

## **CYNGOR CYMUNED CILYCWMM COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes** of the meeting held at Capel y Groes Vestry on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

**Present** : Councillors Eurwyn Lewis (Chair), Christopher Jones, Moira Davies, Tomos Theophilus, Ivor Williams, Arwel Davies and Aled Edwards

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

**Apologies for absence** : PCSO Stephen Griffiths , Cllr. Walter Jones

**Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial** : Cllr Tomos Theophilus (Play area request for Financial support)

**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 :

- Traffic Lights on A40 at Pantllwyfen – Following an enquiry to Mr Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM., Ms Edwina Hart, Welsh Government Minister, responded confirming that a scheme is being designed and subject to agreements, works should commence later in the year.
- Mobile telephone services - Following an enquiry to Mr Rhodri Glyn Thomas A.M., a response was received from Julie James, AM, Welsh Government Minister, outlining problems affecting the service and the attempts being made to improve infrastructure improvements.
- Pantycelyn School site - Response received from Carmarthenshire County Council outlining progress and possible options .  
Reported that further developments re continuing use of the site for educational purposes were now under consideration.
- Cilycwm Ffald - The Clerk updated the meeting on a discussion with Mr Glyn Jones, Menter Bro Dinefwr. The Clerk agreed to explore further options with Mr Glyn Jones and the Conservation officer to conserve the site.
- Footway Lighting - Discussion on going re vegetation growth on Footway lighting pole 804-08. Despite enquiries made locally and via the County Council ,ownership of the site had not been established . The Clerk agreed to pursue further the request for the works to be paid for from the Footway lighting budget.

### **Correspondence**

1. One Voice Wales: Correspondence was discussed to include Minutes and Notices of area meetings.
2. Training: Details of Training programmes were received and noted.

3. Carmarthenshire County Council : Correspondence received to include details of County Liaison Forum, Devolution of services event, Clerk to respond re Public service protection order and Play sufficiency Questionnaire .
4. Welsh Government: Reviews, Notices & Consultations were received and discussed.
5. NHS Hywel Dda: Notice of Mental Health Services Engagement event received and noted.
6. Letters of thanks for S137: Letter of thanks received from Marie Curie Cancer Care
7. HOWLTA: Newsletter received and circulated
8. ESP Environmental : Details of services received and noted
9. Gallybere Bridge: Enquiry received from Llanfihangel Rhosycorn Community Council seeking information on the project. Clerk to respond.
10. SLCC Newsletter: Received and noted.
11. Cambrian Mountains Tourism Network: Details of Network events 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.
- ***Precept 2016/17:*** The yearly task of choosing a Precept 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. A Precept requirement at £5000 was agreed.
- ***Section 137 Expenditure:*** (Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972. Notice received from Welsh Government advising that the limit set for the financial year 2016/17 will be £7.42 per elector.
- ***Cais am Arian / Request for financial support:***  
*Cllr Tomos Theophilus had declared an interest re Request for Financial support from the Cilycwm Play area and withdrew from the discussion on this request.*

*The following requests were discussed:*

*British Red Cross ; Cae Chwarae Cilycwm Play area ;  
Ambiwlans Awyr Cymru*

*Councillors also gave further consideration to requests already received*

*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 :*

*Cae Chwarae Cilycwm £1200; Air Ambulance Wales £100*

- ***Cadarnhad Taliadau / Confirmation of payments :***  
*Chq 560 : £50 Marie curie Cancer Care (S137)  
Chq 561 : £90 HMRC (Paye Oct, Nov, Dec 2015)*

*Chq 562: £360 Mrs PAJones – Clerk's net salary Oct, Nov, Dec 2015)*

- **Biliau i'w Talu / Bills for payment**  
*Footway Lighting (Invoice awaited) Payment authorized*
- **Derbyniadau / Receipts** : *Precept £1666.67*
- **HMRC** : *Confirmation of HMRC / RTI submissions was presented by the Clerk .*

### **Community matters:**

**Play Area:** Updated Minutes of The Play area meetings were received and discussed. Councillors regretted that due to a clash of dates with the Council meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> November, no representatives had been able to attend the AGM. Details of changes to Trustees and officials were noted. Reports of Fund raising events and volunteering duties with regard to maintenance works to the play area were welcomed by Councillors. Consideration was given to Financial statements received and a decision made on the Request for financial support. Agreed that a Donation of £1200 be made under S137 regulations.

**Notice of meeting to discuss a Community Hall:** Details of the meeting to be held at Capel y Groes on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 was received. A brief update was presented by a member of the working/ hall group who expressed the hope that there would be a good attendance at the meeting to discuss the options.

**Nine Lessons and Carols service:** The Chairman, Cllr Eurwyn Lewis thanked Cllr Christopher Jones for deputizing on his behalf and reading the Lesson at the service held at Cilycwm Church.

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

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

**E/33108** - Cae Glas , Porthyrhyd (Conversion & Extension of Outbuilding to Granny Annexe, Boiler room ,Wood pellet & Log store)

**E/333024** - Troedyrhiwbeynon, Rhandirmwyn – Listed building conservation works

*For updates and further 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**

The Clerk briefed Councillors on issues reported to the Council at the previous meeting. The Clerk was asked to report the following issues to Carmarthenshire County Council:  
Potholes on the road between Gallytybere and Troedyrhiw  
Surface water near Penybanc uchaf

Clear signage to improve safety at Groes y Fedwen  
Concerns re Satellite Navigation issues on country roads.

**Policy Reviews :**

In order to comply with Guidelines / Audit regulations, the following policies were reviewed:  
Risk Assessment Document and Financial procedures.

(Copies of the relevant documents to be circulated to Councillors)

**March meeting :** Due to the commitments of numerous Councillors over the lambing season it was agreed that the March meeting be brought forward. The Clerk agreed to liaise with the vice Chairman Cllr. Walter Jones to chair the meeting. Councillors to be updated as required.