

BRO CERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 25TH 2023 AM 7:30PM
HELD AT PANDY TUDUR VESTRY

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1.1 All were welcomed by Clwyd Roberts (CR)

1.2 Present: Jane Roberts (JR), Ann Vaughan (AV), Myrddin Davies (MGD), Diane Roberts (DR), Mark Davies (MD), Sara Thomas (ST), Einir Williams (EW) & Catrin Griffiths (Clerc, CWG)

1.3 Apologies: Austin Roberts (AR)

1.4 Absent: Gwydion Jones (GJ)

1.5 CR also welcomed a member of the public to the meeting, Non Davies.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

7.1 AV

3 SELECTING OFFICIALS

Chair - MGD proposed CR, EW seconded, all in agreement. CR agreed to carry on for another year.

Vice-chair - JR proposed EW, MGD seconded, all in agreement. EW agreed.

Treasurer – clerk will be doing this work from hereon in.

Sub-Committees

- Cemeteries - AV, MD & CR agreed to be on this sub-committee.
- Footpaths - EW, DR & MGD agreed to be on this sub-committee.
- Hall Committee - CR representing at the moment. CR proposed that MD joins him on this committee, MD agreed.
- Governors - ST representing.
- Sir Henry Jones Museum- Chair CR to represent.

DR proposed having an environment sub-committee. CR proposed that this is joined with the footpaths committee.

Sub-committees to meet quarterly.

4 APRIL 29TH 2023 MINUTES TO APPROVE

Proposed correct by ... and seconded by...

5 MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Reply from Welsh Commissioner:

“Are there legal rules to provide an interpreter?”

Reply:

“The simple answer is, no, there are no legal rules to provide an interpreter. It is suitable for community councils to adopt a policy to hold meetings and administer in Welsh. Such a policy is to be welcomed. Community councils have an important role to play in the future and continuance of Welsh as a live community language. A lot of them are in a position to offer the rare opportunity to provide elected members to contribute to public life through the medium of Welsh, through discussing matters that affect them and their communities.

I am sure that you are aware of the Welsh Government’s guidance for town and community councils, Good Councillors Guide

(<https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2022-08/good-councillors-guide-2022.pdf>), that states

“The best community or town council represents all areas of the community and creates a feeling of belonging. Its role is being inclusive through ensuring that nobody feels at a

disadvantage. Especially, it needs to ensure that people that use Welsh or English as a first language (or other languages) are excluded."

Therefore, it is clear that community councils have authority to hold meetings and administer through the medium of Welsh, but on deciding to provide an interpreter or not, the Government's guide should be considered.

EW proposed that we should add the above to the statutory rules.

5.2 Un Llais reply to question:

"Does an individual need to declare an interest if they are aware of a special development in the area?"

Reply:

"If an item appears on the programme and a Councillor has an interest here then he/she needs to declare an interest under the terms of the code of conduct. However, if a Councillor is aware of an event that will have a significant impact on the community, then, morally, there is an obligation on them to bring it to the Council's attention."

DR mentioned that Sharon Jones (through an Un Llais course) had said that a declaration should be made even if not on the agenda and Darren Millar had told her that it was up to the individual's opinion. MGD noted that there isn't one consistent reply which makes you think that it is the individual's opinion. CR mentioned that this has been discussed many times during meetings and that we need to move on and not discuss this topic again.

5.3 Un Llais reply to question:

"Do interests have to be declared like the County Council?"

Reply:

"There is no need to do so, the rules for the County Council are not applicable to the Community Council assets."

DR noted that the assets register is on the website.

5.4 Email received from Non Davies who was present during March's meeting and asked for her name to be included next to the question and include the question.

The question asked: "Welsh Government's denotation of 'pre-assessed' areas for industrial wind turbines 250m - with Gwytherin, Pandy Tudur, Llangernyw and Trofath parish included within Area 1 - is the most mighty and far reaching policy development ever. Is Llangernyw Community Council (that wasn't aware of the denotation) and the community councillors confident that they and other residents in the area understand, and have considered the full implications of that denotation?"

5.5 - AV had contacted Darren Millar by letter to ask for 'bike safe' signs the same as Llanrwst. County Council to assess the road between Llangernyw and Llanfair this week and will put signs up if required.

5.6 AV noted that a bench in the cemetery had rotted. Kate Williams wanted to place a bench lower down. Kevin and Ruth were in the cemetery at the same time and Kevin will place the new bench this week.

6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

6.1 0/50753 - Bryn Clochydd, Gwytherin LL22 8YA. All in agreement.

7 MATTERS ARISING

7.1 Wales Future plan 2040 - Notice that a meeting regarding the Moelfre industrial wind turbines will be held at 7:30pm on 13th July 2023 at Betws yn Rhos village hall.

Non Davies spoke about the meeting and said that it was not possible to say what impact would have been had a councillor said earlier. She said that she was of the understanding that Un Llais

had consulted with community councils but nobody was aware of the Welsh Government's policy. CR said that he would advise of the meeting again during the June meeting.

7.2 CWG had received an email from Tracy Gilmartin about a pioneering session at the Royal Welsh on 5.7.23. Councillors to contact CWG if they are interested in attending. CWG to forward information to MGD.

7.3 Council insurance – renewal letter with BHIB received for £428.13. DR said she had use the company previously. All in agreement to renew with BHIB.

7.4 Gwytherin empty seat- nobody has contacted and nobody has requested an election. 3 adverts need to be placed for the empty seat (in the 3 villages and website) to ask for applications. Anyone with an interest should write a letter to the council. An advert will go out by Monday with a closing date 19th June. CWG will then forward the applications with the agenda to the councillors. Leanne from Conwy Council can assist with this.

7.5 Community Council website - CWG asked if it was possible to gain more use of the website and perhaps using social networks such as *Facebook* to share information about local events. MGD proposed checking how many 'hits' the website gets and try and utilise that instead of social networks.

8 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

8.1. Ty'n Pistyll Road Glan Collen had been patched and scalping's placed on passing places between Lead Inn and Dolgoch.

8.2. Dogs – there is no way of obtaining permission from the County Council to take dogs to playing fields if there are signs forbidding that (but there is no way of policing that). JR said that there are no bags on the pavement since the signs were placed. Also, the signs that had disappeared are now back.

8.3. after consulting with the legal department at the county council, if anyone has a declaration of interest with an item on the agenda then a declaration of personal or prejudiced interest relating to that item needs to be made at the outset of the meeting and if the interest is prejudiced then the person making the declaration would need to leave the room.

8.4 Also need to make a declaration for any gift to a society or company that relates to matters on the agenda and that is also deemed to be prejudiced interest. Also, declaration needs to be made on the spot relating to matters arising. Lastly, if anyone declares that they are gifting any society or company but haven't done so, and they make a declaration to that effect in the next meeting, then their word has to be accepted.

8.5. The mast at Merddyn and planning applications for Ffridd Bach and Pandy Vicarage have been passed.

9 MONITORY MATTERS

Online banking - EW to assist CWG.

DR said that Iona will inspect the accounts and we are still waiting for VAT to come in. The footpaths money is yet to be received.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Dog fouling in Gwytherin cemetery – proposed wildlife cameras to keep a lookout. MD mentioned that they only record when there is movement. SW noted that signs would need to

be erected to advise that there is CCTV in the area. MD hoped that CCTV signs would be enough to deter some. EW mentioned that there is dog fouling due to dogs being let loose and DR said that this happens in Glan Collen. AV had obtained a price for no dog fouling signs from PR Signs - £14 + VAT each. Agreed to have 2 signs for Gwytherin. CR to ask AV to ask the company to also create a CCTV sign separately.

10.2 Proposals regarding Annual General Meeting 2023

Members of councils are invited to present a **maximum of two** to be discussed during the AGM on Saturday 30th September 2023, they are required to be received at the office by **12noon Thursday 23rd June 2023 at the latest** in order for the Conference Proposal Committee to discuss.

For proposals to be acceptable, they have to meet the following criteria:

The proposal has to reflect a matter or national problem – Un Llais cannot accept proposals relating to one specific area. (Local matters can be discussed during District Meetings.)

All proposals **have** to include an explanation note (no longer than 150 words) so that the Agenda Committee fully understands the points being made.

EW – raised concern with the annual report – huge pressure every 3 years with the audit – we are community not town council and it is overly burdensome.

10.3 Annual Report/Audit – had received an email to say that time to complete had arrived. CWG to contact Iona to complete.

10.4 Standing Rules – had been sent to everyone by email. Everyone to read to discuss the next meeting.

10.5 - Cofgolofnau'r Dyffryn had contacted asking how much is the cost for new and additional inscriptions. CWG to respond to say there is no charge for this, only burial costs.

11 BILLS

11.1 Dŵr Cymru – no longer accepting cheques. CWG had contacted MGD, need to set up online payments. CWG to contact Dŵr Cymru to advise of the situation.

11.2 Enlli - £90 and 2 hours – minimum wage increase - EW proposed raising to the minimum, all in agreement.

11.3 CWG to present next month - contract to be sent to everyone to read for information.

11.4 Registration with ICO - £40 – all in agreement.

11.5 Kevin Roberts – new stile near Tŷ Capel Ainion etc - £280 + vat £336 – agreed to pay.

11.6 Dei Evans - Cemeteries £450, agreed to pay.

11.7 AV flowers and compost - £85.80, agreed to pay. AV mentioned that Jackie had been potting flowers, CWG to text her to thank her.

12 LOCAL MATTERS

EW – complaint about a tree fallen across Hafodunos public footpath. DR under the impression that the landowner is dealing. CR proposed asking Kevin to cut the tree. JR mentioned that the

general condition of the path had deteriorated but EW advised that it is a matter for the County Council.

EW – wifi receiver has been placed on a pole near the playing field in Gwytherin, will raise the matter with Austin.

DR asked if the cemetery had been cut due to growth around the small trees. AV had asked Dei, not for another week and a half.

DR – tractors with silage trailers – local/elderly residents not going for a walk, scared. Need to cut the hedge near the 20mph sign.

JR – road closures – a lot of traffic on the road between Ty'n Ddol towards Cefn Isa – surface slippery and temporary surface for many years. JR to email Austin due to urgent health and safety issue.

AV mentioned that the overgrowth needs to be cut around the small trees in the cemetery.

AV - Eifiona Hendre Bach – water flooding into the house from the road. Water coming down from Tŷ Newydd fields, EW to email Austin to advise of this.

AV – County Council skips for Gwytherin and Pandy Tudur. CWG to email ERF to order these and advertise in the Gadlas and noticeboards. EW to forward a template to CWG.

13 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday June 28th 7:30pm, Canolfan Addysg Bro Cernyw

Meeting concluded 9:35pm

Minutes taken by CWG