

**BRO CERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**7:30PM 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023**  
**HELD AT GWYTHERIN**

**1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

**1.1** All were welcomed by Clwyd Roberts (CR)

**1.2** Present: Ann Vaughan (AV), Diane Roberts (DR), Mark Davies (MD), Sara Thomas (ST), Euros Williams (EUW), Austin Roberts (AR) & Catrin Griffiths (Clerc, CWG).

**1.3** Apologies: Einir Williams (EW), Myrddin Davies (MGD), Jane Roberts (JR) & Gwydion Jones (GJ).

**2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No declaration.

**3 MINUTES TO APPROVE 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023**

Proposed correct by AV and seconded by ST.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

**4.1 CWG:**

Welsh Water Bill has been paid, they have proposed setting up direct debit over the phone. Still not heard from HSBC since everyone had signed.

Annual Audit – had been emailing Iona to see what is the latest and not heard back, visited the office today and Iona filled in the paperwork and returned folders to CWG.

Trees in the Rectory – AR to ask Emyr Jones (highways department) to assess if the trees in the rectory cause issues to transport. CWG had contacted Carys Thomas with an update.

Cars parking in Fedwen Arian – Austin has advised CWG to contact the local PCSO, she had therefore sent a message. Elin had responded to ask for more information, CR had provided this. Elin is happy to attend meetings. CR noted that PCSO Elin had been out and as the vehicles were taxed there was nothing they could do.

Contribution to T.Hugh William grave stone – Emrys Williams awaiting price and will contact CWG once received.

Courses – CWG asked if the councillors would be happy for her to attend 1 or 2 courses? £38 a session, all in agreement.

Advertising events – CWG has a personal advertisement page on Facebook and asked if everyone would be happy for her to share information about events such as summer drama club etc that are received on email? All in agreement with this and no need to ask for permission for each one.

Un Llais Conwy & Denbigh Meeting – 7pm Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023 on Zoom – DR & CWG will attend, EW apologised she would not be able to attend.

Standing Orders and local remedial protocol model – CR, EW & MD had met (with CWG typing) to discuss Standing Orders on Wednesday 12.7.23. Updated however following questions raised therefore CWG asked Un Llais for guidance. Questions and answers in red:

- Item 12 f) Committee unsure whether this meant for meetings that have been or for future meetings? **Meetings that have been.**
- Item 23 – General Sale – what exactly is this and is it relevant to a Community Council? **Traditionally, Council awarded leases, deeds etc through sealing. Some still do this. In most Councils nowadays, two councillors sign the document as in 23b.**

Un Llais also shared the GDPR template to follow.

**AV:** Mentioned that the hedge around the 20mph sign in Llangernyw needs to be cut further. DR had been cutting it, MD to look at this. AV also received a quote to paint the kiosk in

Gwytherin but electricity would be required. EUW to ask the Lion Inn whether they could assist.

**4.2** Local places for nature - CWG has investigated and a lot of work is required with the project and reassurance required to proceed for at least 5 years. DR suggested the piece of land around the school and AR said to ask the council for permission. DR mentioned that it may be possible to get the school involved. CWG to send information to everyone on email.

## **5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**5.1** 0/50904: Dolwen Bach, Llangernyw LL22 8RR  
All in agreement, no remarks.

**5.2** 0/50916: Bryn Hafod Farm, Gwytherin LL22 8YF

EW's remarks sent ahead of the meeting: I remember going to Bryn Hafod as a girl, when Bob and Hannah Alice lived there, and the house was a home to them. I have a memory of the black steel fireplace and wooden settle near the table in the living room, items that I would not see in more modern homes at the end of the 70's/early 80's. As the report declares, the house hadn't been modernised at this time. I am confident that it was never the intention for the house to become derelict, only that the owners' situation at the time didn't allow the development to proceed.

As someone who has lived a stone's throw from Bryn Hafod all my life, I would like to see it a home again rather than lose another historical home in Gwytherin.

All in agreement.

## **6 COUNCIL MATTERS**

**6.1** Flower tubs - AV had prepared what is required for Autumn and proposed that the environment committee takes over from now on. DR mentioned that there is now money left as £108 had been spent and only £100 in the precept. CR proposed using election funds (£2,500 available) – need around £75 for flowers. All in agreement to move the election funds.

**6.2** Flower strip of land - AV met today with Iwan in Llangernyw cemetery to view the un-cut strip of land. He was impressed with the 3 uncut areas and could see that there was a lot of grass and flowers present, ideal for insects, bees and butterflies. As a Community Council we should be proud that we are keeping the area for wildlife as the soil condition isn't perfect, it is ideal to be kept. As the years go by there will be more variety and it will attract more species to the site. What about the future? What are the options? We could cut the grass now and leave it on the compost heap. Cut part of it now and collect it, and then another piece next month etc so there is variety in the growth. Or ask someone to cut and take it away for horses? Or if someone has a similar strip of land in the area we could collect the seeds and spread them on this land after cutting and clearing. MD proposed cutting and composting it all in September. AV mentioned that the compost needs to be looked at to upgrade the sink sheet and remove old wreath wires. All in agreement.

**6.3** Climate and Nature Action Guide – agreed to discuss this during the next footpaths and environment meeting. CWG to arrange a meeting soon.

## **7 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

AR to chase up cutting the grass in Pandy Tudur playing field. Council had cut the playground in Gwytherin but with a strimmer. There is a policy in place to cut playing fields every 3 weeks. An inspection carried out yesterday on the bridge in Pandy Tudur showed a little deterioration but the stones haven't moved and are not considered dangerous. Further inspection to be held at the end of September/early October.

Trees in the Rectory – Emyr to visit and if considered dangerous he will contact ERF to ask the owners to cut the trees.

Salt bin opposite toilets in Llangernyw – AR had reported this to ERF. There should be a new bin by October.

DR had asked for a new bin for Parc Aelas – AR had asked about here and Fedwen Arian. Conwy had refused as there was already one present opposite Glan Collen.

Petryal – had contacted Peter Wood in the regulatory department – no record of application. He requires evidence that it has been built to use as holiday let, such as online advertisement.

AV mentioned that the trees in the remembrance garden need to be cut.

## **8 MONITORY MATTERS**

Still awaiting VAT to be received and also footpaths monies.

1.6.23 – AV cheque, stub and minutes show £85.80 but £85.30 has gone out according to the bank statement.

## **9 CORRESPONDENCE**

None received.

## **10 BILLS**

Enlli -£180 - £90 each to translate May and June minutes.

HMRC - invoice £227.20 until 5.7.23

D. Evans – cut and clear rock garden - £120

D.Evans - cut grass in cemetery - £450

All agreed to pay all the above bills.

## **11 LOCAL MATTERS**

AV proposed having a photo of the councillors. CR suggested this is done in September. Also proposed that EUW represent Gwytherin on the cemetery committee, EUW agreed. Also reminded that the dog fouling bags needed to be sorted.

DR mentioned that the field next to the school is an ideal location for fruit trees and a community orchard. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

## **12 NEXT MEETING**

September 27<sup>th</sup> 2023 at Pandy Tudur.

Meeting concluded 9:10pm

Minutes taken by CWG.