

CYNGOR CYMUNED CILYCWM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Capel y Groes Vestry on Tuesday 20th January 2015

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

Also present : Mrs Ann Jones (Clerk)

Apologies for absence : Councillor Arwel Davies ; PCSO Dion Parsons

Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial:

Letter received from Carmarthenshire County Council re Code of Conduct declarations. The details were discussed and the Chairman drew attention to the importance of complying with the new requirements. Copy was circulated to every Councillor.

Councillor Eurwyn Lewis declared an interest with regard to an Appeal for Financial support from Llandovery YFC

Presentations : In his absence , an update of Policing issues was received from PCSO Dion Parsons.

Police reported two separate crimes of cannabis possession in the Cilycwm area. Police urged the support and assistance of the community to catch those responsible and deter such activity. Police ask the public to report any concerns or suspicions they may have. Typically during this time of the year the Police service tend to see an increase in theft related crimes, namely thefts from garden sheds, unattended motor vehicles and the theft of heating oil. It is therefore important that we prevent criminal's easy access to our belongings and therefore ensure that our belongings are kept secure.

Councillors discussed the issues. Agreed that a 'Drug awareness' session would be beneficial. Clerk to make enquiries with Dyfed Powys Police.

Minutes of the November 2014 meeting had been circulated to the Councillors. These were proposed, seconded and approved as a correct record.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Highway and Hedgerow issues: Councillors discussed progress on works carried out since the previous meeting. Further supplies of salt were required at some locations.

Carmarthenshire Sports Awards: No response had been received from Llandovery RFC re suggested Nominations for Carmarthenshire Sports Awards. Nominees could be considered again for next year's awards.

Correspondence

1. OVW: Notice of Area meeting and Minutes of previous meeting discussed and noted. Details of NJC Salary scales, Reviews and Consultations were received and noted.
2. Training: Details of Training Courses and Modules were received and discussed. Further details from Clerk.

3. Welsh Government: Consultations, Reviews, Bulletins, Surveys, Public Appointments Funding notices etc. Received and discussed. Inc. Transport Plan (Notice of consultation) Clerk to study Consultation documents and report to next meeting to discuss response.
4. Carmarthenshire County Council: Details of New Park and Ride Scheme for Carmarthen . Notices of Roadshows & Meetings re Consultation on Council Budgets . Received and noted. Posters for display.
5. Local Development Plan : Letter and Notices received from Carmarthenshire County Council re Adoption of the Carmarthenshire LDP. Electronic copy and documents were enclosed. Further information is available on the Carmarthenshire County Council website. Copies of the LDP Map for Cilycwm was circulated to each Councillor. Details were discussed. Further information is available on the website : www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/ldp
6. NHS Wales Let's Talk Health (Posters to be displayed)on Council website Dyfed Powys Police Commissioner: Letter received from Police Commissioner re effectiveness and funding of CCTV ; Survey re setting of the Policing Precept discussed and completed
7. Howlta : Newsletter received. Membership reminder discussed. Membership Payment £10 was authorized.

Miscellaneous Notices, Publications and Newsletters were made available to Councillors

- **Financial matters : Financial update:** Financial report presented by the Clerk . Bank reconciliation checked and signed by Cllr Moira Davies. Details discussed and approved .
- **Precept 2015/16 : Praesept /Precept .** 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.
- **S137 Expenditure Limit 2015/16 :** Notification of Expenditure Limit for 2015/16 is set at £7.36 per elector
- **Cais am Arian / Request for financial support:**
The following requests were received and considered :
CFFI/YFC Llandoverly ; Eisteddfod Urdd Gobaith Cymru

(re Declaration of Interest : Councillor Eurwyn Lewis withdrew from the discussion in respect of Llandoverly YFC request for Financial support on the grounds of family membership and association with the club)

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 :

CFFI/YFC Llandoverly £75

- **Cadarnhad Taliadau / Confirmation of payments from previous meeting:**
Chq533 - £1400 . Cilycwm Play & Sports Area (S137) Receipt

Chq 534 - £50 Marie curie Cancer Care (S137) Receipt awaited
Chq 535 - £90 HMRC (Oct, Nov, Dec 2014)
Chq 536- £360 Mrs PA Jones (Clerk's net salary Oct, Nov, Dec 2014)

- **Biliau i'w talu / Bills to pay :**
- **Derbyniadau / Receipts**

Precept £1666.68

- **HMRC :**

RTI : Confirmation of submissions and payments to HMRC were confirmed by the Clerk.

Reviews:

- **Appointment of Clerk :** Following a discussion, Mrs Ann Jones agreed to remain in post.
- **Risk Assessment :** The Risk Assessment schedule was reviewed as required by the Audit process for the Council. This ensures proper control of the Council's obligations with regard to compliance with proper financial procedures, legal powers, Mandatory Insurance cover, Code of Conduct and Declarations of Members interest etc. Details were discussed and agreed.

Community matters:

- **Ysgol Cilycwm School:** Reported that the premises was now closed for public access Further enquiries planned by Working group to monitor progress.
- **Playing field:** Clerk had requested an update from the Committee – Reported that a meeting was planned for February with a view to elect a new committee.
- **History Group :** Further meeting planned for Mon 26th January at Neuadd Arms.
- **No Cold Calling Zone:** On 15 January, representatives of Dyfed Powys Police, Carmarthenshire County Council and Officers from Trading Standards joined local residents in an event to launch the 'No Cold Calling' Scheme in Cilycwm. A word of welcome and thanks was extended at Capel y Groes Vestry by Councillor Chris Jones (Chair) on behalf of the Community Council. The event was an opportunity to raise awareness of the No cold Calling Scheme and its value in protecting rural communities. Representatives of Dyfed Powys Police, Carmarthenshire County Council and Officers and Trading Standards welcomed the opportunity to liaise with residents. County Councillor Tomos Theophilus and Mrs Ann Jones (Clerk) were present at the launch. The hospitality received was appreciated.

Councillors discussed the positioning of the No cold calling signs in the centre of the village. Councillors discussed whether the signs could be repositioned at key entry points into the village – this would have more impact in warning people approaching the village. The Clerk had conveyed the Council's thanks to Ms Quita Davies for her cooperation and would make enquiries re the re positioning of the signs.

7. Materion Cynllunio / Planning Matters

- Planning Seminar to be held on 13 February at Carmarthen .Unfortunately, no representatives were available to attend this Seminar.
- Planning Applications - No applications were received for consideration at this meeting

Public Footpaths & Highway Issues.

Updates received from Carmarthenshire County Council re hedge trimming, salt stocks, potholes etc were discussed.

Concerns re effect of flooding on two small bridges near Penygroes cross roads and safety concerns on road near Tynewydd, Siloh were raised. Clerk to report these concerns to Carmarthenshire County Council.

Venue for Council meetings : Following consultation with officials of Capel y Groes , the charge for the use of the Vestry for Council meetings will be £10 per session to include heating . This was acceptable and was agreed by Council members. Payment date agreed to coincide with the end of the financial year (31 March)