

BRO CERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 27TH 2024 AT 7:30PM
HELD IN PANDY TUDUR

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1.1 All were welcomed by Clwyd Roberts (CR)

1.2 Present: Einir Williams (EW), Jane Roberts (JR), Ann Vaughan (AV), Diane Roberts (DR), , Sara Thomas (ST) & Catrin Griffiths (Clerk, CWG)

1.3 Apologies: Myrddin Davies (MGD), Euros Williams (EUW) & Austin Roberts (AR)

1.4 Absent: Mark Davies (MD) & Gwydion Jones (GJ)

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declaration.

3 FEBRUARY 28TH 2024 MINUTES TO APPROVE

Proposed correct by AV and seconded by DR.

4 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 AV mentioned that an email needs to be sent to any member of the public that wishes to attend a meeting of the community council that Welsh is the official language and that they need to bring a translator with them. Also need to bring to their attention that they have a timed 3 minutes to speak and interrupting the meeting will not be permitted. If this happens they will receive a warning and if a further occurrence of interruption then they will be asked to leave. All agreed that CWG would respond to any request to speak in future community council meetings with this information.

4.2 AV thanked MD, ST, EUW and Mary Hindley for planting trees in Llangernyw cemetery and a photo will be sent to the Gadlas.

4.3 DR wasn't able to attend Un Llais and Wales Planning Support meetings (item 9.5 on last minutes) but will be present at the next ones instead.

4.4 CWG has created a questionnaire, the content of which needs to be discussed. Agreed to do this next month and CWG will send it to everyone again.

4.5 Application received to note Historical Assets of Special Local Interest by 10th May 2024.

4.6 CWG asked AR for confirmation of who owns the land surrounding the multi weather pitch in Llangernyw and noted that the County Council owns the land as they say that is what is recorded at the Land Registry. Until there is evidence to the contrary we have to take their word. Discussed that an advert should be placed to ask if someone would like to cut the grass for bailing and the school uses the pitch to practice. Photographs and evidence need to be kept to show that the multi weather pitch is used. Agreed to place on next month's agenda to discuss further.

4.7 Update regarding VAS signs and grant application - asked CWG to send maps of the locations to everyone and discussed that they should be turned off at 10pm.

4.8 First Aid Course – Tomos Hughes has offered two dates, 22nd and 28th May at 6pm but unfortunately the hall isn't available on those dates. Agreed to ask for another date during June on a Tuesday.

[EW arrived, had been in another meeting]

4.9 HSBC update – The welcome pack has been lost in the post for the second time, need to wait 10 working days to receive a new one.

4.10 Yew tree in Gwytherin – work completed by Kevin Roberts and photos have been sent to councillors. Kevin had asked beforehand if the councillors are keen to have something made out of the large pieces of kept wood? EW proposed that the local residents should be asked for ideas such as flower pots or a bench. Also, an auction could be held or offers to purchase any leftover wood. EW will ask for ideas.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received.

6 COUNCIL MATTERS

6.1 Audit Wales – have been in touch during the month, for the next audit they will require a written notice from individual members noting they have opted out of allowance payments. The list of members then needs to be published and presented to IRPW. Decided that CWG should prepare a form to complete next month. Also, a notice of completion of inspection was received from Audit Wales but they had attached a different community council's information therefore CWG has contacted them. Another notice received for 2024 advising it will be a full audit.

6.2 Logo for Community Council – CWG has prepared this and all were happy to use.

6.2 Biodiversity Plan – CWG enquired if the gardening club had re-started but there were no further developments. One of the targets of the biodiversity plan is to develop a seed and plant exchange. Decided to hold one Saturday 6th April between 10am-12pm. CWG will ask Gwenda Cooper for permission to hold this in the Church and DR & JR agreed that Merched y Wawr would arrange refreshments. CWG would place adverts in the noticeboards, posters in the shop, on the website and Facebook.

6.3 CWG and DR had attended a 'Small Things' meeting discussing suitable habitats for bees. DR had attempted to ask a question in Welsh but a translator was not available. Decided that CWG should send a message to Un Llais about this.

6.5 Burial of ashes in Gwytherin cemetery - EW asked if there was permission for this as a request received from a member of the public. CR to look at the plot register to see if there were some available. If not, an area would need to be designated and CR will let EW know.

6.6 Zoom meetings when councillors are not able to attend – MGD had asked for this to be on the agenda but to be discussed in April.

7 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

7.1 The side of the road near Nant Uchaf (A548) has been repaired.

7.2 Water issue on A548 near Ty'n Pistyll junction has been sorted temporarily.

7.3 Road between Pen y Bryn and Pont Syllty has been resurfaced.

7.4 Culvert between Tai Pella and Tu hwnt i'r Afon has been damaged. The council's engineer has been to inspect and placed on the list to be repaired.

7.5 Work on loose kerbs in Llangernyw to be completed during the next two weeks.

DR said that a member of the public had contacted to ask what was happening with the hole at the side of the road on Ty'n Pistyll. It is on the list to be filled but CWG to ask AR for a date when this would be done to be able to report back.

8 MONITORY MATTERS

8.1 Full accounts next month.

8.2 Letter from Rhondda Cynon Tâf National Eisteddfod asking for a contribution – decided not to contribute.

8.3 Letter from Un Llais asking if the community council wants to renew membership this year (1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025) £198. DR mentioned that it is an insurance for the Community Council and EW questioned value for money. Decided to renew and review next year.

8.4 CWG had received quotes to cut grass in the cemeteries from Dei Evans - £460 per cutting for 2024 and £470 per cut for 2025. Decided to award the 2 year contract to Dei and thanked him for his tidy work.

8.5 Footpaths payment - CWG had received an email advising the payment will be made soon by the County Council. AR was thanked for his support to ensure that the payment is made.

8.6 VAT – CWG had contacted the accountant again during the month and was assured that it would be claimed, however nothing has been done. CWG is also concerned about the upcoming audit as last year's audit was late for the same reason. All in agreement for CR to contact Iona to see if this can be sorted as soon as possible.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

The following has been forwarded to each councillor on email:

9.1 Sir Henry Jones Museum AGM Thursday 21st March 2024 at 5:30pm. 2 trustees are working towards becoming sustainable again which is good news. Next meeting on 8th May and more information to follow.

9.2 Un Llais Cymru National Awards Conference 27th March 2024.

9.3 Note of thanks received for contribution from Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Dyffryn Conwy.

9.4 Community Skips, Recycling Banks and Large Waste – County Council will no longer supply these. Need to look into private ones, hopefully arrange one early in the morning in the 3 villages as the one in Llangernyw is coming to an end. CWG to look into prices and confirm dates next month.

9.5 Community Ownership Fund

9.6 New consultation: Wales Senedd (List of Electoral Candidates)

9.7 Un Llais Cymru training dates March, April, May and June 2024

The following for information:

9.7 Application for nominations for King's new year honours 2025 for Friday 31st March 2024 at 11:59pm.

9.8 Cyfle i Bawb yr Urdd Fund - CWG has advertised on website and Facebook.

10 BILLS

10.1 CWG travelling costs September – February 62 miles @0.45p per mil = £27.90

10.2 Work on Gwytherin yew tree by J.K Roberts - £1,300 + £260 VAT = £1,560

10.3 Enlli – translating - £95

Agreed to pay all the above.

11 LOCAL MATTERS

AV – AV was nominated and won Clwyd’s High Sheriff award for her work supporting Bro Cernyw communities – she was congratulated by everyone.

DR – Said that Fedwen Arian residents still complain that the path is still not right. CR said that he will go and review the path.

EW – Unfortunately there is a lot of dog fouling in Gwytherin cemetery. Despite no dog signs being present, this isn’t working. Decided to put CCTV on next month’s agenda. CWG will obtain quotes for April. Also, she said that people speed near Cefn Ffynnon and that the road has been resurfaced near Hendre Uchaf but that there is a camber in the road since this was done and water is now going under the houses.

12 NEXT MEETING

April 24th 2024 in Llangernyw.

Meeting concluded at 9:10pm.

Minutes taken by CWG.