

BRO CERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
7:30PM 14TH DECEMBER 2022
HELD IN LLANGERNYW

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1.1 All were welcomed by Clwyd Roberts (CR)

1.2 Present: Ann Vaughan (AV), Myrddin Davies (MGD), Diane Roberts (DR), Jane Roberts (JR), Sara Thomas (ST), Mark Davies (MD), Gwydion Jones (GJ), Einir Williams (EW) & Austin Roberts (AR)

CR welcomed Sara Thomas to the meeting as a new councillor following his absence from last meeting.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declaration.

3 MINUTES TO APPROVE 23RD DECEMBER 2022

Proposed correct by AV and seconded by MD.

4 MATTERS ARISING

AV reported that she, MD & JR had planted the trees in the cemetery following last meeting.

MD asked if the water tap in the cemetery had been turned off, CR had taken care of this.

DR asked if the revised minutes had been placed on the website, Enlli Vaughan confirmed she had sent these to Arfon Parry, CR had seen these on the website.

MD had not had time to paint the bus stop yet, he will do this soon.

MGD reported that the clerk role advert is ready to advertise.

AV had contacted Conwy Council to obtain list of qualifications for new councillors.

Headstone in Gwytherin cemetery had fallen down, AV had obtained a quote to put the stone back in original position £275 + VAT from Cofgolofnau'r Dyffryn. All in agreement to carry on with the work due to urgent health and safety risk to the public. AV to arrange.

EW raised that a grant has come out towards the Warm Hub in the Church, AR confirmed that Gwenda Cooper has made an application on behalf of the Church.

EW had notified the County Council of the empty seat in Gwytherin following Emlyn Williams' death and noted the Council's wish to leave the matter until the new year.

EW had been in touch with the County Council noting that the money for the toilets/Menter Bro Cernyw is causing difficulty to the Community Council when the £500 is received and asked them to ensure this doesn't happen again.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 No applications.

6 COUNCIL MATTERS

6.1 EW provided an update regarding the dog fouling bag dispenser, had emailed Councillors prior to meeting with three quotes. To be discussed during next meeting after everyone has had a change to review the information. All in agreement to proceed with the dispensers.

CR asked AR if permission needed to be sought from the County Council. AR suggested he would make enquiries following the next meeting.

6.2 Cemeteries Committee, CR will carry on with the burials office role temporarily. MGD raised that this role would be part of the clerk's duties.

6.3 ST offered to attend Bro Cernyw Governors meetings to represent Community Council's interests.

6.4 MGD advised that the school has confirmed that the land near the football field is the county's responsibility. DR has paperwork from 1986 about the land noting that the Playing Field Committee owned the land. AR to make enquires with the Education Department. MGD will ask the head teacher to send correspondence confirming the County Council owns the land to AR for him to make enquires.

Discussion about the multipurpose pitch also belonging to the County Council.

6.5 EW had made enquiries with Un Llais and requested a list of available courses. Councillors to confirm by next meeting which courses they will be attending if the list is available before then.

AR proposed asking Sian Branwen at the County Council how often the Councillors need to attend a Code of Conduct course.

6.6 EW offered to attend Un Llais meetings with DR. EW to notify Un Llais.

7 MONITORY MATTERS

7.1 DR had prepared expenditure document to the end of September, she was thanked for her work. Long discussion about the reasoning for the clerk funding figure.

AR reported that the Council had estimated that there will be a financial deficit of £23,000,000 which will mean spending cuts and increase in council tax.

It was asked if the County Council skips will still be coming to Llangernyw each month, AR offered to make enquiries if this is going to continue.

Discussed and agreed on the figures as recorded in the precept.

Agreed to note the flashing lights in the precept but that the Community Council is funding £12,000 and £3,000 towards the precept. Total £31,900. Asking for £16,090 from the County Council.

Discussion about speeding and mentioned the possibility of a priority system.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 None.

9 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

AR had received correspondence that the County Council has done a speed assessment in 2 places in Llangernyw, it is not evident that there is speeding in Llangernyw but still continue with the flashing lights as the Community Council is funding. County Council investigating suitable sites to erect these and intend to consult with the Community Council early in the new year.

Planning committee today had passed Ffion, Lliwedd's application. Application to build a house had come in this week by Dewi Mark Williams, asking for the application to be called into the planning committee.

AR discussed affordable housing in the countryside and that this process will change during the next year.

Had persuaded the County Council not to charge empty home council tax on Tŷ'r Ysgol, Gwytherin.

Arranging a meeting with the Ganolfan's committee and various societies to find how best to fund developing the house in January.

During the full Council's meeting last week, agreed unanimously to raise the tax on second homes to 50%, this would be reviewed next year to see if it can be raised to 100%. JR asked

if the matter of Bryn Gwyn had been raised at the County Council, Gerwyn Davies had rung AR directly to discuss.

MD asked for an update on the matter of Brook House, AR had not heard anything further about this. AR will make enquires about this.

The matter of the Stag Yard hasn't been called in as no objections have come in.

AR explained the calling in to the planning committee process for planning applications.

EW asked if the tax is only being raised on second homes only or on holiday homes also.

AR confirmed that only on second homes and that this is 3% of the housing stock.

CR asked AR who owns the hedge near the Christmas tree. AR took that the boundary belongs to the school and the hedge belongs to someone else. DR confirmed that it is the County Council who cuts the grass in front of the two houses. CR asked if it was possible to have grit for the cemetery footpath, AR advised that it was not possible to have grit there but that grit can be taken from bins for the path.

DR advised of a complaint that there is no grit bin near Fedwen Arian and Parc Aelas. AR will make enquires with the County Council to place boxes at both sites.

10 BILLS

10.1 Enlli £173.06, agreed to pay.

11 LOCAL MATTERS

DR had received an Un Llais asking Welsh communities to respond to a questionnaire by the Government on how best to promote the Welsh language in the area. Answers need to be received by 13th January 2023. EW had forwarded this email to Councillors, all to complete.

EW Discussion about the hedge near the Christmas tree. Proposed asking Kevin Roberts to undertake the work.

MD need to cut the hedge near the Remembrance Garden and Bethabara Chapel due to overgrowth. DR advised that there are dead branches on a tree in the Remembrance Garden. CR will contact AR about this matter.

JR had received a complaint from Meira Roberts, Rhandir due to water on Gell road, had advised AR about this matter.

Another complaint that new owners of a house on the way up towards Fedwen Arian have made a hole in the hedge, worry that they are trying to create a new access, dangerous location on the road. DR raised that this is within a conservation area.

AV raised the matter of quotes for work in the Gwytherin cemeteries by Kevin Roberts. CR had received quotes from Kevin Roberts for the work on the headstones £312 in Seilo Cemetery and £336 for general tidying work in Gwytherin cemetery.

Discussed that the matter is urgent due to safety. All in agreement to ask Kevin Roberts to undertake the work.

Had attended a recent course online that discussed time credit – if people volunteer, credit is given by way of vouchers or days out for the volunteers. AV will forward correspondence about this to Councillors for information, need to register societies if interested.

Also need to arrange a new key for the cupboard in the hall.

12 NEXT MEETING

25th January 2023 in Gwytherin

Meeting concluded 9:55pm

Minutes taken by Enlli Vaughan