

**BRO CERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2024 AT 7:30PM**  
**HELD AT CANOLFAN BRO CERNYW**

**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), Euros Williams (EUW) & Catrin Griffiths (Clerc, CWG)

**1.3** Apologies: Sara Thomas (ST) & Austin Roberts (AR)

**1.4** Absent: Gwydion Jones (GJ)

**2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No declaration.

**3 MINUTES TO APPROVE 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

Proposed correct by EW and seconded by JR.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

JR mentioned that Rhandir taxi didn't go to the school one day due to bad weather. AV explained that she is still experiencing broadband issues since beginning of December.

**4.1** Contribution towards remembrance stone for the late T.Hugh Williams – discussion about whether to contribute or not however all were in agreement that this could set a precedent for future therefore decided to reject the application.

**4.2** Register of Assets for insurance – had received a list from AV for Llangernyw and EW for Gwytherin, the following needs to be added to Pandy Tudur:

- flower tub, noticeboard, dog fouling bag dispenser bin, bench in the cemetery, year 2000 bench.

**4.3** Reminder about Code of Conduct course - MGD, EW, ST, EUW 22/2/24

**4.4** Defibrillator Grant and VAS signs – application had gone in and the panel will meet in March, will hopefully hear from them during April.

**4.5** CWG had asked AR for support regarding the footpaths money as Conwy Council is not responding to emails.

**5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**5.1** 0/51351 Petryal, Llangernyw, LL22 8RR

Councillors supported although disappointed that it was a retrospective application.

**5.2** 0/51405 The Old Shooting Ground, Trofath LL22 8BG

No remarks.

**6 COUNCIL MATTERS**

**6.1** A new defibrillator has been fitted at Ty'n Terfyn the top of Waterloo Hill. DR asked if it was possible to have training and CR agreed it was a good idea. MD proposed contact could be made with the school to give training to the older pupils. It was agreed that CWG place a notice on the website and in the Gadlas to advise that a defibrillator is available at Ty'n Terfyn. CWG will need to enquire with Tomos Hughes about a course and cost. EUW proposed it would be a good idea to hold the course in the three villages so more would attend. CWG to arrange the course for end of April onwards and advertise this.

**6.1** Cemeteries Committee Report had been circulated to everyone on email following the recent sub-committee. The rules and prices have changed slightly. Discussed burials from outside the area and the fact that other cemeteries in the area are starting to fill up. Agreed that burials from outside the area does not happen very often and decided to discuss further if an application is received. All in agreement with the minutes and changes in the rules and prices.

**6.2** Fallen tree in Gwytherin cemetery - Kevin Roberts will be clearing this and 2 (perhaps 3) burial stones need to be moved in order to carry out cutting work. CR to contact Kevin to see if it was possible to make something out of the wood.

**6.3** Footpath from Bont Faen towards Ty'n y Caeau – following works by Kevin, the river has eroded the bank into the footpath. AR and Emyr are going to see the path but it will likely close.

**6.4** Un Llais Conwy and Denbighshire Area Meeting held at 7:00pm Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 attended by DR and CWG. Talk by guest speaker from 'Llais'.

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

1: Update on the bridges in the area: Pandy village bridge, bridge near Pandy vicarage and Llangernyw bridge (near The Bridge location) - I have had a teams meeting with the county's infrastructure senior engineer yesterday. He said that they had secured funding for the start of the financial year, April, to spend on infrastructure in the county and they would be holding a review of this after securing funds. The work to reinforce the wall on Waterloo hill will also be reviewed.

2: Ty'n Pistyll road has been resurfaced, despite this some complaints have been received about the ditch depth. Emyr Jones, Highways, will look into what can be done to reduce the depth. The department is also keen to fix the water problem on the A548 in this area, but at the moment the landowner (Sandbach) is refusing access to the land.

3 : The application for electricity mill at Pen y Bryn Trofarth has been rejected but likely to go to appeal in the parliament.

4: Sir Henry Jones Museum – position remains unchanged and new officials needed urgently.

5: On 6<sup>th</sup> February myself and Emyr will go around the ward to inspect the roads mainly around Gwytherin and Pandy and the roads leading from there to Llangernyw. If there is any particular area you would like me to visit please let me know beforehand (if there is a road you think needs to be resurfaced urgently or a water problem like that in Ty'n Bryn).

6: Lastly I would like to thank you for your support regarding the article that appeared recently in the Daily Post, I really appreciate, but the article isn't totally accurate.

DR noted that there is a lot of water near Coetmor and will forward the information to CWG by email before 6<sup>th</sup> February. CR asked everyone else to also do this to collate the information and pass on to AR.

## **8 MONITORY MATTERS**

HMRC – they have advised that they had not received the last payment. They also said this in December but CWG spoke with them at that time and they apologised and that it was their mistake. CWG has called them again and they advised that the latest letter is a mistake but need to keep an eye on the direct debit to make sure that 2 payments do not go out for quarter 3.

VAT - CWG had emailed Iona again to ask her to claim this but still waiting for this to happen.

HSBC – had put in an application for the third time as they do not have a record of the previous ones. Hopefully online banking will be set up soon.

## **9 CORRESPONDENCE**

**9.1** Dog fouling bin bag dispensers – had received a reply from Conwy Council to say they are not giving these out at the moment until they find funds to be able to do so again.

The following has been forwarded to each councillor for information:

**9.2** Free webinar: Self-guided interactive tours for villages, towns and communities /01/24

**9.3** Email regarding financial constraints from Conwy Council

**9.4** New Consultation: Future spending purposes for dormant assets funding in Wales

**9.5** Consultation: Fiscal Intergovernmental Relations

**9.6** Training Session on Digital Health for Town & Community Councils - date for DR

**9.7** Un Llais training dates

**9.8** Un Llais Conwy & Denbigh Area Meeting 7:00pm Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**9.9** Electoral Register – had received an email to say a copy of the register can be requested. It was decided that CWG to request a copy for herself.

**9.10** National Prescription Survey

**9.11** Micro Fund – has re-opened

**9.12** Consultation on budget by Conwy Council – paper copy shared by AV to those without internet access. Will need to return to the library by this Friday.

**9.13** Consultation on Strategic Equality Plan 2024-2028

**9.14** Fees Scheme Wales Plan 2024-25

**9.15** 'IT, Website and Social Media' from Un Llais

**9.16** Proposal for new National Park – invitation to information session

**9.17** Council Budget 2024/25

**9.18** Un Llais Cymru National Awards Conference 27/03/2024

The following has been sent to DR on email for information:

**9.19** Email with examples on biodiversity

**9.20** Community Speed Watch – discussion about since speed limit of 20mph came into force some people still overtake in the village.

## **10 BILLS**

**10.1** Enlli - translating December minutes - £95

**10.2** Canolfan Gymunedol Bro Cernyw - £30 for membership fee, £12 cupboard rental and 2 x meetings = total £52

Agreed to pay the above.

## **11 LOCAL MATTERS**

**DR** – Asked what was the current position regarding the VAS signs. Decided to ask Richard Roberts to go ahead with an application if the Clocaenog grant is successful or not. Also said that the flower tubs near the bus stop are full of water therefore MD agreed to place them on bricks to help the situation. Also noted that Llysfaen Community Council had placed a QR code on their noticeboard with a link to a questionnaire. CWG to research into this to see if it was possible to do this in Llangernyw.

**AV** – Mentioned that 2 Calor Gas signs near the Church look dated and take away from the noticeboard. Agreed to remove them and store in the cupboard. Advised that the grass cutting contract needs to be advertised in the Gadlas for February and also on the website, noticeboard and on Facebook. Shared Council budget documents and Sir Henry Jones.

**JR** – Mentioned that the grass outside MD's house looks untidy and that it was supposed to be cut at the end of the season. CWG to contact AR to request it be cut.

**EW** – Drew attention that the yew tree that has fallen in Gwytherin cemetery may be of value and worth investigating whether it was possible to make something out of it.

**12 NEXT MEETING**

28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at Gwytherin

Meeting concluded 9:20pm

Minutes taken by CWG.