

BRO CERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
7:30PM 28TH FEBRUARY 2024
HELD AT GWYTHERIN

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), Gwydion Jones (GJ), Euros Williams (EUW), Austin Roberts (AR) & Catrin Griffiths (Clerk, CWG)

1.3 Apologies: Myrddin Davies (MGD) & Einir Williams (EW)

CR also welcomed a member of the public who had asked to speak during the meeting - Julia Parry.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declaration.

3 MINUTES TO APPROVE – 31ST JANUARY 2024

Proposed correct by JR and seconded by MD.

4 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 CWG had created a questionnaire and shared it with councillors by email. Will need further discussion about its content and use of it during the next meeting.
[G] arrived]

4.2 VAS signs: Will need to ask Richard Roberts to send maps of the recent locations. Everyone keen to press ahead with ordering but concerned that the cost is now more than the £12,000 estimated:

	Cost of sign	Cost to install	Total
Site 1	£4,065.90	£2,913.18	£6,979.08
Site 2	£4,065.90	£4,889.71	£8,955.61
			£15,934.69

DR said that the budget is set and that the expenditure is supposed to be in the last financial year therefore the change would need to be explained on the accounts. A grant application has gone into Clocaenog Fund but the council will not know if this is successful until April. ST suggested that both signs should be ordered and put one up this year and leave the next one until next year if the grant application is not successful. All in agreement. Richard Roberts has asked for a purchase order to press ahead with ordering the signs.

4.3 Ty'n Terfyn defibrillator - CWG has spoken with Kim, Ty'n Terfyn and they do not want it to be used by members of the public therefore do not want to promote or place this on the Circuit.

4.4 First Aid Course - CWG had discussed a first aid course with Tomos Hughes and he is happy to hold this but would rather it be held on one evening towards the end of April onwards when lambing season is nearly finished.

4.5 DR had attended an online "Watch Community Speed" course. CWG to forward information to everyone. DR reported that 3 volunteers are needed at once (1 to take car number plate, 1 to register speed and 1 to record) and a speed gun would need to be purchased at a cost of £200.

They are willing to give the training and high vis jackets free of charge but the Community Council would need to shoulder the cost of the speed gun.
[AR arrived].

4.6 Clocaenog Grant - CWG had received an application asking for more information and documentation. CR & EW will assist to respond to the questions.

4.7 Work on Hafodunos path and Llangernyw cemetery has been completed by Kevin Roberts and he has sent through photos of the work. Everyone was pleased with the tidy work completed by him.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 0/51426 Bont Syllty, Llangernyw LL22 8RL

All in agreement with no remarks.

5.2 0/51462 Bont Syllty, Llangernyw LL22 8RL

All in agreement with no remarks.

5.3 0/51459 Petryal, Llangernyw LL22 8RR

All expressed disappointment that the application is retrospective.

6 COUNCIL MATTERS

6.1 Member of the public joining and wishing to speak - Julia Parry.

She had received bills for hiring the hall but had not paid; however is now in a position to pay. Despite this she was unhappy with the sound equipment and they had to pay £200 for a suitable alternative. CR said that it is the hall committee who is responsible for letting out the hall and shared relevant contact details with Julia Parry.

6.2 Conwy Council budget cuts - AR explained that the County Council cabinet has asked schools to make cuts of 6%. DR asked where the funds have gone from the sale of Dinerth Road. AR explained that it was the Welsh Government who owned this and Conwy Council rented it and they have reduced site numbers from 23 to 3. ST expressed concern at the budget cut threat to transport to Welsh schools.

AR said that a full County Council meeting will be held tomorrow to set the budget and the tax will increase. He explained that people are not usually aware that it is the County Council who fund the fire service. They have asked for an additional 7% this year. The County Council tax will increase by 8.8% therefore the total will be 9.5% and this will not be the highest increase in Wales this year. DR asked why Denbighshire receives more funds and AR explained that the Welsh Government uses a formula to calculate this with growth in population. He also explained that 80% of the Council's expenditure is on education and social services whilst taxes account for 30% of the county's budget and the rest comes from the Welsh Government.

7 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

AR has been around with Emyr from the Highways Department to see any problems on the roads. There were water issues at Coetmor, Buarth Cerrig and Ty'n Bryn. They also visited the road passing Hendre Bach and Hendre Fawr, Emyr will look into the issue there. The road passing Bont Syllty is due to be re-surfaced but awaiting a land drainage report. AR has

contacted the council's chief engineer and he was not aware of this and has not come back to AR yet.

There are a number of potholes and the road near Holland Arms towards Rhandir has improved. The road between the Holland Arms and the junction with Pen y Bryn, Trofath is due to be resurfaced but not soon as there are worse places.

Concrete will be poured to fill in the gap near the Ty'n Pistyll road.

The salt bin at the bottom of Ty'n Pistyll road has broken and hopefully a replacement will be placed there soon.

AR asked if the councillors are happy for the speed bumps through Llangernyw made of bricks to be removed and tarmac bumps set in their place. Everyone agreed to remove the current ones but there is a lot of noise from them and it was better not to put the tarmac bumps as replacements.

AR mentioned that the Wales National Dog Race is coming to the area for three days in 2025. He asked the Community Council for support in the cost of holding the event. AV suggested an application be made to Cronfa Bro Cernyw.

AR received a phone call from Kevin Roberts who wants to update a house and erect a small extension on the back but is having problems with obtaining permission. AR will be supporting with this and it is within the council's guidelines and it would be a home for a young local person. Everyone agreed that such developments should be encouraged. AR explained that the council's policy at the moment is affordable homes but that councillors had been pressing for local housing and this would come into effect 2025//26 and would hopefully support such instances in the future.

A number of councillors expressed concern about Bwthyn y Wennol whereby a new static caravan has arrived and a new entrance has been opened. AR was asked to look into the site to see if it was registered to look after dogs.

AV enquired what was the latest with the ongoing water problem leading out of Llangernyw towards Abergele. AR said that they are experiencing problems accessing the land due to lack of consent by the landowner.

8 MONITORY MATTERS

8.1 Letter received from Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Dyffryn Conwy asking for a contribution towards the cost of holding the Eisteddfod this year – agreed to contribute £30.

8.2 Still not received footpath payment from County Council despite speaking with them on the phone, a number of emails including AR – AR will chase this up again.

8.3 CWG had been to meet Iona Williams at her office and she has promised to recoup the VAT. It is nearing the end of the financial year therefore needs to be done by the end of March.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Outside Playing Scheme 2024 - decided not to be part of the scheme this year.

9.2 Free portrait of His Majesty the King for Community, Town and City Councils in Wales – decided not to order.

9.3 Peace banner D-Day 80 - decided not to order.

9.4 Inspection Wales – received asking for written notice from members that they have decided not to receive allowance payment and then publish a register of members to present to IRPW.

The following has been forwarded to each councillor on email for information:

9.5 Un Llais Cymru and Planning Support Wales joint event – Thursday 7th March 2024 from 10am until 2:30pm (virtually) – DR to attend.

9.6 Consultation on Transport from Home to School – questionnaire to be completed by 21st March. Encouraged each councillor to complete due to concern that pupils would need to pay to attend a Welsh school if the nearest school to them is English.

9.7 Local Health Conversations 2024

9.8 Noting Historical Assets of Special Local Interest – closing date is 10th May 2024. Decided to put on next month's agenda to discuss again.

9.9 Small Things Meeting – Next event is 19th and 20th March – DR will be attending.

9.10 National Woodlands for Wales – grant of between £10,000 and £40,000 available to plant trees. DR suggested around the all weather pitch but AR is looking into the ownership of the site.

10 BILLS

10.1 Job advertisement in January 2023 Gadlas, invoice dated 01.04.23 - £8

10.2 Bill for translating January minutes Enlli - £95

10.3 Bill for work on Hafodunos footpath by J.K & E. Roberts - £570 (£95 of VAT to be reclaimed)

10.4 Bill for work in Llangernyw cemetery by J.K & E. Roberts - £2235.60 (£372.60 of VAT to be reclaimed) – Health and safety necessary work.

Agreed to pay all of the above.

11 LOCAL MATTERS

MD – had put new locks on the noticeboard. JR to clean the glass.

DR – flower pot retaining water, MD to clear this. Had purchased flowers to put in it.

JR - Merched y Wawr is happy to build insect hotels with the school but waiting to hear from the school about the location.

AV – The trees to be planted in the cemetery will be arriving soon and hoping to have everyone's help to plant these.

12 NEXT MEETING

27th March 2024 at Pandy Tudur

Meeting concluded 9:25pm

Minutes taken by CWG