

BRO CERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
7:30PM 25TH JANUARY 2023
HELD AT GWYTHERIN

1 WELCOMED AND APOLOGIES

1.1 All were welcomed by Clwyd Roberts (CR) and he wished everyone a happy new year.

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

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declaration.

3 MINUTES TO APPROVE 14TH DECEMBER 2022

Proposed correct by JR and seconded by MGD.

4 MATTERS ARISING

AV had arranged work on the grave stone in Gwytherin cemetery. Invoice in bills below. Work also done by Kevin Roberts. He had been confronted by a member of the public opposing the work.

AV had arranged to have a key cut for the cupboard.

EW thanked AV for arranging the above.

MD enquired if the key to the notice board had been found, JR to search again. MD was also thanked for painting the bus stop.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 0/50385 – CR believed that the site was on the border with Eglwysbach ward, AR confirmed this and that the two community councils had been notified. Councillors had noticed that previous applications for the site. MGD raised that the matter had been passed. No remarks.

5.2 0/50344 – Discussion that this application is also on the border with Llanfair Talhaearn. EW advised that this work is mandatory. Support, no remarks.

5.3 0/50348 – DR had received an application from a member of the public who lives near the site complaining of noise day and night and that police have been called due to anti-social behaviour. Member of the public had been keeping evidence. Reported that the public footpath near the site not on the documentation, it appears that the signs have also disappeared. Cars are also parking in passing places on the road.

EW had also been contacted by the person who is making the application as they had not realised that they should have put in a formal application following Covid-19 rules regarding allowing temporary camping sites during the pandemic. Retrospective application.

AR explained the rules in place for the planning process for this case.

EW proposed responding that 2 members of the public had put their remarks forward. MGD proposed supporting the economic development in the countryside but need to be satisfied of noise levels and parking. AR reported that the planning department would contact the highways department regarding parking and with Natural Resources Wales regarding the rivers. AR also noted the need to be vigilant not to set a precedent. JR asked if the county council conducts site visits, AR mentioned that not many are carried out following the

pandemic. All in agreement to respond in support of the application but that assurances need to be made regarding the noise levels and parking.

6 COUNCIL MATTERS

- 6.1** Discussion about the three quotes for dog fouling dispensers. EW had spoken with a member of the public who had been a clerk for another community council who had advised that these had been a success in that area. Discussion that a pole also needs to be positioned to secure the bin in place. AR proposed making enquires with the County Council if the bins could be placed on existing poles or if new poles need to be set up (and if planning permission is required). Councillors to find suitable poles/locations for the next meeting. Matter to be discussed in the next meeting.
- 6.2** Local places for nature - AV had met with Julianne Quinlan, County Council's ecology officer, to discuss what would be suitable for Llangernyw such as flowers, planting hedges, promoting wildlife etc, had forwarded report to Councillors prior to meeting. All work to be funded by Welsh Government. Mentioned that the scheme is open to Gwytherin and Pandy Tudur, EW & ST in agreement. MGD asked if trees are planted and fail, would the responsibility be on the Community Council to re-plant. All in agreement and happy to proceed with the scheme after conditions are considered. CR to prepare a letter to declare interest on behalf of the Community Council in respect of Llangernyw. EW proposed a meeting needs to be arranged for Julianne to visit Gwytherin a Pandy Tudur before proceeding further there.
- 6.3** AV had attended a course for community location scheme recently, MGD had attended recent finance course with the school governors recently. EW had attended a finance course recently. DR will attend the law course, EW will attend the Council as an Employer course. MGD, MD, EW, GJ & ST to attend Code of Conduct course. CR will attend a chairman course. EW to prepare a list on behalf of the Community Council to place on the website.
- 6.4** Clerk Role – 3 strong applications received. Arrange interviews next week with 3 councillors - CR, EW & MGD on the panel. EW to arrange. Councillors discussed that suitable questions need to be prepared for the interviews, questions to be passed on to EW before the end of the week.
- 6.5** AV had prepared a report following attending the community location scheme course and had forwarded this on email to Councillors. MGD enquired if something similar is currently being done in Llanrwst. External support to develop plan to hold sessions. EW to contact Haf Jones at the County Council to ask for support to start the process. AV also reported that a councillor from Rhondda Cynon Taf was on the course had established a committee for local safety group to fund flashing lights. DR proposed founding a group.

7 MONITORY MATTERS

- 7.1** Correspondence from Conwy Council that a cheque sent since November had not been received regarding elections. JR proposed that EW asks if the cheque had been received after receipt of the next bank statement 5th February, if not presented then cancel original cheque and arrange a replacement.
- 7.2** DR had prepared expenditure document, she was thanked for her work. DR discussed the figures as prepared.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1** Email from Non Davies notifying of 3 upcoming local meetings regarding Bute Moelfre Wind Mills, in Llangernyw 27th February 2023 at Bro Cernyw Community Centre. AV declared interest.
- 8.2** AV had forwarded correspondence including photos Kevin Roberts following recent work.
- 8.3** Email regarding community grant regarding Her y Cadeiriau. EW proposed responding that the matter had been discussed. To be discussed in the Local Community Plan.

9 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Brook House had received a certificate of lawfulness.

No 50 Path – work on the river bank should have been completed last week but postponed due to the snow, hopefully work will now be completed by end of next week.

Pandy Tudur Bridge – work not down to be done until May as the matter is not urgent.

Had forwarded correspondence regarding electronic road signs to Councillors to show where these would be placed but that the final location would be determined by the Community Council. DR enquired why the 20mph signs had been placed in their current positions, AR confirmed that these had been erected within specific proximity to the school.

Land behind the school – had contacted County Council's Assets Department, different departments didn't want the maintenance responsibility. Had not had a further update about this.

Meeting postponed regarding Tŷ'r Ysgol, Gwytherin until next week due to the weather. Representatives from the Ganolfan's committee, County Council and representatives of different agencies will be present.

EW had 4 different persons contacting her recently complaining about the condition of the roads, asked if she could send an email to ERF and copy AR in. AR requested photos of the worst pot holes. EW enquired if it was possible to have new signs in place to warn of roads unsuitable for HGV's, AR asked for an email from the Community Council regarding this and would follow the matter up.

10 BILLS

- 10.1** Enlli £170.81, agreed to pay.
- 10.2** Kevin Roberts – urgent work in Gwytherin cemeteries, £2,544.00, agreed to pay.
- 10.3** Kevin Roberts – work near Llangernyw bus stop, £288.00, agreed to pay.
- 10.4** Key for cupboard £5.30, agreed to pay.
- 10.5** Dyffryn Memorials, work on grave stone in Gwytherin, £330.00, agreed to pay.

11 LOCAL MATTERS

EW asked for a new sign near Tyn Ddol, Gwytherin and also near Ffatri and Felin Isaf warning roads not suitable for HGV's. All in agreement, EW to email AR to make enquires.

EW's co-worker going to work for Partneriaeth Ogwen regarding community energy, asked if there would be an interest to arrange a meeting for the summer. All in agreement, EW to make enquires.

If a clerk to be appointed, try and conclude the meetings within 2 hours.

DR raised that insurance needs to be looked at before May to try and get alternative quotes. To be discussed next month.

Asked if the £500 had been passed on to Menter Bro Cernyw regarding the toilets. MGD reminded of the discussion during last meeting.

Will ask Peter Wood how the Council had come to the decision to award a certificate of lawfulness regarding Brook House.

25th May 2022 minutes – due to ignorance the additional words that are seen below were not included in 25th May 2022's meeting minutes (*see below). 25th May 2022 original minutes without the additional words to be placed back on the website.

DR had found that there are no funds available for a new grit bin for Fedwen Arian but that there is a right to use grit from other bins.

AV the flower tub near the Stag, Llangernyw is full of water, asked if this could be moved. All in agreement to move this to the cemetery on the grass, CR & MD to arrange moving.

JR ice on the school grounds, impossible to walk on the pavements due to the ice. Safety issue that cars were in the car park. MGD proposed asking Mrs Green to remind parents about safety.

*Additional words from 25th May 2022 minutes:

"Cynllun Moelfre

Mae Polisi Llywodraeth Cymru a Chynllun Moelfre wedi eu hatchio mewn pandemig bydeang. Fyddan ni ddim yma heno oni bai I gymdogion da ddeud iddynt dderbyn Cytundeb Swm - cliw yn y teitl mi dybiaf.

Un peth ddysgodd Nhad imi -, Côt ar dy draed, Cychwyn wrth dy draed. A dyna dwi d neud.

Dysgwch am ddiwylliant a model busnes y diwydiant yma. Pwy sy'n elwa? Ar draul pwy?

Zero net?

NA – ond lot o zeros yn elw'r datblygwyr, elw sy'n cynyddu tra bod mwy a mwy o bobl mewn tlodi ynni.

Ardal 1 Llyw Cymru - asesiad desg yn osgoi Bryniau Clwyd ac Eryri. Inni **Y Berfeddwl** ydy'r enw ar yr ardal yma ers deuddeg can mlynedd.

Cynllun cyntaf – ai hwn fydd yr olaf ?– Dinistrio ein Berfeddwl, efo tyrbeini a phaneli solar? Creithio tirlun a cymunedau? Gofynnwch I bobl yr Alban a Phowys ffasiwn beth ydy hynny. **Gwrthododd y Cyngor Cymuned yma gais am un tyrbein 77m yn 2016. Mae'r rhain 3 gwaith hynny.**

Hitio'u Targed, methu'r pwynt

Mae Cymru yn cynhyrchu dwywaith mwy o ynni na mae'n ei defnyddio. **FFAITH.**

Breuddwyd Llywodraeth Cymru ydy darparu ynni I wledydd eraill. **FFAITH.**

Drysu, rhwng 'darparu ynni' ac 'ecsbloetio Cymru'. Ynni a pres yn llifo un ffordd. Clên dan ni de - glo, llechi, dwr a rwan ynni.

Dydy Lloegr ddim yn cynhyrchu digon o ynni, pam nad oes gan Bute 20 safle yn Lloegr ta? Yn Lloegr rhaid cael cefnogaeth unfrydol i ddatblygiad - yma, un Gweinidog fydd yn deud os ydy effaith cynllun yn 'dderbyniol' ai peidio.

Cyd ddigwyddiad hapus

Mae'n debyg fod Llywodraeth Cymru – yn hapus I helpu a chefnogi.

Rhai Pleidiau gwleidyddol / aelodau senedd / rhai cynghorwyr sir / cymuned a rhai unigolion yn hapus I helpu a chefnogi

Wel, Hen dro sal ddyda i.

ddrwg gynnai ddifetha'r parti a hitha jesd yn Jiwbili, Dwim yn hapus I helpu.

Ond Fedrwn ni ddim cystadlu a Bute a'I band.

Pam ponsio felly?

Am fod y polisi a'r cynllun yn anheg ac yn wallus.

Am imi aros yn driw I'm gwerthoedd – chwara teg a llais I bawb.

Am imi barchu'r Berfeddwlad.

Am imi gofio cyngor nhad,
am imi godi ar fy nhraed,
am imi gychwyn wrth fy nhraed.
Ac yn sicr megis cychwyn ydy hyn.

Diolch am wrando a diolch I Dwysan!

Cyngor Cymuned Bro Cernyw 25.5.22 – Non

Both the Welsh Government Policy and the Moelfre Plan have been hatched in a global pandemic.

We wouldn't be here tonight but for neighbours telling us that they'd received a Noise Agreement to sign – there's a clue in the title.

One thing my Dad taught me, stand on your feet and start at your feet. That's what I've done.

Learn about the culture and business model of this industry. Who profits? At whose expense? At what cost?

Net Zero?

No – just lots of zeros in the profits, profits which are increasing whilst more and more people fall into energy poverty.

Welsh Government – Area 1 – merely a desk top exercise to avoid Bryniau Clwyd and Eryri. **This area is Y Berfeddwlad** and has been for over twelve hundred years.

First Plan, the last? – Decimate Y Berfeddwlad with turbines and solar panels, scarring landscapes and communities? Ask the people of Scotland and Powys how that feels. This / My Community Council refused a single turbine 77m in 2016, these are 3 times the size.

Hitting their Target, missing my point.

Wales generates twice the energy than it uses **FACT**. WG's vision is to provide energy for other countries **FACT**. Confusing 'provider of energy' and 'exploitation of Wales' – Energy and money flowing one. Way. We're generous like that, coal, slates, water – and now energy. England doesn't produce enough energy for its needs. **why don't Bute have 20 sites there?** Because in England local support is needed for large developments, whilst here it is 1 Minister who determines whether impacts are 'acceptable' or not.

Happy coincidence:

Welsh Government; Some political parties; Senedd Members; – appear Happy to Help and Support

some county and community councillors, and individuals are happy to help and support

Well, Hen Dro Sâl I say – shoddy and underhand.

I don't want to spoil the party ahead of the Jubilee but I'm not happy to help.

But We can't compete with Bute and their band. Why bother?

Because both the Policy and Plan are unfair and misguided.
Because I'm true to my principles of Fair Play and a Voice for All.
Because I cherish Y Berfeddwlad.
Because I remember my Dad's advice.
Because I stood on my feet,
Because I began at my feet
and this is indeed only the very beginning.

Thanks for listening and thanks to Dwysan.

Non Davies"

"Money Makes the Wind Go Round (Wind Makes the Money Go Round)

We live near Moelfre Uchaf with a beautiful view
Of Betws yn Rhos, Llanfair TH and Llangernyw
Alas there are plans for an industrial windsite
The scale of which gave us and neighbours a fright
Plans hidden from us in a global pandemic
No prior warning given - it made us feel sick
Welsh Government have declared us a pre-assessed area
No consultation with us which made it scarier
Members of the Senedd have partners with links
To green energy companies – it stinks!
Bute Energy alias Moelfre Energy Park Ltd
Have met with local landowners approached and invited
To have turbines on their land for a very handsome annual fee
No wonder they are rubbing their hands with glee
But what of the residents on the wind site fringes
The devastation and destruction it impinges

Years of construction digging roads to each turbine
Churning up of farmland to forever redefine
Displacement of water by concrete in the ground
Flood risk increases so alarm bells will sound
Turbine infrasound impacts on livestock's sleep
With decreased production of milk, eggs and meat.
Although green energy can be for the good
Living close to a turbine impacts on your livelihood
Plans for gigantic turbines up to 250m in height
700 metres from our home – Do you think that's alright?
Property values will decrease by at least 20%
Our tourism business unviable as no-one will rent
Bute approached us to sign a "Noise Agreement"
£3000 per year to shut up "How convenient!"
So we have their letter in black and white
Confirming wind turbines cause noise and are a blight
Our peaceful rural life will sadly come to an end
The constant humming and vibration will drive us round the bend.
Our health and emotional wellbeing affected
Infrasound, stress, sleep deprivation and turbine noise expected
No studies have been done on Turbines of this size
Other countries have set a minimum 2 kilometre divide
We'll have 5 times the height of a pylon towering high
Bats and birds crashing into them as they fly
Ultimately there are things more important than money
Landowners please take heed before you seek the honey
You're collectively liable for our losses and demise
Don't be too hasty or you may get a big surprise!
Everyone should appreciate this beautiful landscape
Please reconsider our fate before it's too late.

Karen Barham"

"Favourite song in our tiny home is our National Anthem. Translated it says LAND OF MY FATHERS LAND OF THE FREE.....turns out we are not that free to decide what goes on in our back yards! Ministers in Cardiff have drawn a line around this area and it is now designated for turbine industries.(just been reminded on the radio that 75 Yrs ago today they drew a line across India to divide the country and we all know what happened there) These are the heartlands. This countryside and all its wildlife living in it is vital for the good health and well being of everyone. Since the pandemic it has been a life saver for families seeking space ,streams and nature. Essential to us all, ready for the nxt pandemic. Now we need the owners of land to be respected as the most important people the only people that can produce the food to feed the populations around the world. Every acre is needed and is vital. The truth about wind power is known but politicians choose to TURN AWAY! They have another master..... I am told "move with the times green energy is the future". My reply is always "Yes I am looking to the future.... The future of our human race the generations that follow us as we have followed them.....and its happiness to survive".

Julia Parry”

German energy company RWE have proposed offering nearby residents, in my terminology, a 'compensation package' of free or cheap electricity plus a yearly payment for those properties most adversely affected. This is on a sliding scale with the worst affected receiving a higher amount & tied to the property for the duration of the development's operation. This could also aid any future sale of the properties making them more attractive to future buyers, partially offsetting the negatives of the turbines' proximity to the properties.

Some residents might be prepared to sell & move, Bute could agree to buy these properties at current 'pre wind turbine' market prices & they'd become company assets especially as no energy company, or government, think these properties will be devalued. These could then be sold on again, maybe even at a profit. In an ideal world, & to be fair to both sides, perhaps a time limit for this offer to be taken up could be negotiated allowing the owner(s) to experience the turbines once operational to decide if they could actually live with them as none of us actually want to move. If the turbines are as easy to live with as you would have us believe then I'm sure we'd be happy to accept the 'compensation package' rather than move. If not Bute owns some lovely properties which in the whole financial scheme of the development's cost would only be a tiny percentage.

The difference of RWE's proposal compared to other energy companies' 'neighbour agreements' is that RWE still allow residents to object to their proposed development without forfeiting the agreed compensation package. Affected residents are happy if the proposal gets refused but still receive compensation if it gets approved.....rather than getting absolutely nothing & left with a hard to sell property, no direct benefits from the turbines just their picturesque landscape & tranquil existence shattered.

If this was all about saving the planet, the landowners should be happy to lease the comparatively small acreage lost for a much smaller sum of money than energy companies like yourselves pay. Landowners make a lot of money with no regard to the harm they cause their neighbours like us. Community funds don't help us residents in the remotest properties closest to the turbines but it sways many of the less affected inhabitants in the villages possibly making it seem as if the majority of the local community are in favour.

My opening example/suggestions would go a long way to evening out the disparity involved.

Have Bute secured a grid connection, is there local grid capacity available, or is that subject to other wind farms being approved in the area to jointly fund an expensive new powerline? Will the proposed connection be in Bute's Pre App/Scoping details &/or the full application if/when submitted & will this be overland pylons or underground & finally which route from the substation will this have to take please?

One last thing, it says a lot about an industry when a developer needs an expensive PR consultancy company to sugar coat their unsavoury proposals.

Clive Goodridge”

“Rwyf yn annog chi i ddarllen gwaith ymchwil Professor Maria Alves Pereira ac effaith andwyol ar iechyd sydd iw gael parthed y trubeini gwynt, Pobl sydd yn buddsoddi, boed yn lleol neu cenedlaethol mewn trubeini gwynt, yn dweud fod pres yn eu poced hwy yn bwysicach na iechyd eu cymdogion.
Darllenwch waith Professor Pereira.

Seth Jones”

12 NEXT MEETING

22th February 2023 at Pandy Tudur
Minutes taken by Enlli Vaughan