

BRO CERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
7:30PM 25TH OCTOBER 2023
HELD AT LLANGERNYW

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1.1 All were welcomed by Clwyd Roberts (CR)

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

1.3 Apologies: Myrddin Davies (MGD), Gwydion Jones (GJ) & Einir Williams (EW)

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declaration.

3 MINUTES TO APPROVE 27TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Proposed correct by JR and seconded by MD.

4 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 AV drew attention that the school and 20mph signs are not visible. DR asked for the hedge to be cut around the school sign which is on private land. CWG had already asked county council to cut around the 20mph sign, AR to chase this. Bike Safe signs still not up, AV will remind them again.

4.2 A photo of the Councillors was taken last month and passed to include on the Community Council's website. A photo will also need to be included of MGD as he was absent.

4.3 CWG had contacted Emyr of County Council to discuss water collecting near Tan y Graig. Emyr had said that they are clearing the drains (and going around after bad weather) but there is nothing that can be done near Tan y Graig. AR will chase this in case there is something that can be done.

4.4 Kevin Roberts has agreed to undertake the work on the Bont Faen footpath.

4.5 Tomos Hughes – CWG had spoken with him and he is very supportive. Tomos has been looking after the defibrillator but is eager to pass on the responsibility in each area and asks CWG to be responsible to check every 3 months that the pads haven't expired and that there is 1 tick on the machine confirming it to be working. Tomos and CWG had been working collaboratively to create a 'The Circuit' account and the defibrillator is now registered on it and the ambulance service is aware of its existence. If it used CWG will receive an email to go and check it and can ask Tomos for new pads – these are available for free at the moment but this may change in the future. (Batteries cost between £20 and £25 every 5 years and the pads between £25 and £30 each time).

Tomos recommended that another defibrillator is needed in the village due to its length and the area around Cofgolofnau'r Dyffryn should be considered. CWG had suggested the old phone box and Tomos advised that checks would need to be made to ensure that the electricity supply hasn't been disconnected. CR advised that the phone box already belongs to the Council but he believed the electricity to be disconnected.

Tomos enquired if there is a grant available from Clocaenog/Moelogan. An application would need to be made for £1,590 (+VAT) in order to purchase a defibrillator and housing cabinet.

He also advised that the warranty for the existing defibrillator is expiring next year and if it breaks it would not be feasible to fix. It has been there for 5 years and the usual lifetime is around 12 years. He suggested allowing £250 per annum to be included in the precept. Also suggested thinking about purchasing another for the road towards Llansannan in the future.

Discussed that it needs to be investigated who is responsible for the ones in Gwytherin and Pandy Tudur, CWG to enquire with Tomos. Also need to check if they need to be added to the council's insurance. Agreed that it needs to be investigated if there would be grant funding available for an additional defibrillator. CWG to look into a Clocaenog/Brenig grant and also ask if they could contribute to upkeep and running costs of £750 (£250 each for the 3 defibrillators).

VAS - CR and DR had met last Wednesday with Richard Roberts and he will send a map with the new locations.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 0/51121 Bridge Inn, Llangernyw LL22 8PP (Permission for Conservation Area)

5.2 0/51122 Bridge Inn, Llangernyw LL22 8PP

All agreed with no remarks.

6 COUNCIL MATTERS

6.1 Local Resolution Model Protocol – had sent to councillors on email, agreed to accept.

6.2 Standing Orders – had been discussed during previous sub-committee and had been sent to councillors on email, agreed to accept.

6.3 GDPR Policy – sent to councillors on email, agreed to accept.

6.4 Cemeteries Sub-Committee Minutes – received on email from AV. Some work to be done in each cemetery and Dei Evans and Kevin Roberts to be asked to provide quotes to undertake the work.

7 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Glan Rhyd bridge has been repaired and Llangernyw bridge has been hit. Pandy Tudur bridge was inspected two weeks ago and hasn't deteriorated. AR has received pictures from Eifiona Hendre Bach of the floods and asked the council to send a sweeper up to clean. Telegraphic poles and lines had broken near Tŷ Nant Gell and BT will replace the poles. AR has asked the council to send a sweeper to Ty'n Pistyll road again. AR encouraged councillors to check their local salt bins and let him know if they need replenishing before winter. He also advised that a full meeting of the county council had met last week and had approved increasing second home tax to 100% and also a premium on empty homes.

DR noted that the pavement in Fedwen Arian had cracked, AR will review.

8 MONITORY MATTERS

8.1 Quarterly report prepared by CWG following instructions by accountant Iona Edwards. DR voiced her opinion that the spreadsheet needed to correspond with the invoice rather than the statement and that it is possible to do accruals to correspond with the precept. CR noted that CWG needed to work with the accountant. CWG to ask Iona again to make sure.

8.2 VAT not reclaimed for 3 years by Iona Edwards. CWG had emailed but not received a reply. She had spoken with her on the phone and had been told it would be done that day but not heard any further.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Wales Air Ambulance Community Council Appeal 2023 – agreed to contribute £50.

9.2 Letter from Cerebral Palsy Cymru – agreed not to contribute.

10 BILLS

10.1 Un Llais invoice for 'Local Government Finance' course for CWG 19.9.23 - £38

10.2 Un Llais email regarding course for AV since 10.1.23 needs to be paid - £35

10.3 Enlli Roberts translating for July and September - £180

10.4 HMRC quarterly bill for £277.20. CWG asked if it was in order for her to set up a direct debit for this payment every 3 months as it falls earlier in the month and is late due to council having to pass before payment. Passed to do this in the interim whilst online account is set up.

10.5 Direct debit payment of £4.38 to Dŵr Cymru on 4.10.23

Agreed to pay all the above.

11 LOCAL MATTERS

AV – Discussed cutting the grass in the cemeteries and agreed to ask Dei Evans to cut the grass in Llangernyw one more time before the end of the season. Also mentioned a Halloween event in the Sir Henry Jones Museum on 31st October and 2nd November and shared posters.

DR – Mentioned that there is water on Ty'n Pistyll road and that people are turning around in Glan Collen when dropping children off to school and they are not supposed to use the side gate.

ST – Asked for permission to put a wooden pole to affix the dog fouling bag dispenser in Pandy Tudur, everyone agreed with this.

JR – Noted that there are old items on the advertisement board in Llangernyw and that it is not possible to open it. MD will go and see if he can open this.

12 NEXT MEETING

29th November 2023 in Gwytherin.

Meeting concluded at 9:00pm.

Minutes taken by CWG.