

BRO CERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
7:30PM 25TH MAY 2022
AT CANOLFAN BRO CERNYW

Prior to starting the meeting, REW proposed that EW chair, MD seconded.

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

- 1.1** All were welcomed by Einir Williams (EW). She welcomed members of the public who had attended the meeting and explained the Community Council's statutory rules. EW explained that only the 6 members of the public who had asked beforehand to speak for 3 minutes each that would be allowed to speak and that the purpose of the meeting is not a question and answer session. She asked everyone to respect the rules and also each other.
- 1.2** Present: Diane Roberts (DR), R. Emlyn Williams (REW), Ann Vaughan (AV), Mark Davies (MD), Gwydion Jones (GJ) & Myrddin Davies (MGD)
- 1.3** Apologies: Clwyd Roberts (CR) & Austin Roberts (AR)

Dwysan Williams was welcomed as a translator.
Ifor Lloyd, Llanfair TH County Councillor also present.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

AV 3.

3 REPRESENTATION FROM BUTE ENERGY

AV left the meeting.

EW welcomed Bute Energy representatives - Gemma Hamilton, Naomi Williams and Dafydd Williams, to the meeting.

Gemma Hamilton thanked for the opportunity to attend the meeting. She discussed the development intention and processes involved with wind farms. She explained that a feasibility study is in progress at the moment and that the next stage would be an environmental impact assessment. She advised that a website would be published where all documents would be made available and that public sessions would be held. She discussed that further studies and surveys would be carried out prior to a formal application is submitted.

Gemma Hamilton acknowledged that correspondence had been received from members of the public asking for detailed information about the project but explained that the firm information is not yet available. She explained that Bute Energy is collating as much data as possible at the moment and that they will invest in projects in other communities as part of the more extensive projects they are involved with. She discussed that a project in South Wales is available to see on Bute Energy's website at the moment.

EW invited the 6 members of the public (Non Davies, Julia Parry, Clive Goodridge, Karen Barham, Kim Southerland & Seth Jones) who had asked beforehand to speak.

Seth Jones asked before speaking if he could ask questions to Bute Energy representatives. EW reiterated that it was not a question and answer session and advised that questions can be sent on email and that these would be forwarded to Bute Energy for a response.

EW asked if the councillors had questions for the representatives.

DR asked how Bute Energy had given the impression to Darren Millar that a consultation had been done through Un Llais in July 2021. Gemma Hamilton reported that Bute Energy had been in contact with Darren Millar.

MD asked how Bute Energy had found the site.

Gemma Hamilton confirmed that the Government does not pay private companies. It is first come first served for developers.

EW raised a matter that had been raised with her that Bute Energy board members have close connections with the Welsh Government.

MD asked if Bute Energy have any completed developments, Gemma Hamilton explained that the company was established in 2018 and that no site was yet complete.

MGD thanked the representatives for explaining the consultation process and asked about the development's social value. Gemma Hamilton explained that the impact of turbines on the surrounding environment need to be understood and that a full consultation would take place. The onus is on the developers to bring a project that has been fully assessed.

DR asked why the turbines needed to be so big. Gemma Hamilton advised that they are not going to be 250m and suggested that the information may have been seen in Future Wales. During assessment, it would need to be investigated what would be suitable in the area. She said that the turbines would not be 250m.

Non Davies said before she left the meeting that Stuart George of Bute Energy had told her that the turbines will be 250m.

DR noted that she feels that putting the turbines up is unfair. She said that there is no way of spending the money from the Moelogan turbines.

Gemma Hamilton advised that a community social group could be established and newsletters can be prepared.

EW reiterated that the Community Council is happy to receive questions by members of the public to send on to Bute Energy for response.

EW thanked Bute Energy representatives and members of the public for attending the meeting.

Bute Energy representatives and most of the members of the public left the meeting.

AV re-joined the meeting.

4 MINUTES TO APPROVE 18TH MAY 2022

DR noted that the full duties needs to be included, EW proposed that they are appended to the minutes.

Proposed correct by REW and seconded by MD.

5 MATTERS ARISING

DR noted that speeding is not on the agenda. EW reminded that AR had promised to speak with Conwy's highways department and had received a response today that the cost of the signs would be the responsibility of the Community Council and that they would cost around £3,000 each, around £800 to erect and around £1,000 for electricity connection. Advice is available from the County Council and they would be responsible for maintenance. EW felt strongly to press ahead with these due to the number of complaints that are received. MD said that this is not a large cost if it were to save a life. AV asked if a remark had been made

about solar lights, EW confirmed no response had come back regarding this. To be discussed during next meeting. All in agreement to press ahead with this.

EW acknowledged that new members need to be co-opted as councillors, will report back during next meeting following discussion with the County Council.

DR had not received a response from the County Council regarding painting 20mph on the road nor about the correspondence she had sent regarding the Waterloo road. Will email again and copy AR into the email.

EW advised that everything AR had promised to do during the last meeting has been done. AV had been planting flowers today and confirmed that the pavement near Fedwen Arian is not useable. MD also said that the matter needs attention.

REW advised that the car that had been left near Plas Matw was still there on Sunday. REW has not heard back from the authorities.

DR noted that the tap still isn't working in the cemetery, she will follow this up with Welsh Water.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL AND ROAD MATTERS

- 6.1** Nothing had come to hand. EW advised that the matters had been discussed during the last meeting.

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 7.1** 0/49641: DR reported that parking had been a problem. The application is to make the site safer. MD noted that the landowner is not the one making the application. Discussion about the matter; this is a matter for the planning department. No objection.

8 COUNCIL MATTERS

- 8.1** Co-opting – not had an opportunity to make enquires since the last meeting. MGD was welcomed warmly to the meeting by EW and she apologised that she had not done so earlier, but that the meeting had not been a normal one. She asked if MGD was happy to take on the role of paying invoices, he confirmed that he was happy to do so.
- 8.2** Insurance – DR had received a form to complete to obtain a quote. Assets needed to be appraised. AV asked if the item's cost is on the current insurance schedule, EW reported that she had not seen a list or prices on the documents. EW reminded that items had been added around two years ago. Betws yn Rhos had used the County Council's risk assessment for this purpose. EW will look through the form and report back at next meeting. REW noted that the insurance needs to be renewed before the next meeting, DR advised that the insurance company is late sending out renewal invitations. MD asked how much more the premium is compared to last year, EW noted that there is an increase of around £40. MD proposed renewing with the current provider as there is time is short to obtain a quote from another company. REW seconded this. EW will ask for the corporate risk policy anyway in case this can obtain a reduction in the premium this year.

9 MONITORY MATTERS

- 9.1** No matters.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1** Quote from Dei Evans to collect the cut grass in the cemeteries, the cost would double. The quote indicates that time is rare this year to do this. Item to be discussed during the next meeting if cutting more often or collect the grass is the best option. Discussion that the growing season changes month to month.

10.2 EW raised that one member of the public had been sending a lot of emails to the council's mailbox, and that the volume of the emails received last Sunday had been to such an extent that EW had considered resigning. The correspondence had been pointing out mistakes that had happened during the last meeting. EW apologised that she had not chaired this meeting for a while but that she is trying her best. EW said that she will need to take a step back from Community Council duties as she is helping to arrange Gwytherin Show. She advised that emails will not be responded to the extent which she has been dealing with them recently going forward.

REW reported that a clerk needs to be appointed and people need to take into account that the pandemic has affected the Community Council's work.

A job advertisement needs to be made with an attractive package. MGD asked if a template is available to help. DR advised that guidance is available from Un Llais and that an advert was placed in the Gadlas recently for Betws yn Rhos Council. EW, GJ & MGD offered to take this one, all in agreement.

11 BILLS

11.1 Dei Evans for cutting grass £450, all in agreement to pay.

12 LOCAL MATTERS

DR raised the matter of the water tap in the cemetery, as above will contact Dŵr Cymru.

MGD noted that the road going past Y Graig will be closed for resurfacing work starting tomorrow.

AV had been to the cemetery yesterday and had spoken with Gwenda Cooper who had advised that there are dangerous branches hitting people as they walk underneath them, and that this is worse when it has rained. Need to cut the branches as soon as possible. EW proposed to cut the branches straight away due to safety concerns, all in agreement. AV, REW & MD had made arrangements for cemetery sub-committee.

13 NEXT MEETING

29th June 2022 at Gwytherin

Meeting concluded 9:20pm

Minutes taken by Enlli Vaughan