

CYNGOR CYMUNED CILYCWMM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Capel y Groes Vestry on Tuesday 17th November 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Also present : PCSO Stephen Griffiths , Mrs Ann Jones (Clerk)

Apologies for absence : Cllr. Ivor Williams

Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial : None

In order to comply with the new requirements, the Clerk confirmed that a ‘Declarations of Interest’ document is now published on the website.

Presentations :

PCSO Stephen Griffiths of local Policing team gave an update of policing issues in the area. Raised awareness re Sheep thefts, and the role of the Rural liaison officer working with the farming fraternity to try and tackle rural crime. New OWL system will soon be in place .A Drug Awareness session followed. This was intended to raise awareness and to inform Councillors of the particular problem of Cannabis cultivation. Police urged public to report any concerns on the 101 Police telephone line.

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: Correspondence was discussed to include Minutes and Notices of area meetings . Further details received re Pension guidance noted.
2. Training: Details of Training programmes were received and noted.
3. Welsh Government: Reviews, Notices & Consultations were received and discussed.
4. Independent Remuneration panel for Wales: Draft proposals affecting Community and Town Councils were received and discussed.
5. NHS Wales: Details of Mental Health project to develop and improve access to services - received and noted. Details of Let’s Talk Health Events programme - noted.
6. Letters of thanks for S137 Donations : Urdd Gobaith Cymru, Menter Bro Dinefwr, CFFI/ YFC .
7. Carmarthenshire County Council – Guidance re Seasonal decorations received and noted
8. Fire and Rescue: Details of Improvement objectives for 2016-17 was received and discussed.
9. Carmarthenshire County Council : Response received re concerns re School transport issues was discussed. Response to further consultation on over 16 School transport awaited. Concerns continue over arrangements for transporting pupils to the new school campus .

10. Public protection order (Dogs) Details discussed - Councillors supportive of introducing measures but were concerned about resources available to implement the proposals. Clerk agreed to make concerns known to Carmarthenshire County Council
11. Digital Communities : Details of conference and courses received and discussed. Clerk agreed to enquire about Training opportunities in this area.
12. Pantycelyn school meeting : Response still awaited to letter requesting information on Carmarthenshire County Council's plans for the site . The Chair presented a report of meeting at Pantycelyn school to discuss possible transfer of Infant / Junior school to the site. Clerk agreed to write again to the County Council requesting a meeting with the Chief Executive to discuss the options for the site.
13. Ffald / Pound Cilycwm ; Clerk reported on enquiries made to establish ownership . No confirmation established to date. Clerk agreed to write to Mr Glyn Jones at Menter Bro Dinefwr to discuss the way forward.
14. Carms CAB ; Details of AGM received and noted.
15. SLCC Newsletter : Received and noted.
16. Menter Bro Gwendraeth Local Energy Action : Details received and 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 and discussed. Cllr Moira Davies signed off internal audit check.

- **Cais am Arian / Request for financial support:**

The following requests were discussed:

*Cae Chwarae Cilycwm Play area ; Eisteddfod Llangollen;
Gwasanaeth Cymorth & Gwybodaeth am Ganser/ Cancer information & Support Services;
Marie curie cancer care ; Ambiwylans Awyr Cymru*

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 :

Marie curie Cancer care £50

Decided that further consideration will be given to the above requests at the next meeting

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

Chq 554 - £210 (BDO LLP External audit fee)

Chq 555 - £25 (Menter Bro Dinefwr S137)

Chq 556 - £50 (CFFI/YFC Sir Gâr S137)

Chq 557 - £25 Urdd Bobaith Cymru S137)

Chq 558 - £90 (HMRC Paye Jul, Aug, Sep 2015)

Chq 559 - £360 (Mrs PA Jones, Clerk's net salary - Jul, Aug, Sep 2015)

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

Clerk's salary & Paye (due for payment end of December 2015)

- **Derbyniadau / Receipts : None**

- **HMRC** : Confirmation of HMRC / RTI submissions was presented by the Clerk .
- **Materion Awdit / Audit matters**

The Clerk confirmed Completion of the Community Council Audit for the year ended 31 March 2015 . As required, The Annual Return and Audit opinion was presented and approved by the Council . The supporting information and Issues arising report was also presented and minor issues discussed and explained. The Clerk confirmed that a copy of the The Annual Return and Notice of Conclusion had been displayed on the Notice Board and on the website .

Review of Council Clerk : Following discussion, the Clerk, Mrs Ann Jones agreed to continue in post.

Footway lighting

The works required to clear vegetation on the Footway Lighting pole 804-08 was discussed. The Council are disappointed that there appears to be no funding available from the County Council's Footway lighting budget to carry out this work.

To date, there has been no clarification as to ownership of the land on which this pole is located .

To move this process forward, it was suggested, that if we could establish whether there are any way leave payments being made for this pole , it could help clarify the ownership issues. Councillors are concerned about setting a precedent in respect of paying for these works from the Community Council budget. They are mindful of the Health and Safety concerns and would like to emphasize the need to carry out the works as a matter of urgency.

Clerk to contact Carmarthenshire County Council to discuss the issues again in an attempt to proceed with the works required.

Community matters:

Play Area : Notice of AGM to be held on 17 November was received . Unfortunately, this clashed with the Community Council meeting. No representatives were able to attend due to the clash of dates. Clerk agreed to request a copy of the Minutes of the meeting. Consideration on Request for Financial support was deferred to the next meeting.

Cymdeithasau Cymunedol / Community Associations : No update received

Materion Cynllunio / Planning Matters

The following applications received from Carmarthenshire County Council were received and considered :

E/32713 - Troedyrhiwrhuddwen,Rhandirmwyn

Two Storey extension

E/32699 – Gerynant, Cilycwm -(Demolition of bungalow and replacement with Dormer style bungalow on existing slab

E/32827 – Nant melyn, Rhandirmwyn - High Head Micro Hydro Scheme (Observations from Councillors on this applications were made known to Carmarthenshire County Council)

*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)*

8. Public Footpaths & Highway Issues

- Road closure at Porthyrhyd : Update on Notice of Road closure issues was presented by the Clerk. Works by subcontractor on behalf of BT were now complete.
- Hedgerow issues : Carmarthenshire County Council were proceeding with addressing issues reported at the previous meeting. Reports received by the Clerk of overgrown hedgerows affecting traffic at the following locations :
 1. Between Llwynhowell farm and the Forestry engineers site (Fukes)
 2. The road between Capel Dewi and Nantyrhogfaen.
- The following issues were also reported:
 Surface water/ Blocked drains at the bottom of Brynllan hill ; Aberhosan and Rhiw.
 Ruts in the road at the Top of Penybanc hill ; opposite Porthyrhyd Post Office & Smyrna chapel.
 Further improvements required on the road to Pentrecwn & Benlan (this road has deteriorated since patching operations were completed following Forestry operations in 2013)
- Concerns expressed re possible accident hotspot at Groes y Fedwen (bend) , Cilycwm between Bont Newydd and Cilycwm It was suggested that clear road markings could be considered to clarify the right of way and reduce the possibility of collisions.
- Councillors requested that Salt bins be topped up as required in readiness for winter and drains monitored to reduce problems with surface water.

Clerk to liaise with Mr Stuart Quick on these issues.

Other matters :

The Clerk agreed to raise the following issues with the local MP &AM :
 Traffic Lights on A40 west of Llandovery
 Poor Mobile telephone reception in this area