

BRO CERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
7:30PM 28TH SEPTEMBER 2022
HELD IN LLANGERNYW

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1.1 All were welcomed by Clwyd Roberts (CR)

1.2 Present: R. Emlyn Williams (REW), Ann Vaughan (AV), Mark Davies (MD), Myrddin Davies (MGD), Diane Roberts (DR), Austin Roberts (AR) & Gwydion Jones (GJ)

1.3 Apologies: Jane Roberts (JR) & Einir Williams (EW)

Member of the public (Non Davies) present.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declaration.

3 MINUTES TO APPROVE 27TH JULY 2022

Proposed correct by REW and seconded by MD.

4 MATTERS ARISING

DR noted that Stalif will no longer be used and future training will be on Zoom.

AR had not heard further from Emyr Rowlands regarding flashing lights. Reported that these matters take time, AR will contact Emyr Rowlands for an update.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 DC/0/49971 DR had been unable to open the documents. AR noted this is a retrospective application. CR will ask for an extension due to the number of documents. DR had asked Peter Wood why tax hasn't been paid on the property, the answer was that perhaps it had fallen through the cracks. CR advised that there were new documents for this application. DR had also mentioned Peter Wood that it would be an idea for him to make enquires with North Wales Police regarding the building. MGD mentioned that the owner is publicly asking for materials such as tiles etc. AR noted that usually 9 out of 10 retrospective applications are granted and that it was important for the Community Council to give firm reasoning for objecting the application. REW proposed responding that the facts are incorrect. AR said that there is a need to prove that the building has not been used for the purpose it had been built. MGD mentioned that the application states that the main purpose of the building was a dwelling but that the electricity was on a business account. No record of water bills. All in agreement to object to the application. CR to prepare a letter in response and send to DR before sending to County Council.

5.2 DC/0/49956 DR had also been unable to open these documents. No objection, advantage to the area, approve.

5.3 DC/0/49947 Thorough application. Listed building. No objection, approve.

5.4 DC/0/49929 Application already passed. AV mentioned that JR had been to see the house. No remarks.

6 COUNCIL MATTERS

6.1 CR had received a note from EW regarding publishing what the 6 members of the public had sent in. DR had asked Un Llais and reported that they need to be inserted into the minutes, not as appendix. EW had received 4 out of 6.

Non Davies noted that the minutes need to be balanced and record what the members of the public had said. Non Davies also said that the emails sent to the Council had not been published either.

DR had asked Un Llais whether such emails could be responded to as EW had mentioned however they require individual responses.

Non Davies gave update, Gemma Hamilton no longer works with Bute Energy and there is an intention for solar and battery storage. Future Wales Project, no guidance to go with the policy. Two sites in Powys have progressed further. Cymdeithas Cadwraeth Berfeddwlad has been established.

- 6.2** Training Plan needs to be in place by 5th November and an annual declaration needs to be on the website. No guidance available. Will ask Mel at Un Llais what is expected. Code of Conduct – if a case comes before the Council with the ombudsman and councillors have not followed the code, it would reflect badly on the council therefore expectation to attend courses.

MGD asked if each and every course needs to be attended or only the ones relevant to the Council. Plan needs to reflect what the Council is intending to do. DR will send the training plan on to Councillors.

MD enquired if the attendance fee can be reimbursed, some courses are free but some are chargeable. To be discussed during next meeting.

- 6.3** AR had received complaints from Peter Malethan regarding dog fouling in Gwytherin. AR had looked into the matter, County Council no longer provides new dog bins due to budget cuts – cost of supplying and emptying. Some services are not statutory such as dog bins. If the Community Council pay for bins, the County Council would not empty them. There are 2 general waste bins in Gwytherin, County Council say that these are to be utilised instead of dog bins.

Dog bin has disappeared from Glan Collen. AR suggested contacting ERF for a new replacement bin.

- 6.4** AV had ordered trees from Woodland Trust, should arrive October/early November. Had contacted Ysgol Bro Cernyw mentioning that the trees are on the way and asked if the children would like to help or order their own pack. REW thanked AV for arranging. Offer to local societies to help plant the trees.

Growth in the Rock Garden has been cut.

7 MONITORY MATTERS

- 7.1** DR raised that a lot of information needs to be collated into the budget and reasoning for the figures. DR will prepare the second quarter financial report by the next meeting, to go on the agenda.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1** MGD happy to attend the school governors' meetings on behalf of the Community Council.

- 8.2** Correspondence received regarding Bryn Castell, under investigation by Conwy Council.

9 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Bryn Castell under investigation by Conwy's planning department. REW had raised this matter previously.

Car has gone.

Retrospective application at Wern Bach regarding holiday accommodation, did not foresee a problem with the application. Decision being made by the planning committee if the planning officer does not object to the application.

Application at Bodrach, had received permission but wants to change the motor to a bigger one in the turbine. This will come back again to the Community Council.

The road in Pandy from Coetmor towards the cemetery – work commencing on 10th October, likely to take around a week to complete.

A548 closed due to cross drain work being done near Ddol Bach. AR had enquired if it was possible to put the road under traffic light management. Had impressed on the County Council to finish the work as soon as possible so that the road can be re-opened with lights but had not received a firm promise but hopefully this will be within two weeks' time.

Had received complaints of trees either side of the Hafodunos path, Conwy Council have advised that if the path is clear the Council does not have authority to clear the trees. Had received assurance from the owner that more trees will be cut at the start of the new year and that all trees would be cleared then.

Hall and School House Gwytherin, unable to rent out due to condition of house. Had contacted assets department in Conwy, information about condition had been sent to AR, surveyor's report states that £200,000 needs to be spent on the building. The Hall still pays council tax on the house. Had requested the tax account number and will ask if there is making the property exempt as it is a Conwy County Council building. Will arrange a meeting with the County Council to see how they can assist the Hall.

Path no 50 near the river, had made enquires regarding this. Had received assurance that the work will be done in the Winter, maybe at the beginning of the new year. AR will chase this matter.

AR had asked Delyth, Eglwysbach's clerk if she would have an interest in undertaking the work. No response received therefore presuming that she is not interested.

Allotments – had attended a meeting at the Church and a member of the public had asked if there could be allotments in Llangernyw. There is land behind the school, AR had made enquires with the County Council however was not hopeful as this is on the school's land, would need to go through DBS. There is a possibility that the allotments could be allocated to people outside of the locality. AR did not believe that this would go further. AR will ask the education department what is their intention with the land.

DR had also made enquires if animals could graze the land, AR confirmed that there is no permission for this.

REW reported that the bus stop is still a problem.

10 BILLS

10.1 Enlli – £168.15, agreed to pay.

10.2 Dei Evans – cutting grass August and September = £400, total £850, agreed to pay. DR advised that there is high praise for the tidy work done.

10.3 Dŵr Cymru – Llangernyw cemetery £13.01, agreed to pay.

10.4 Gwytherin skip 24th July - £288, agreed to pay. No skip had been seen at Pandy Tudur, EW making enquires with County Council.

10.5 Wil Edwards for tidying the rock garden - £30, agreed to pay. High praise for the tidy work. AV to arrange a card to thank Wil for his work.

10.6 Paint for the handrail in the cemetery - £40.28, agreed to pay.

10.7 Plants for flower pots - £67.27, agreed to pay.

11 LOCAL MATTERS

REW had collected declaration of interest forms from the cupboard. Requested a copy of the key to the cupboard as Eifion has to be present to borrow the key. All in agreement for REW to request a new key.

Correspondence in the cupboard since 2014 regarding Gwytherin bus stop.

Stones removed from earth when digging graves are being put near the hedge and need to be moved. Will ask Kevin Roberts to move the stones.

AV reported that JR had mentioned that one door of the advert board does not open. CR will ask Elwen Owen if she has a key for it.

DR asked if there is a glamping site in Gwytherin, asked if permission is required. MGD raised that there is an exemption for up to 60 days without permission

Asked if Tan y Ffordd is known as another name. She had seen the property on a website. Had asked Conwy if an extension had been carried out and had received reply that there was no information about Tan y Ffordd. CR to look into the grid reference and pass on to DR.

Speeding down the hill from Llansannan towards Gwytherin.

CR had received *Business Register and Employment Survey* through the post. Request for a Welsh version had been made.

Had attempted to contact Sera Thomas but had not heard from her.

12 NEXT MEETING

26th October 2022 at Gwytherin

Meeting concluded 9:25pm

Minutes taken by Enlli Vaughan