

BRO CERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
7:30PM 29TH NOVEMBER 2023
HELD AT GWYTHERIN

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1.1 All were welcomed by Clwyd Roberts (CR)

1.2 Present: Einir Williams (EW), Jane Roberts (JR), Ann Vaughan (AV), Myrddin Davies (MGD), Diane Roberts (DR), Mark Davies (MD), Gwydion Jones (GJ), Euros Williams (EUW), Austin Roberts (AR) & Catrin Griffiths (Clerk, CWG)

1.3 Apologies: Sara Thomas (ST)

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declaration.

3 MINUTES TO APPROVE 25TH OCTOBER 2023

Proposed correct by MD and seconded by JR.

4 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Accounts spreadsheet - CWG had checked with the accountant once again that the spreadsheet and way of recording is correct and satisfies the audit. Iona has told her that the work is thorough and shows costs each month. It also monitors the budget during the year according to audit requirements. She said that the tidy work needs to be continued and that that particular detail needs to be ensured to create a list of any costs that haven't gone out of the bank by the end of the year. DR stressed the importance that the councillors are aware exactly what payments have gone out during the year. MGD said that the problem could be resolved by having an additional column on the spreadsheet to show costs that haven't yet gone out, all agreed to proceed on this basis.

4.2 Defibrillator Insurance – CWG had received a reply from BHIB insurance company saying that the defibrillator is covered under the insurance policy up to £12,500 and the policy does not need to be updated. Despite this, as the cabinet is left open, theft and malicious damage of the unit would be excluded under the policy. CWG had spoken with Tomos Hughes about this who confirmed that this is usually the case and that other councils accept this. Also, noted that individual insurance for the defibrillator would be around £300 a year and therefore over 3 or 4 years decided there is no need to do this.

CWG had also spoken with Tomos Hughes to discuss a grant for a new defibrillator and the ones for Gwytherin and Pandy Tudur which already exist. Tomos will be going to Gwytherin and Pandy Tudur to check the units and then transfer them to CWG's *Circuit* account to coincide with the Llangernyw. Regarding the new defibrillator, Tomos had advised that if the electricity had been disconnected, it would cost around £3,000 - £4,000 to reconnect and therefore not worth it. Other options are to place it outside the Stag or on a lamp pole and needed to ask permission for this. Placing on a lamp post would cost around £400 and this can be included in the grant application. All agreed to proceed with the grant application for Clocaenog.

4.3 VAS signs update – maps of new locations have been sent to CWG by Richard Roberts and forwarded to everyone on email, all in agreement with the locations. JR said that the speeding situation had deteriorated since changing to 20mph. AR said that a grant can be applied for towards VAS signage cost and all agreed to add the signage cost to the Clocaenog grant application.

- 4.4** Biodiversity action plan – the plan had been sent to everyone on email by CWG following the recent sub-committee discussion. All in agreement with the content and the next sub-committee to be held at 7pm before the January community council meeting.
- 4.5** Quotes for cemetery work – Dei Evans had come back with a quote of £385. CWG to remind Kevin Roberts to supply a quote and AV to meet him to show the work.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 0/51193 Tan Y Ffordd, Llanrwst LL26 0NT

Local remarks regarding flow of the river, worry regarding noise and dog control as there would not be anyone on site at all times and also that the plan is to open 12 months of the year, but it would be better to limit it to 9 months. All approved with remarks.

5.2 0/51234 Pen Y Ffridd, Waterloo, Llangernyw LL22 8RH

MGD suggested to approve as repair and maintain the forestry only, no other planning permission sought, all in agreement.

6 COUNCIL MATTERS

6.1 2024 Meeting Dates – minor changes made and then approved.

6.2 Contribution towards cup/money in remembrance of Emlyn, Llethr – no meeting of the Gwytherin Show committee following the last show and therefore this has not yet been discussed.

7 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Water near Tan y Graig – highways department had moved the case to the flood department to deal. A grant application would need to be made at the end of the financial year.

Ty'n Pistyll water problem – the council has said that they would fix the problem by the end of the week. Emyr has also made an application for resurfacing work near Bont Syllty and also an application for work near the Old Vicarage, but to confirm exact location.

Fedwen Arian pavement – AR had visited and would see what Emyr has to say.

Sir Henry Jones Museum – needs new members to the committee or unfortunately the museum will have to close if no interest. Send any names to AR. CWG to advertise on the website, advertisement boards and Facebook.

AR to arrange a meeting with John Davies from the education department and estate department and MGD as Chair of the School Parents & Teachers Association to find out who owns the piece of land behind the school. DR has paperwork showing it to belong to the community and will share with AR.

EW – gate blocked after heavy rain and needed to clear and purchase gravel at their own cost (had already emailed AR about this). AR said that there is only 1 road clearing machine and 1 trained driver at the council. There will be a plan regarding a new member of trained staff in the new year.

8 MONITORY MATTERS

8.1 Quote from Kevin for Hafodunos footpath - £475 + £95 VAT = £570

Very competitive price and all in agreement to proceed with the work. CWG to put in an application for the funds with the Council.

8.2 Letter from D. Emrys Williams regarding a remembrance stone for the late T. Hugh Williams

(discussed in a previous meeting) – had received a quote of £292.92 (including VAT of £48.82) from Dyffryn Memorials and they are asking for a contribution towards a portion of the stone at £97.64. DR worried that contributing to this may create a precedent and JR explained that his wife outlived him and maybe they didn't want a stone? MGD said that it needed to be decided what is the community council's policy regarding this. Decided to leave until January and have a further discussion at that point.

8.3 VAT from Iona - CWG had been talking again with Iona this month but still has not received the payment.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Code of Conduct course by Conwy Council on 25.1.24 (in English) and 22.2.24 (with translation available). Nearly everyone needs to do this therefore CWG to forward information on email.

9.2 UK Common Growth Fund Conwy – Key Community Regeneration Fund – the fund is open.

9.3 Had received a message through the website praising the council and that the local people are lucky of the community council and glad there are photos on the website.

9.4 Un Llais Cymru Webinar and IRPW – Held Monday 27th November 2023, information shared on email, AV attended. She explained that people have a right to claim funds for costs of being a councillor and it was said on the webinar that nobody should feel guilty for accepting. There is £156 available per year towards CWG's costs also and there is no need to pay tax on it, but there would be a need for an agreement between the community council and CWG to do this. Also, AV had gleaned that it was required to contribute towards Un Llais' annual report by 5/12/23 but that a lot of councils (including Llangernyw Community Council) hadn't received the information and therefore the date would be extended. Agreed to complete this next month.

9.5 Controlling Asbestos on the Public Estate – had been forwarded to everyone, not relevant in this context.

9.6 Letter (on email) from Conwy Council to consider the precept from Elen Haf – had forwarded on email.

9.7 Email from Urdd Gobaith Cymru asking for money for Eisteddfod yr Urdd in Maldwyn 2024 – all agreed not to contribute.

9.8 Letter from Conwy District Urdd Gobaith Cymru committee asking for money to support Urdd costs in the county – all in agreement not to contribute.

9.9 Letter from Wales Air Ambulance expressing thanks for the recent donation.

10 BILLS

10.1 CWG stamp costs - £6

10.2 Enlli for translating October minutes - £90

10.3 Bro Cernyw website - registration, upkeep a web-hosting 2023-2024 from Arfon Parry of Cradur.com - £167

10.4 Bill from Kevin for work on path number 43 (Pentre Wern to Ty'n y Caeau) - £400 + £80 VAT = £480

10.5 Dei Evans - £200

10.6 Menter Bro Cernyw – contribution of £500 – already in the precept

10.7 Skips - £528

Agreed to pay all of the above.

11 LOCAL MATTERS

AV – mentioned that a cemeteries committee needed to be held in January to discuss prices and rules. Agreed to hold two weeks before the community council meeting, therefore on 17/1/24 in Llangernyw at 7:30pm. CWG to book a meeting room. Also asked when the English minutes for September were put on the website, CWG advised they had been placed at the same time as the Welsh version, a few days after the last meeting.

EW – had received a copy of a letter that gives permission for dogs to be in the cemetery sent out by Conwy Council.

DR – local children have been busy planting bulbs in the flower tubs and a photo will be in the Gadlas. Cadi and Casi went around to collect rubbish, everyone grateful to them.

MD – had placed the dog fouling bag dispensers.

12 NEXT MEETING

13th December 2023 at Pandy Tudur

Meeting concluded at 9:20pm

Minutes taken by CWG