

BRO CERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
7:30PM 29TH JUNE 2022
AT GWYTHERIN COMMUNITY CENTRE

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), Mark Davies (MD), Jên Roberts (JR) & Austin Roberts (AR)

1.3 Apologies: Gwydion Jones (GJ) & Myrddin Davies (MGD)

CR welcomed Austin Roberts as a new county councillor. He also thanked everyone and EW for chairing the last two meetings.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

EW – 8.1

3 MINUTES TO APPROVE 25TH MAY 2022

AV declared an interest whilst the minutes were discussed.

Minutes proposed correct by EW following corrections and seconded by MD.

4 MATTERS ARISING

REW asked if there was a development with the water tap in cemetery. CR advised that the tap had been changed but there was still no water coming through. CR will follow the matter up again.

AV – advised that EW had received correspondence prior to last meeting but that there had not been a discussion about it.

EW advised that a lot of her time is taken responding to Council emails. Since the last meeting the volume of emails has dropped. CR advised if this matter is a burden that she should say and that other councillors will help.

REW noted for information that the car near Plas Matw is still there. EW advised that the police are aware of the matter. AR proposed contacting with the regulatory department of the Council.

REW asked if there was an update with the insurance. EW confirmed that the insurance had been renewed since last meeting. CR asked if the company wanted a list of assets, EW confirmed that the assets had been added recently.

AV asked if information had been received regarding solar lights.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 0/49731 – DR reported that the application had been refused today due to it being within 400m of a protected building. EW felt that the application should be approved as the purpose of the application is to make improvements to the farm and proposed responding to the application to advise that the Council is supportive, all in agreement. AR offered to visit Elwy Williams as he is on the County Council's planning committee.

6 COUNCIL MATTERS

6.1 Insurance has been renewed as above.

- 6.2** CR had received a message from Iwan Williams to advise that a house in Pandy Tudur is going on the market. Message emphasising that there are strict local conditions for the purchaser.
- 6.3** List had been discussed during annual general meeting 18th May 2022. List to be annexed to the minutes.
- 6.4** CR reminded that a code of conduct course will be held on zoom on 4/5 July 2022.
- 6.5** EW reported that no further correspondence has been received regarding the community woodland following recent email. Darren Millar had also sent an email hoping to stop companies purchasing land to plant trees on fertile agricultural land.
- 6.6** CR confirmed that one councillor needs to be co-opted as JR had now joined the Community Council. CR had placed advertisements prior to going on holiday recently. EW reported that MGD has someone in mind, will ask him for an update about this.
- 6.7** CR thanked AV, REW & MD for visiting the four cemeteries to prepare the risk assessment recently. EW proposed calling the document risk report. REW proposed actioning the points raised as the need arises.
- Llangernyw Cemetery: AV advised that the dangerous branches in Llangernyw cemetery have been cut by REW and he was thanked for doing this.
- AV proposed that the hand rail needs to be painted in the cemetery in Llangernyw. MD offered to paint this himself, all in agreement.
- Grass over growing in the cemetery, JR proposed sowing wild flower seeds for next year. To be discussed during February 2023.
- CR will put the no dog signs up. CR asked about the signs that had been put up in Gwytherin, REW confirmed that they have disappeared.
- DR had received a request to place a bench in a site where there would not be a need to walk over the grass to reach it, they had offered to pay for the bench and associated costs of installing the bench. REW advised that a discussion had been had about this and a suitable site had been found. All in agreement for DR to go back to the person and report back during next meeting. REW also raised that a new rule needs to be established whereby whomever purchases and installs the bench be responsible for maintaining, and any other new benches.
- A large branch that had come down needs attention before winter. Need to cut the whole tree down. AV asked if permission needed to be sought to cut the tree. REW felt that a professional needed to undertake this work. Discussion about planning rules and if there is a health and safety concern, it needs to be cut immediately. CR will contact Rhys Jones about this. The wooden hut needs to be demolished and cleared. Kevin Roberts to be asked about this work.
- Garnedd Cemetery: two stones had split, MD showed photographs to Councillors.
- Gwytherin Church Cemetery: discussion about stones that had broken and are sharp, REW & MD felt these to be dangerous and needs to be removed.
- MD raised that the hedge also needs to be cut. All in agreement to ask Kevin Roberts for a quote to carry out this work in Gwytherin.
- Also raised the matter of grass growing around a bench in Gwytherin, this has sine been cut.
- Seilo Gwytherin Cemetery: chest had broken and needed urgent attention. Stones that have veered, these not deemed dangerous. Kevin Roberts to be asked to provide a quote for this work also, REW offered to meet him to show the work.
- MD asked if the bus stop in Gwytherin is on the insurance, EW confirmed that this is now on the insurance.
- 6.8** Information had been received by last meeting about the flashing lights from County Council. AR reported that the cost of installing the lights would the Community Council's

responsibility. AR had not received information about solar lights. AV proposed going back to the County Council to ask for information for companies to be able to make further enquires. Highways department's permission needs to be sought prior to installation. JR raised that 30mph will be reduced to 20mph in 2023. DR had ordered a speed gun.

DR raised the matter of tractors speeding through the village. AR raised that the County Council needs to come out to assess suitable locations.

6.9 Discussion about the cost of cutting grass. To be discussed again February/March 2023. DR asked if the County Council would cut the grass and Community Council pay them. AR reported that they had received similar complaints in Eglwysbach that the County Council is not collecting the grass either. REW reminded that the Community Council does put a tender out each year. AR proposed asking the ones that cut the grass in Eglwysbach whether they would be interested in the work on behalf of the Community Council.

6.10 EW advised that she, GJ & MGD have not met yet. CR asked if the Eglwysbach clerk would be interested. AR to ask the clerk, all in agreement for him to do so.

6.11 EW had undertaken the work to complete the annual report. DR and the accountant had assisted with the work. CR & EW signed the report in front of the councillors. EW to arrange to present the report electronically and will also send a copy in the post.

6.12 DR reported that the most recent Un Llais meeting discussed planning applications in the event of a dispute. Councils need to have a training plan in place by November 2023. EW noted that the courses need to be advertised beforehand. Need to prepare an annual financial report including information that is not yet announced by the Welsh Government. DR reported the matter of speeding and that Go-Safe needs to be contacted about this. Police and Crime Commissioner speaking on Zoom next Wednesday.

7 MONITORY MATTERS

7.1 No matter to hand.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 EW left meeting. Email from Shared Rural Network advising they are intending on erecting a pole for 4G connectivity in Gwytherin, the matter will be going through planning department.

8.2 EW re-joined the meeting. CR had sent an email regarding Statutory Guidance for Community and Town Councils. No remarks.

9 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

AR reported that the pot hole near Hendre Fawr had been fixed, more works will be carried out over the next 3 months.

Had received a complaint that the work near the Old Vicarage had been completed. AR reported that a further application will be made to the Welsh Government to complete the work.

Tŷ Mawr Gell – long standing parking issue. Had met with highways department, fence will be erected once planning application for parking site has gone through.

Had met with Mrs Green, headmistress of Bro Cernyw School to introduce himself. AR had noticed the prizes from Eisteddfod yr Urdd and congratulated the school on their success.

Had been with DR to see the parking problem nearby the school. AR proposed, if the Community Council are proceeding with the flashing lights, he would ask Dylan Jones of Conwy Council if he would come out to assess the situation.

AR had kept to his promise prior to the election, he had been to the coffee morning in the Church in Llangernyw twice and had met the vicar and members that attend. AR had proposed that the church advertise the mornings and is happy to attend.

AR reported that planning applications and lists that haven't had permission are received weekly. It appears that there is an established holiday let at Wern Bach, Llangernyw without planning permission. They need to submit a retrospective application.

EW thanked AR for doing everything he had promised to do at the 18th May meeting. AV acknowledged that the people who attend the coffee mornings are glad that AR is attending. Councillors did not have questions for AR.

10 BILLS

10.1 Enlli - £346.57, agreed to pay.

10.2 Dei Evans – cut grass in cemeteries £450, agreed to pay.

10.3 Canolfan Gymuned Bro Cernyw, hire £47. Already paid.

10.4 Cyfieithu Cymunedol for 25th May's meeting - £150, agreed to pay. Reiterated praise for the service.

11 LOCAL MATTERS

REW noted that the pub is going to be opening in Gwytherin every weekend and Wednesday evenings. Only drinks at the moment but the intention is to serve food in future.

Had discussed raising prices for burials during cemeteries meeting, REW will report back during next meeting to discuss.

REW also raised that it is a tradition to take a photo of the Community Council, all in agreement to do this.

DR had raised the bench in the cemetery above. Had received for a Wendy house in the park, the park is owned by the County Council. The bus stop in Pentre, Llangernyw is in a poor state.

Had received a complaints about sheep escaping to Fedwen Arian. JR also raised that there are complaints about the sheep. CR to contact the owner.

DR reported that the pavement has been swept near Fedwen Arian.

AV need to cut overgrowth around road signs. Will use Report It to notify County Council. Road sign poles need paint, will advise County Council of this also via Report It.

JR had received a complaint that the public footpath from Groes towards Bont Faen had closed, CR advised that this has been closed for some time following flood.

Non Davies had sent two emails to the Council to thank EW for chairing the meeting and to the translator for her work during the meeting on 25th May 2022.

12 NEXT MEETING

27th July 2022 at Pandy Tudur

Meeting concluded 9:50pm

Minutes taken by Enlli Vaughan