

CYNGOR CYMUNED CILYCWMM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Capel y Groes Vestry on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors Hywel Jones (Chairman), Matthew Paul, Moira Davies, Jamie Pickup and Walter Jones. Also present Maria Bennett (Clerk).

Apologies: County Councillor Arwel Davies, Councillors Aled Edwards and Eurwyn Lewis

Presentations - Policing: Neighbourhood Police Officer PC Garry Cutler and Rural Crime Officer PC Simon Gibbard-Jones were in attendance. They provided the following update:

- Speeding in the Village: The neighbourhood police team have been out with a speed gun on a Friday morning between 8 and 9am to try to collect evidence of speeding vehicles. During this hour they noted approximately 16 vehicles passing through the village, most of which were traveling at around 16mph. The fastest speed recorded was 27mph. The police also spoke to a few locals who said they weren't aware that speeding was an issue. PC Garry Cutler said that they are happy to come back with the speed gun but it wouldn't be for a few weeks as they are fully utilised on another case. If evidence of speeding can be collected then the Police could attend a meeting with the County Council Highways Team to discuss the possibility of reducing the speed limit in the village to 20mph.
- Rural Crime – Quad Bike Thefts: PC Simon Gibbard-Jones informed the council that the main ring leader of the group responsible for the spate of quad bike thefts has been caught and is now serving 3 and a half years in prison. Following his incarceration the number of quad bike thefts has fallen dramatically.
- Vandalism at ST Michael's Church: PCSO Stephen Griffiths has patrolled the area and has liaised with the church. However there have been no further issues and it appears that the incident was an isolated case.
- Cold Calling: Cllr. Moira Davies asked if there was anything else that could be done to prevent cold calling in the area. PC Garry Cutler advised that should an incident occur the best course of action is to get a description or photo of the vehicle involved and report it to trading standards. PC Garry Cutler also said that he would contact trading standards to see if there were any specific issues that the police could address. Cllr. Matthew Paul advised that anyone local to the area who is affected by cold calling can get in touch with him for help (Mob: 07949472525).

Declarations of Personal/Pecuniary Interest: Cllr. Moira Davies (Menter Cilycwm) and Cllr. Jamie Pickup (NRW and Planning Application E/40273)

Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 7th January 2020 were circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting. The minutes were proposed, seconded and approved as a correct record.

Materion yn codi o'r Cofnodion/Matters arising from the Minutes:

1. **Tree Preservation Order** E37132 Y Berllan, Cilycwm – The Clerk has emailed the responsible Planning Officer on numerous occasions to try to determine what action has been taken against the developers who damaged the protected trees at the vicarage which led to them having to be felled. She is yet to receive a satisfactory response. **ACTION:** Clerk to write a formal letter to the Planning Team requesting a written response.

2. **Information Board formerly at the Towy Bridge Inn, Rhandirmyn** – Cllr. Jamie Pickup has been in discussions with NRW and they have now agreed that a Land Agreement is not required. Written consent has been provided for the Information Board to be installed on NRW land which enables the Community Council to apply for Advertising Consent. Once Advertising Consent has been granted NRW will issue a Licence Agreement for the Community Council to sign. An advanced copy of this will be made available. The Clerk has contacted the Community Council Insurers and they have confirmed in writing that the Public Liability Cover would pick up any liabilities should any incidences occur however the Community Council would be responsible for the maintenance of the Information Board and written consent from the landowners would need to be provided to the insurers. ACTION: Clerk to apply for advertising consent and to add maintenance of the Information Board to the AGM agenda. Cllr. Jamie Pickup to review NRW Licence Agreement.
3. **Archiving and Document Retention** – This was postponed until the next meeting.
4. **Web Accessibility Regulations 2018**– Communication from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) regarding the Web Accessibility Regulations was circulated prior to the meeting. This states that it is the view of the NALC that the 2018 Web Accessibility Regulations do apply to Local Councils and it is unlikely that councils could make a valid argument for the regulations placing a disproportionate burden on them given that most modern website software meets the accessibility standards. ACTION: Clerk to add to agenda for the AGM so that final decision can be made. Clerk to ensure all quotes are finalised by this time.
5. **Henllys Turn** – Following efforts made by County Councillor Arwel Davies, The Highways Department have now installed the Chevrons at Henllys Turn.
6. **General Condition of Minor Roads** – Cllr. Moira Davies informed the council that she had reported the poor condition of local minor roads to the County Council using their electronic form.

Gohebiath/Correspondence:

Councillors were made aware of the following correspondence which had been previously circulated:

1. One Voice Wales –
 - Various newsletters, training and events.
 - NALC communication regarding the 2018 Web Accessibility Regulations
2. Wales Audit Office -
 - Press release stating that only 66% of council met last year’s audit requirements.
3. Hywel Dda -
 - Information regarding the improvement to Out of Hours Services
4. Carmarthenshire County Council –
 - Details of the 2020 Budget Consultation
 - Details of the Carmarthenshire Revised Local Development Plan 2018 – 2033. ACTION: Clerk to review this and inform Council if there are any changes.
 - Details of the Community & Town Council Conference which has now been postponed until later in the year.

Other Miscellaneous Notices, Local Events, Publications and Newsletter and e-mails were made available to Councillors.

Meterion Ariannol/Financial Matters

~ Adroddiad Ariannol/Financial report:

A copy of the budget and financial report were circulated during the meeting and discussed. It was agreed to pay the Clerk a £4 per week allowance for using her home as an office along with a proportion of her broadband/internet bill (as stipulated by NACL) in addition to the usual expenses. The Clerk also advised that it was necessary to update the email and telephone number for the Bank Account. ACTION: Clerk to add agreed Clerk's allowances to the agenda for the AGM. Clerk to write to the bank and update contact details.

~ Cais am Arian/Requests for Financial support (S137)

Wales Air Ambulance - £100

It was decided to carry over all other requests for financial support to the next financial year. It was also suggested that some of the money could be spent in improvements to the local area (upkeep of footpaths etc.). ACTION: Clerk to add this to the agenda for the AGM.

~ Cadarnhau Taliadau / Confirmation of payments:

Chq 660 £360 – Clerks Salary

Chq 661 £90 – HMRC

Chq 664 £500 – Urdd Eisteddfod

Chq 665 £70 – SLCC Membership

~ Biliau i'w Talu / Bills for payment:

£205.75 – Wales Audit Office

£? - Footway/Lighting (invoice yet to be received)

£100 – Advertising Planning Consent (delayed from last meeting)

£90 – Menter Cilycwm (Capel y Groes Meeting Room Hire)

£360 – Clerks Salary

£90 – HMRC

£234.48 – Clerks Expenses

£77 – One Voice Wales Membership

£18 – HOWLTA Membership

~ Derbyniadau / Receipts:

None

~ HMRC:

No submission

Materion Cynllunio / Planning Matters

Weekly Planning lists received from Carmarthenshire County Council had been circulated by e-mail to Councillors.

Planning Application Consultations:

E/40273 – Conversion of a single storey office block to a residential annex for elderly parents at Llwyndinawed. Councillors present had no objections. ACTION: Clerk to send details to Cllr. Aled Edwards who is currently out of the country.

For updates and further details on Planning applications, please visit:
www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/planning applications
 Am y diweddara a manylion pellach, ymwelwch a: www.sirgar.gov.uk/ceisiadaucynllunio

Materion Cymunedol / Community Matters

Menter Cilycwm:

Nothing to report. Still awaiting decision of grant application

Public Footpaths & Highway Issues

Penstacan BOAT 8/21 and 8/25

A meeting between the council and Jason Lawday (Countryside Access Officer) took place on the 20th January. A subsequent Special Meeting of the Council was held on the 4th of February to discuss the proposals. Minutes of this Special Meeting were circulated but discussion was postponed until next meeting following a further update from Jason Lawday. ACTION: Clerk to get an update from Jason Lawday.

Other matters:

Disposal of old printer

It was agreed that the old printer can be disposed of as it no longer works. ACTION: Clerk to arrange disposal.

Llandovery 2030

Cllr. Moira Davies advised that she had attended a meeting to get people's views on the future of Llandovery. It is believed that other meetings have been scheduled for people to attend if interested.

Llandovery Hospital Meeting

The Council noted the huge turn out for the Llandovery Hospital Meeting and hope that subsequent meetings would be as well attended.

Urdd Eisteddfod 2021

A fundraising event will be held at the Neuadd Arms on the 5th June.

Porthyrhyd Defibrillator

Cllr. Arwel Davies has reported a potential power supply problem with the Porthyrhyd kiosk defibrillator. The Clerk has contacted BT and is waiting for an engineer to fix it. Communication has also been received from the Welsh Ambulance Service about registering the defibrillator to their network. ACTION: Clerk to chase BT regarding potential electrical fault. Cllr. Arwel Davies to check if kiosk is already registered with the Welsh Ambulance Service.

Cwm Rhaeder

The Council noted that the mountain bike trail has been closed due to the felling work.

Meeting Closed at 9pm