

BRO CERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
7:30PM 4TH MAY 2022
AT PANDY TUDUR VESTRY

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1.1 All were welcomed by Clwyd Roberts (CR)

1.2 Present: Diane Roberts (DR), Ann Vaughan (AV), R. Emlyn Williams (REW), Gwydion Jones (GJ), Gwynfor Davies (GD) & Einir Williams (EW)

1.3 Apologies: Garffild Lloyd Lewis (GLL) & Mark Davies (MD)

1.4 Absent: Gwyn Williams (GW)

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

AV declared an interest before discussing 6.3 below.

3 MINUTES TO APPROVE 30TH MARCH 2022

Proposed correct by REW and seconded by DR.

4 MATTERS ARISING

CR still waiting for a quote from Kevin Roberts.

CR asked if the Council is going to deal with fixing the roof on the old shop in Llangernyw. Councillors in agreement that this is not the Community Council's responsibility and that it would set a precedent. CR to contact the owner to note that the roof needs to be made safe.

REW has not received a quote from Dei Evans to clear the grass.

GJ had been to look at the work near Allt Cefn Coch, water has been stopped.

CR reported that the application regarding Brook House has been rejected by the County Council. CR thanked the councillors who had assisted with this matter.

DR has not received anything from Un Llais regarding the Code of Conduct, DR will ask Mel for this again.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None.

6 COUNCIL MATTERS

6.1 DR had made enquiries with other clerks and had found that Zurich is a popular company for insurance. She had contacted Zurich but had not been able to speak with anyone to discuss.

AV had sent a list of the council's assets in Llangernyw to EW. REW listed the assets in Gwytherin. DR raised that there is a list on the Council's old computer. Following training, EW reminded the council that the assets and their value needed to be listed in the annual report.

Discussed that the assets need to be valued. REW raised that Un Llais should recommend companies who can offer insurance. DR to make enquires in an Un Llais meeting next week. Await communication from the insurance company regarding renewal, EW will forward this to Councillors upon receipt.

6.2 CR had forwarded an email to the Councillors during April advising that a Cartrefi Conwy property in Pandy Tudur is to be sold. DR raised that it would appear that it is only Cartrefi Conwy's list that is considered. EW mentioned that the matter is a cause for concern that another property in the village is being sold so soon after another was sold recently. There

was no mention that costs is a problem this time. DR asked if Cartrefi Conwy can send an advert in case a young person wants to rent. EW proposed asking what is their definition of a local list, worry that Cartrefi Conwy are selling the properties therefore making it harder for young people to rent houses in their locality. AV asked if the house is up to standard regarding the new law for rental properties. DR raised that there needs to be a condition on the sale that the property is not turned into holiday accommodation. GD proposed responding that the council is concerned that selling these houses will destroy rural communities. CR to respond to the email.

6.3 *AV declared an interest and did not take part in this discussion, all were happy for her not to leave the room. EW had contacted the accountant after receiving the wages table from DR (who received from Un Llais), and confirmed that the pay scale needed to be raised from £9.46 to £9.62 since April 2021, discussion that the next pay scale is £9.82. GJ proposed raising the wage to £9.82, REW seconded. Agreed a back pay to Enlli from April 2021 for 52.5 hours on the £9.82 scale, total £18.90. EW to contact the accountant to arrange. EW raised that the matter needs to be discussed next during March 2023's meeting as the pay scale is published in March.

6.4 DR had not received the list from Mel of Un Llais, will ask for it again next week. AV reported that the most recent version is on the Council's website is dated 2016.

EW discussed correspondence from a tree expert that the government is in the process of establishing new communal coppices. Discussed a farm recently sold in south Wales that has been purchased by a large company to plant trees. This is a sensitive matter regarding using land to off-set carbon for large companies.

Following the above, AV had spoken with Woodland Trust following discussions about having trees in the cemetery hedge. She mentioned that an application needs to be made now for the school children to plant trees in November.

6.5 AV asked if the Council wanted to plant flowers in the tubs this year, councillors in agreement. AV to deal.

6.6 Skips continue to come to Llangernyw on a monthly basis. EW to order skips for Pandy Tudur and Gwytherin for the end of May/early June.

DR had prepared an expenditure document for the Council and gave a copy to each councillor, to be discussed during the next meeting. DR was thanked for preparing the document.

7 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

7.1 Report sent on email to Councillors dated 8th April 2022.

All were disappointed that GLL had not attended his last meeting as county councillor. DR proposed sending a letter to thank GLL for his work as a Councillor on behalf of the Community Council. CR to arrange.

8 BILLS

8.1 Enlli: £148.33, agreed to pay.

8.2 Dei Evans , £450, agreed to pay.

8.3 AV £60.86 for flowers discussed at 6.5 above, agreed to pay.

8.4 Accountant for wages work 2021-2022 £120, agreed to pay.

8.5 Dŵr Cymru for Llangernyw cemetery water £13.85, agreed to pay.

CR reported that there was no water coming out of the tap in the cemetery, he had notified Dŵr Cymru but had not heard anything further. CR to make further contact.

9 LOCAL MATTERS

CR welcomed Non Davies to the meeting. Non Davies advised that there is an expectation that Bute Energy will attend a meeting of the Community Council on 25th May 2022. Non Davies wanted to move forward constructively and wanted to keep the balance.

CR explained that Bute Energy isn't on the agenda this evening as he has only just had confirmation from Bute Energy that they will attend the meeting on the 25th May. EW to arrange a translator for the meeting.

REW proposed that the member of parliament needs to meet with the council regarding this matter.

CR on his holidays until 1st June therefore need a vice chair for meetings prior to that date.

AV raised that an annual meeting needs to be held within 14 days of next Monday, before 21st May, decided to hold the meeting 18th May in Gwytherin, EW offered to chair this meeting in CR's absence but was not willing to chair the 25th May meeting. AV proposed inviting the new county councillor to this meeting.

EW will arrange the invite. EW also advised that within 35 days of the general meeting, needs to co-opt 2 new councillors.

GD reminded the councillors that new officials will be elected in the general meeting on 18th May. DR proposed asking Un Llais for guidance in a case of difficulty filling the posts, all in agreement and DR will revert once she had made enquires.

EW proposed keeping the 25th May meeting as it stands, but that there is a risk that a chairperson will not be available.

EW had placed adverts for quotes on the website but no responses had been received. She had contacted ProArb regarding the tree and made enquires with Conwy Council. She will contact the person recommended by them.

Had spoken with GJ recently and they had discussed the possibility of arranging a sub-committee to advertise the clerk role. EW & GJ were happy to arrange, CR also happy to join.

Discussion about potentially asking the clerk for Eglwysbach to undertake the role.

DR Waterloo hill, had contacted the County Council asking why the road is to be closed. AV had also made enquiries with the County Council and had been informed that the road is closed 3rd – 6th May so that assessments of the work can be undertaken then the work itself would be carried out within the 18 months and the road closed whilst the work is done.

DR raised the matter of speeding through Llangernyw. DR had been monitoring the situation in the village and very angry that people are still not taking notice of the 20mph signs. She advised that she had been down near the road many times with a sign asking people to slow down.

Asked again if flashing signs could be installed. Great concern by residents that there are a lot of children in the village and the speeding is a danger to them whilst playing and crossing the road. Reported that the headmistress had written to parents asking them not to collect their children from Glan Collen reminding them of arrangements, but that parents ignore the request.

DR had emailed the school drawing attention to the matter. Asked if the Community Council could write to the school noting that there is an understanding that a letter had been sent to parents. GD proposed that a broader review of children's safety when being collected from school should be undertaken.

GD also advised that someone else had raised the matter with him and that they felt that the reason why parents are collecting children from Glan Collen is that due to the school car park being full. This person had mentioned to GD that they had spoken with Mrs Green asking if a letter had been sent as above, however was informed that no such letter had been

sent. Discussion that perhaps the school needs to review the arrangements for collecting children. He suggested that a meeting between the School, County Council and Community Council should be arranged to discuss the matter to find a solution would be beneficial. EW raised that it would be a good idea for the Council to erect residents only signs in Glan Collen. Need to elect councillors to represent the Community Council on the School Governors meeting.

REW was thanked for taking the election forms to the County Council

AV drew attention to a recent article in the Daily Post regarding online abuse hindering people from trying to become a councillor. DR advised she had also read the article. AV wanted to remind the councillors about a similar situation in Bro Cernyw Community Council in the recent past whereby members of the Council had received nasty communication online from a member of the public. Following that event, AV wanted to note that the content of the article had reminded that councillors should not have to bear any abuse as part of the council and that any such event would be referred to the police.

REW had been to the archives in Conwy to make enquires if they would take the council's documents as discussed in previous meetings. All in agreement for REW to take the items from the cupboard.

Had been on a walking tour along the Pilgrim's Trail recently, a lot of building works in Bryn Hafod without planning permission, shed being erected, outbuildings being renovated and 2 static caravans on site. Had received complaints from members of the public.

GD signs advising of road closure at the bottom of Allt Cefn Coch, Non Davies advised that the signs had initially been placed in the incorrect location however this has been rectified.

Tarmacking work near Wenlli next week.

GD wished the councillors well for the new term.

CR thanked GD, on behalf of the Council, for all his work as a Councillor over the years.

10 NEXT MEETING

Annual meeting 18th May 2022 at Gwytherin Centre

Meeting concluded 10pm

Minutes taken by Enlli Vaughan