aim to improve diversity in Local Councils. Noted.
6. Training ; Courses - Details of Training programmes received and discussed ; Details of Planning Training event at Llanelli .Noted.
7. One Voice Wales : Details of Area meeting ; Notice and Minutes of previous meeting. Noted.
8. Code of Conduct ; Questionnaire re Training consultation CCC discussed (Response sent to Carmarthenshire County Council)
9. Local Government measure - Notice of Consultation Document etc. Noted

10. Health Watchdog – Information received re recruitment of members to the Hywel Dda Community Health Council. Noted.
11. Details of Changes to Householder Permitted Development Rights in Wales which come into force on 30th September 2013 . Noted.
12. Wales Tourism Advisory Board – Appointment of members. Noted
13. TB Eradication Programme Update : Details re Badger Vaccination Grant received and discussed.
14. Welsh Government Communities News : Received . Details of National Training programme for Community Councillors and Clerks .Discussed
15. Bus & Communities Transport Network Strategy: Details of Consultation .Noted
16. Rural Transport study ; Clerk completed Response survey - noting ‘Lack of local service’ in the rural area
17. Website funding for Councils: Fact sheet detailing ‘Points for consideration’ . Discussed and noted. Clerk to make further enquiries via OVW re funding of existing website. Check List of Councillors on the website.
18. The Ombudsman’s Casebook Issue 13: Now available on line
19. National Salary Awards : Salaries for Clerks - Revised scales 2013/14 . Noted
20. Energy Efficiency: Details of Grants / Loans scheme received and noted. Details for Notice board.
21. Age Cymru – Details of ‘ Scams and swindles’ campaign (Poster for display) Noted.
22. Shelter Cymru : Details of Surgeries ; Newsletter & Statement of Financial activities for the year ending 30 Sept 2012. Noted.
23. The Voice : Latest edition available online. Noted
24. Howlta - Newsletter received.
25. Natural Resources Wales - Update received on the Review of Maps on Open Access received and noted. Provisional maps available to view at BBNP Brecon or on website together with details of Appeals process. Noted.
26. Welsh water: Notice of meeting re Investment proposals 2015 – 2021. Noted
27. Carmarthenshire Sports Personality 2013 : Details received and discussed . Llandovery Rugby club and Matthew Page were both considered to be worthy local candidates for nomination. Clerk to proceed with applications.
28. Essential Skills – Details of Training courses. Noted.
29. Fire & Rescue – Notice of Changes to crewing Systems at Llanelli Fire station. Noted.
30. Standards committee – Resignation of member. Consultation on replacement member. Noted.
31. Integrated Community strategy – Notice of Forum meeting (CCC) on 16 October 2013. Noted.
32. Electoral review & Timetable (Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales) – Details of Electoral Review Programme 2014, Assessment & Timetable. Received and noted. Clerk to look at details.
33. Older Person’s Commissioner for Wales : Details received re accessing details of services available from the Commissioner’s office. Noted.

Other Circulars, Newsletters and Miscellaneous notices were made available to Councillors

Financial matters

- **Request for financial support**

*The following requests were received and considered:
Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Sir Gar 2014(2nd Instalment of £200 already approved)
National Memorial Flanders*

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 :

National Memorial Flanders £50

- **Confirmation of Payments:**

Chq 500 : £200 Friends of Cilycwm School

- **Bills to pay :**

The following payments were authorised:

BDO Audit fee £72

McAfee Antivirus Protection £59.99 (repayment for Fee paid by Clerk)

Clerk's net salary £360 (Jul – Sept 2013)

Paye £90 (Jul – Sept 2013)

(Clerk to consult with Paul Long re Antivirus protection charge)

- **Receipts :** Precept £1666.66

- **HMRC :** RTI - Update given by Clerk

- **Audit matters 2012/13 :** Letter received from BDO notifying the Conclusion of the Audit for the year ending 31 March 2013. Enc :

Fee Notice

Notice of Conclusion of Audit (for Public display)

Notes regarding the advertisement of the Conclusion of the Audit

Date selection form for 2013/14

Contact details

Survey 2013/14

Annual Return

There were no matters arising.

As required, The Annual Return was presented to the Council following the Audit opinion. This was approved and accepted. (Minute ref. 233)

Clerk to proceed as required.

Community Associations:

Cilycwm CA : Details of meetings / updates received and noted

History Project – update

Rhandirmwyn CA - update

Cilycwm School : Letter suggesting an Options Appraisal sent to Thelma Stenning . An independent ‘Working group’ now being formed to explore the way forward following the closure of the school.

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The following applications/notices were received and considered :

- **E/28266** Maes yr Afon Cilycwm -Extension to existing dwelling GRANTED
- **E/28560** Cwm Rhaeadr - Campsite for Carmarthenshire Scout Council ; GRANTED
- **E/28688 & E/28755** Cefntrenfa Cilycwm - Repair of Traditional Farm buildings ;
Repair and conservation of Listed building