

**BRO CERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**7:30PM 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**  
**AT BRO CERNYW COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

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

**1.2** Present: Diane Roberts (DR), Einir Williams (EW), Ann Vaughan (AV), Mark Davies (MD) & Gwyn Williams (GW)

**1.3** Apologies: Gwynfor Davies (GD) & R. Emlyn Williams (REW)

**1.4** Absent: Gwydion Jones (GJ) & Garffild Lloyd Lewis (GLL)

Regards to REW following recent treatment.

**2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

AV – 8.1

**3 GUEST – MEL AP OWAIN UN LLAIS CYMRU**

CR welcomed Mel ap Owain from Un Llais to the meeting. He presented the matter of having a new clerk and the duties that would be required to be completed, changes meaning that there is a requirement to have a clerk and new rules to follow. He mentioned advertising and employment terms. Confirmed there is help available.

Mel will prepare and send an email to Councillors with templates and examples to help prepare advertisement.

CR thanked Mel for attending the meeting.

**4 MINUTES TO APPROVE 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022**

Proposed correct by EW and seconded by DR.

**5 MATTERS ARISING**

AV asked for the grant funds for the flowers. EW confirmed payment had been received in the account for this.

EW had not yet had an opportunity to purchase a laptop for the Council.

Foot bridge in Gwytherin, EW had been making further enquiries, it appears that it was a slate there previously. Agreed to place an advert on the Council's website to advertise the work.

AV raised that the no dogs sign placed on the Glan Collen sign looks like it has been just placed there in a hurry. Nobody knew anything about this.

EW reported that the new signs placed in Gwytherin had been taken down. Agreed to ask the Dog Warden to erect new signs there, CR to deal.

AV also raised the matter of the cemetery risk assessment, to be discussed during next meeting when REW is present. MD had seen a folder on the cemetery gate but was not aware of its contents.

**6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

No applications.

**7 FINANCIAL APPLICATIONS**

**7.1** Ysgol Bro Cernyw had asked for a contribution towards a trip to Llangrannog. EW to contact the school to suggest they make an application to Cronfa Bro Cernyw. Application need to be received by next meeting.

**7.2** Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Dyffryn Conwy advising that the Eisteddfod will be held this year. DR proposed contributing £30, AV seconded.

## **8 COUNCIL MATTERS**

**8.1** CR welcomed Non Davies to the meeting via Zoom. CR had not received a response from the company proposing dates for a meeting to discuss the matter. Non Davies disappointed but not surprised that a date for meeting has not been arranged. CR noted that the public has the right to attend Council meetings. Await to hear when Bute will attend a meeting.

MD also noted that Bute Energy is carrying on with other preparatory works but not engaging with the community.

**8.2** Julia Ridlington (JR) attended the meeting as owner of Brook House. CR welcomed JR to the meeting. JR advised she is an architect and had decided to renew the building as a home. CR raised that the matter has been discussed during recent meetings. CR asked why a bat survey has not been carried out, JR advised that she was not aware she needed one. CR asked if anyone lived at the property prior to works commencing. JR confirmed that the previous owner had lived there for 5 years. JR confirmed there was water and electric etc there before she purchased the building. Councillors had opportunity to ask questions. GW advised that the property had been used as gas works for Hafodunos. MD showed examples on the internet. CR advised that the Community Council has until 14th March to give submissions to County Council. He thanked JR for attending meeting.

Discussion between Councillors afterwards, no documents for the property. Nobody has ever paid Council tax for the property however there were electricity bills etc. MD also mentioned that a septic tank had been installed, without permission.

Councillors angry as there are so many local people who have been refused planning permission by the County Council to convert old buildings as homes in the past but this is appearing to be going through.

AV proposed responding straight away, EW seconded. CR to send remarks to County Council.

GW asked if it could be arranged to meet Peter Wood, Conwy's Planning Officer to discuss the application. CR to make enquires.

**8.3** DR had attended a meeting with Un Llais via Zoom when Conwy's Chief Executive Iwan Davies, was guest speaker. Staff and recruitment issues at the Council at the moment. MD & EW advised this is a problem for many industries at the moment. County Council staff still working from home at present and also reported that people have been working together throughout the pandemic. BDO very far behind in their work, Covid-19 being blamed for this. Clerk wages pay scale also discussed and back-paid to April 2021, to be discussed during next meeting.

Discussion about Councillors being paid to attend meetings of Community Council. Councillors had previously agreed that they do not want to receive money as this would incur an increase in the precept. Most of councils in Conwy and Denbighshire still meeting via Zoom, Bro Cernyw Council in the minority meeting in person. DR was thanked for attending on behalf of the Council and providing a report.

## **9 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

None received. Councillors again disappointed.

## **10 BILLS**

**10.1** Enlli: £137.07, agreed to pay.

**10.2** Pentre Wern for clearing the trees, £2,400. Agreed to pay.

## **11 LOCAL MATTERS**

**DR** had received complaints that there are tubs that are untidy near the cemetery. Recent works on the road have been done however some on the pot holes are worse. CR to contact the County Council again regarding the bottom of Tyn Pistyll road.

**EW** hedge near Llangernyw school overgrown. Discussion that the County Council owns this. EW to contact GLL about this.

Fully funded courses for councillors are available on the internet. EW will be attending a course relating to audit and another for Council laws. Had attended a webinar today and will forward details ahead of next meeting.

**AV** had sent forms for CR & DR to complete and send back relating to speeding gun training. Had received complaints about the grass being untidy near Bont Faen following works and asked if workers are coming back to tidy. EW to make enquires with GLL about this also.

Water bubbling up from stream near Ddol Bach, has notified County Council via Report It.

GLL had forwarded English only letter regarding the upcoming election from the County Council, GLL dealing.

## **12 NEXT MEETING**

30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at Gwytherin

Meeting concluded 9:45pm

Minutes taken by Enlli Vaughan