

BRO CERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
7:30PM 23RD NOVEMBER 2022
HELD IN PANDY TUDUR

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

- 1.1** All were welcomed by Einir Williams (EW) – Vice-Chair in Clwyd Roberts' absence
- 1.2** Present: Ann Vaughan (AV), Myrddin Davies (MGD), Diane Roberts (DR), Jane Roberts (JR), Sara Davies (SD), Mark Davies (MD) Gwydion Jones (GJ)
- 1.3** Apologies: Austin Roberts (AR) & Clwyd Roberts (CR)

EW welcomed Sara Thomas as new councillor to the meeting.

A minute's silence was held to remember Emlyn Williams who passed away suddenly. EW said that it was a huge loss to the community, the Council and as a friend. He will be sadly missed.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declaration.

3 MINUTES TO APPROVE 26TH OCTOBER 2022

Proposed correct by DR and seconded by MD.

4 MATTERS ARISING

AV advised that the Woodland Trust trees had arrived. She had not heard back from the school. MD, JR, EW, AV & DR volunteered to plant them 9am 30th November.

REW had mentioned in the last meeting that the phone box needs to be painted, she had spoken with Alan Williams who will prepare a quote for Spring. Had also requested a quote to re-paint the bus stop in Llangernyw, again had agreed to leave this until Spring. AV to arrange nearer the time. MD offered to paint the back wall of the bus stop next week as a temporary measure to tidy it, all in agreement.

EW raised that the members of the public's comments from the 25th May 2022 meeting needs to be included in the minutes. Enlli Vaughan to add these to the minutes and arrange to forward them to Arfon Parry.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 0/50145 No remarks, support application.

5.2 0/50170 DR said that there are paths going through the site, County Council had noted that these need to be kept clear. Comment that the planning process should have been followed prior to the work commencing but no objection. MGD raised that the application is to change residential dwelling to self-catering accommodation therefore already existing. Support application otherwise.

6 COUNCIL MATTERS

6.1 EW had found information that Anglesey County Council had funded dog fouling dispensers. DR raised that the bin in Glan Collen had been replaced quickly. EW proposed trialling bins in one village. MGD proposed placing code of conduct for dog owners to pick up after their dogs and also to keep them on a lead especially around livestock. Problem recently in the area of dogs worrying livestock. MGD proposed placing Countryside Code on the notice board between the Stag and the Church. AV remembered that there had been a no dog sign

in the cemetery. EW will look for 3 prices for this type of bin and ask PR Signs in Denbigh for signs. Campaign to tackle dog fouling problem to be arranged during next meeting.

- 6.2** DR had attended Un Llais meeting on Zoom recently with Graham Bowse, Denbighshire's Chief Executive. His main objectives were respect, unity, pride and integrity. Emphasising working with the community. Community Councils are under utilised. Lack of council staff, vacant jobs, empty offices and the need to close small offices. Believes that 2024 will be the hardest year to achieve balance of accounts. DR said that the most of what Graham had said reflects what Conwy's chief executive had said in the Un Llais meeting at the beginning of the year.

Generally a warning that the training plan needs to be on the website, cheap parking.

DR was thanked for attending the meeting and for her report.

Need to appoint an additional Councillor to attend Un Llais meetings in the new year.

Discussion again that all councillors need to attend the code of conduct course.

EW asked if Un Llais had prepared a list of courses, DR advised that the courses change every quarter. To be added to next meeting's agenda to discuss further.

- 6.3** Need an additional council member on cemeteries sub-committee and appoint a new burials officer following the passing of Emlyn Williams. EW had taken the documents Emlyn had to CR, to be discussed further by the sub-committee. DR proposed to put a message on the website notifying CR as temporary point of contact.

- 6.4** Empty seat on Bro Cernyw school governors, MGD had proposed attending during the last meeting however the seat has to be filled by a member of the Council that isn't already on the committee to represent the community's interests. To be discussed during next meeting.

- 6.5** MGD mentioned the discussion in September's meeting about the land next to the school's football field. MGD had asked Sioned Green about the ownership and it's use. Sioned Green had advised that it is the responsibility of the County Council but that nothing gets done with the land. JR noted that the matter had been raised in the hall's meeting, the football committee had intended on taking over the site for the benefit of the community. MGD raised that AR needs to be part of the discussion along with representatives of other societies, to be discussed during next meeting. Ask AR to arrange a meeting between the school/governors, football committee and community council.

- 6.6** 2023 Dates – agreed to stick to last Wednesday of the month. EW proposed noting the dates on the website and would let CR & GJ know to book the rooms.

- 6.7** Agreed to leave the matter until the new year. No need to live in Gwytherin but need to live in the ward to represent.

- 6.8** EW had sent the clerk job description to Councillors prior to the meeting. EW & MGD were thanked for preparing this. EW & MGD had discussed that the role needs to be advertised wider such as lleol.cymru.

All were happy with the job description. Closing date middle of January. EW & MGD to arrange. To be discussed end of January.

7 MONITORY MATTERS

- 7.1** Precept to be prepared during next meeting ready for January. Need to update rules in January.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1** Email received by Elen Edwards 16th November praising the work to tidy the bus stop in Pentre, Llangernyw. She asked for permission for herself and Marged to paint the bus stop,

all in agreement. EW will let Elen Edwards know and tell her to send the invoice for the paint to the Community Council. AV also reported that local residents had praised the work.

9 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

"Dear friends, I apologise that I cannot be with you this evening.

First of all I extend my sympathies with you as a committee. You have lost a hardworking member. Emlyn was one of the community stalwarts and he will be missed.

Council Matters

1. The council has appointed a new chief executive, Rhun ap Gareth; Welsh speaker from Caernarfon and previous governing officer and head of legal department in the Council.
2. Pandy Tudur Bridge – stones on top of the bridge are loose, engineer from the bridge department has been to inspect and no serious damage and there is no need to close the bridge. The bridge has been placed on the council's work list.
3. Dog fouling bin in Glan Collen has been fixed and is back in place.
4. Electronic signs – the highways department are in the consultation process and hope that they will be fixed during 2023.
5. Warm hub, plan by the council to advertise places within the county that are open to the public where they can keep warm for a few hours. The Church in Llangernyw is open on Tuesday and they would be able to extend hours if there is a way of funding (the county council is unable to contribute). Therefore, is community council able to contribute? Something for you to consider and discuss!
6. If you haven't already done so, need to notify the county council that there is an empty seat following Emlyn's death. You can do this by contacting Sian Branwen Williams, head of democratically services.
7. Number 50 path – a review of the path is being done next week with a view to re-open by end of next month.
8. Scaffolding has been erected around Stag Yard so work can commence to make the building safe.

Regards Austin"

AR was thanked in his absence for his detailed report and for his work.

EW added that Gwenda Cooper had sent a letter to the Community Council asking for a contribution towards the warm hub in the Church (see 5 above). All in agreement to respond to the application be made to Cronfa Bro Cernyw.

EW will email Sian Branwen Williams to advise of Emlyn's death and that the Council is going to leave this matter until January.

10 BILLS

- 10.1** County Council – Elections in Gwytherin, Pandy Tudur and Llangernyw - £405, agreed to pay.
- 10.2** Kevin Roberts – bus stop work - £1,704.00, agreed to pay.
- 10.3** Kevin Roberts – work in Llangernyw cemetery - £945.60, agreed to pay.

10.4 Enlli – September £170.81, October £174.86, agreed to pay.

11 LOCAL MATTERS

AV had received prices from Kevin Roberts for the work in Gwytherin's cemetery (to include work on the burial stones following the cemeteries committee held recently) - £2,120. Ask for a price to cut the hedges and work on the burial stones separately.

Had received a price for the same work (but not for the straightening the burial stones) from Dei Evans £1,200 for the church and £200 for the chapel – total £1,400. He would be able to undertake the work in January.

DR raised that the precept noted £500 for cemeteries. Noted that money hasn't been spent for elections within the precept, discussed that the work is essential in the cemeteries. All in agreement to spend the money to carry out the essential work on the cemeteries.

She reported that Kevin Roberts had mentioned that Emyr Jones had mentioned path 17, had received a request to place a stile between Tŷ Capel Ainon and Glanrafon.

Burial stone had fallen in Gwytherin cemetery, had contacted Geraint Roberts, Cofgolofnau'r Dyffryn requesting a quote to remedy this.

EW had sent an email earlier advising that the Community Council had received £500 from the County Council towards the toilets. **AV** advised that it is Menter Bro Cernyw that should have received this money. **MGD** & **DR** noted that the money had come in via BACS therefore all in agreement to authorise a cheque to Menter Bro Cernyw for £500 due to the County Council's error.

DR had received a complaint that water is still running from the field near Tyn Ddol.

Police are supposed to come to rural areas for a chat, nobody has seen them. **DR** to email to chase up this matter.

12 NEXT MEETING

14th December 2022 at Llangernyw

Meeting concluded 9:50pm

Minutes taken by Enlli Vaughan