

BRO CERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
7:30PM 26TH OCTOBER 2022
HELD IN GWYTHERIN

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1.1 All were welcomed by Clwyd Roberts (CR)

Present: R. Emlyn Williams (REW), Ann Vaughan (AV), Myrddin Davies (MGD), Diane Roberts (DR), Jane Roberts (JR), Eimir Williams (EW) & Austin Roberts (AR) & Mark Davies (MD)

1.2 Apologies: Gwydion Jones (GJ)

CR not heard from Sara Thomas.

2 members of the public present.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declaration.

3 MINUTES TO APPROVE 28TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Proposed correct by AV and seconded by MGD following corrections.

4 MATTERS ARISING

DR asked if there was an update regarding the flashing lights, CR had not heard further from the County Council.

AV asked about the training plan and that a code of conduct session is being held tomorrow. DR reported that more sessions would be held soon and that there is an expectation that each councillor attends the code of conduct course. EW asked if a training plan needed to include which courses are being attended, also raised that it would be a good idea to list the courses councillors have attended recently. List of courses need to be on the website by 10th November. DR had asked for a template and reported that there is a need for each council to have its own annual report. DR had a copy of another's council's report for information. Discussed that this could be used and adapted to create one for Bro Cernyw Council. Draft copy of plan received also. DR had gleaned that it was possible to put the clerk role vacancy advert on Un Llais website and that it would stay there until position filled. Need to have a broader campaign to advertise the role.

She reported that many other councils are in the same position struggling to fill the clerk role. The requirements are vast for the role.

AR raised that clerk had undertaken the role of a number of community councils however had cut down due to the workload. The audit process has changed and the requirements are intense.

AV had received confirmation that the Woodland Trust trees are on their way.

AV asked what had happened to the skip in Pandy Tudur. EW had confirmation that 180kg of recycling had been collected on 26th July 2022.

EW gave an update regarding dog fouling following a local discussion over the past week. Suggestion from a member of the public that the Community Council funds a new dog bag dispenser in the villages. Matter to be discussed during next meeting.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 0/50081 DR noted that the County Council is in favour of the application. She also raised on this application that the Stag Yard planning application had been approved. AR confirmed that the application had been passed however had not been through the Planning Committee. Someone local has written to lodge a formal complaint to the County Council and Assembly Members in Cardiff about this and ask the Welsh Government to investigate. DR raised that a lot of local applications by local residents are rejected and that it would be suitable for the Community Council to enquire further about this. To be discussed during next meeting. EW reported that the Council should be fully supportive of this application as it is a local family returning to their roots to live.

MD arrived at meeting

Positive remarks from the councillors, all in agreement to approve the application.

5.2 0/50010 EW raised that a number of retrospective applications had been received in the past and that the Council had been supportive. The work has been done and it is a local business. Approve, no remarks.

5.3 0/50053 AR reported that this application had already been approved. No remarks.

6 COUNCIL MATTERS

6.1 DR had received a certificate following attending the code of conduct course recently. JR, AV & EW had not received a certificate yet. Discussion that confirmation is needed that councillors attend courses.

Need to create a list of the courses that is relevant to the Community Council.

6.2 25^{ain} Mai 2022 meeting minutes to be changed to include 5 out of the 6 declaration that have now been received from the members of the public (6th hasn't been received by the Council). DR offered to type these and send them to be included on the website. DR to deal.

7 MONITORY MATTERS

7.1 DR discussed the figures in the report she had prepared. No remark or question, DR was thanked for her work in preparing the report. DR raised that there is praise that the cemetery is very tidy following recent cuttings.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 CR had received correspondence regarding the advertising board, Elwen Owen remembered that the key had been given to someone dealing with Sir Henry Jones Museum some years ago. MD will undertake the work of opening the door. MD was also thanked for his work with the hand rail in the cemetery.

9 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- Wall at the Stag Yard had collapsed, AR had contacted Building Control to enquire if they had contacted the owner. Council had put safety measures in place and given the owner a timeline to respond. Owner had requested an extension to make enquires. Council had agreed to give an additional week. Owner is paying for the lights.
- The windmill at Bodrach application had been passed.
- Merddyn phone mast had been withdrawn due to there not being a plan to cover up the mast with trees etc in place.
- New traffic control in the next few days – Tai road to allow Dŵr Cymru to fix pipe between 2nd -4th November and Hendre Fawr road to allow to erect poles between 7th – 9th November.

- Had contacted Dylan Jones to enquire about the flashing lights, had not received reply to email.
 - Hall and school house Gwytherin – had spoken with Haf Jones at the County Council, concentrating on making improvements to the hall building. Funds available for the work. Had arranged a meeting with the hall's committee to discuss further tomorrow. Had a conversation with the head of the regulation department at County Council to ask if it was possible to stop the tax as it is vacant. AR had spoken with the finance direct and been given an assurance that the matter would be discussed with the tax department.
 - Special meeting tomorrow to appoint a new chief executive. 3 internal candidates but only 2 will go before the full committee - Rhun ap Gareth and Jenny Williams.
 - AR had attended the recent duck race in Gwytherin and had thoroughly enjoyed the day.
 - Pandy road is now like a motorway! Road will be marked soon. GJ had mentioned to CR that there is damage on the bridge, CR will ask GJ to email AR regarding this.
 - EW had been in Llangernyw on the day the wall collapsed at Stag Yard and that County Council officials were there quickly. AR advised that this was an urgent health and safety issue therefore acted immediately.
 - REW asked AR if anyone had mentioned that a car had been left on the side of the road towards Nebo. REW had contacted the police. AR will make enquiries.
- AR was thanked for his work and for his report.

10 BILLS

- 10.1** Enlli – had not received a payslip from the accountant yet, will forward to Councillors upon receipt. Agreed to authorise a payment once the accountant had prepared the payslip and record the amount during next meeting.
- 10.2** Un Llais had emailed reminding that the membership fee due on 1st September but nobody recalled seeing this. £175, agreed to pay.
- 10.3** Dei Evans, cutting grass - £220. Had made an error on the last invoice therefore £50 additional on this invoice. Agreed to pay.
AV enquired if Dei Evans was going to cut the brambles in the cemetery in Gwytherin, REW confirmed that Dei Evans had not done this and would need to ask for a price for the additional work, REW to make enquires.
- 10.4** Pwyllgor Cymdeithasol Pandy Tudur for hiring the vestry – £40, agreed to pay.
- 10.5** Pandy Tudur skip 26/7/22 - £288, agreed to pay.
- 10.6** DR reminded the Council that no invoice or report had been received from BDO.

11 LOCAL MATTERS

REW raised that the phone box in Gwytherin needs to be repainted. DR asked if this work could be left until Spring. REW will make enquires about prices. CR asked about the kiosk in Llangernyw, still in Community Council's ownership.

AV mentioned the wild flower area in the cemetery, had heard from Iwan Edwards who has advised to leave the site as it is until July and a study would be made then. All in agreement. Warm hub being established at the Church in Llangernyw in view of the rising energy costs, this is an extension on the coffee and chat on Tuesday mornings and soup will be available afterwards. Winter Fuel Support Scheme – additional £200 available towards energy costs

if anyone is on benefits. To be placed in the advertisement boards in the villages and on the website.

Had found a photograph of councillors from 2007/08.

Morrisons are giving free meals for those struggling at the moment between 26th October – 6th November.

MD had received complaints that a gate had been placed on the foot stile into the field at Bont Faen towards Tyn y Caeau. Foot stile needs to be fixed.

Dog fouling bin had disappeared from Glan Collen, AR had advised during last meeting that the County Council replaces bins, this was confirmed. CR will pass both these matters to AR.

DR advised that someone had been throwing eggs on the walls in the bus stop in Llangernyw. The Bridge building had also been affected. MD reported that children had been caught on the School's roof recently. MGD proposed raising the matter during the next school governors' meeting, all in agreement. MGD will also ask if there are safety lights on the building.

Bricks under the handrail leading out of the school extension are dangerous. Asked to remove the two bricks, CR will ask the ganolfan's committee.

MGD noted that there had been an accident on Saturday morning, a car on its roof on the road leading out of Llangernyw towards Llanfair TH. Asked if there was something the Community Council could do to help due to the number of accidents. EW suggested mentioning this to AR. CR to arrange.

EW had attended a Local Action Group (LAG) Conwy meeting representing agriculture recently, Conwy Council are opening the library for extended hours every day as warm hub. On Wednesday mornings there is a slot offering tea and snacks for residents. Also mentioned that litter picking equipment is available from the County Council. JR confirmed that the community already has some, she mentioned that it is available to everyone to borrow and that Merched y Wawr occasionally arrange litter picking sessions.

12 NEXT MEETING

23th November 2022 in Pandy Tudur

Meeting concluded 9:05pm

Minutes taken by Enlli Vaughan