

## **BRO CERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7:30PM**

**HELD IN LLANGERNYW**

### **1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

**1.1** All were welcomed by Clwyd Roberts (CR)

**1.2** Present: Einir Williams (EW), Jane Roberts (JR), Ann Vaughan (AV), Myrddin Davies (MGD), Diane Roberts (DR), Sara Thomas (ST), John Harris (JH), Austin Roberts (AR) & Catrin Griffiths (Clerk, CWG)

**1.3** Apologies: Gwydion Jones (GJ), Euros Williams (EUW)

CR especially welcomed John Harris as a new councillor and said that he hoped that he would be happy amongst us.

### **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No declaration.

### **3. OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup> 2024 MINUTES TO APPROVE**

Proposed correct by ST and seconded by JR.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

**4.1** DR said that she had read Un Llais' response (item 9.10) in the last minutes that noted that 62% of council seats are uncontested and 16% empty. There are a number of requirements adopted by the County Council and there is no hope to attract others like this. AR added that there is more pressure on town and community councils now therefore harder to attract and keep councillors.

**4.2** MGD proposed that we should reclaim VAT ourselves as we have not had a historical backdated payment through the accountant. Decided that CWG should contact Pentrefoelas community council's clerk to find out how they go about this. Also, all agreed to purchase Absolute Accounting software if that is what is needed.

**4.3** AV asked if there is any update about the old shop and AR answered that he is still waiting to hear from the building regulation department.

**4.4** AV said that the first session to re-start the Gardening Club had been a successful evening with 27 members of the public in attendance. She asked if an entry fee should be charged from now on? CR said it was best not to for now and JR agreed. CWG confirmed that the Gardening Club would be held on the second Thursday of every month from now on therefore the next is on 12<sup>th</sup> December. Mr Dave Rimmer has agreed to be a guest speaker to talk about 'making and using organic compost'. JR & DR agreed to make the refreshments (tea & coffee) next time and AV said she would sort the raffle.

**4.5** EW gave an update about clearing the footpath. John Kevin and Euros had cleared it before Aled Hughes came to walk the path. There is still a lot of work to be done but everyone was thankful to them.

## **5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **5.1 0/52073 Cwm Ucha, Gwytherin LL22 8YF**

Councillors are concerned about its final use and if it is for private use only.

## **6. COUNCIL MATTERS**

**6.1** 2025 Meeting dates – all approved.

**6.2** Financial Rules Model – had been discussed before the meeting but there is still work to be done before these can be approved.

Decided to review again before the next meeting.

**6.3** Rural Digital Connectivity - AR said that Menter Môn is holding sessions about this and the public is welcome to contact them.

## **7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

**7.1** CCTV – Gwenda Vaughan had contacted to advise of vandalism and that the Ganolfan Committee had discussed CCTV. AR had spoken with the head of the education department who has referred him to the County Council's regulation department. They said it is possible to install but need to consult with the police. Also, they would be able to contribute money towards the cost. AR will speak further with Gwenda Vaughan and it appears that the school doesn't have a problem with installing CCTV.

**7.2** Brambles in Glan Collen - the County Council have said that they will cut these. If they haven't done so soon, AR will cut this himself.

**7.3** DR had contacted about a pothole in Llanfair Talhaiarn which has since been filled in. She said that it is possible to contact ERF directly through the Report It app to report such an incident.

**7.4** Bridges – AR has taken a photograph of the bridge in Gwytherin and sent it to ERF. Also a week prior he had taken a photograph of the bridge in Pandy Tudur. The chief engineer hasn't been out to see that and maybe doesn't realise how bad the condition is. He said that the damage to the bridge in Llangernyw isn't severe therefore it is not possible to fix this for now.

**7.5** Dip in the road near Gell - AR had spoken with Dilwyn Roberts and said that work has taken place on this piece of road in the past. The council believes that a drain underneath has collapsed and when there is funds available it will be fixed.

**7.6** Road into Pandy – had been fixed after Emyr had put in a grant application to fix by-roads and was successful. Also, pipes have been installed therefore the water issue has been sorted.

**7.7** Land behind the school – AR has received a response from the estates department. The only department that has an interest in doing something with it is the housing department, but AR said that other avenues need to be investigated. They would need to hold a consultation locally about the future of the piece of land. DR said that the legal document about the ownership had come to light. They are not in her possession but with someone else and she has asked for a copy. AR asked to see the documents as well.

**7.8 MUGA** - AR had been discussing this with the education department. The department had agreed to help to see what can be done. A small group met during the month with CR representing the community council. The Education Department is happy to make an inspection of it to see what works need to be done without charging anyone for this. AR has had a proposed date of 9/12/24 for the inspection. Afterwards, it can be decided how to move on and funding.

**7.9 Flower pot** – AR needs the date of the incident by DR and the contractors' insurance will be paying. AR proposed not placing a flower pot near the grass but JR replied that the grass had been left to grow long as it had not been cut hence why they had not seen it. DR said that the flower pot had been there for over 20 years.

**7.10 Speeding in Glan Collen** – this has been monitored with a laser for a week. Maximum speed was 15 mph and minimum was 11mph. This is a high speed for an estate but does not break the law. JR said that the problem is with the cars everywhere rather than speed. AR said that there is a concern for the rest of Glan Collen also and has asked for a monitor there next week. AR does not see the council funding speed bumps. DR asked if the machine could count how many cars crosses it? AR said that he would ask if this is possible.

**7.11 Pavement near the Church in Llangernyw** – AR & Emyr will go and see following the incident last month. JR said that children walk to the bus this way and shelter in the Church gate entrance when it's raining.

**7.12** AR has contacted Claire Hughes the new Member of Parliament about the Post Office but has not yet had a reply and will chase this.

**7.13** The planning application for the windmills in Pen y Bryn, Trofarth has gone to appeal. The planning application will be rejected and so will AR.

DR asked if AR is going around with Emyr is it possible to look where needs white paint on the road such as junctions. There are a lot faded and need re-painting. She also asked if you have had planning application granted on your land, are you able to change this afterwards? AR said that a discussion needs to be held and usually the department tells you that you do not need to put in another application.

JR said that a member of the public has drawn attention to where the old Bridge Inn has been taken down they have encroached on the original footpath. AR said that it is a public footpath and no interference should be on its use. Decided that CWG should find out the public footpath number from a map she has and pass it on to AR.

EW said that the problem continues near the Ty'n Bryn entrance as a large puddle is created on the road during floods. She said it is very dangerous if people come down the hill into it and the water washes stones from their gate entrance again and she has photographs and videos showing the damage. AR replied that he would phone to let EW know when he and Emyr are next in the area and they can meet EW to show and explain what happens.

JH said that the pavement is narrow near the church and cars park there resulting in prams having to go into the road. AR replied that yellow no parking lines could be installed but this means a cost and would need to go through the courts. Also, it makes people angry and it is hard to police. AV added that the church entrance is listed therefore there is not a lot that can be done.

ST drew attention to the fact that water still collects near Ty'n Ffynnon in Pandy Tudur meaning that low cars cannot pass that road during heavy rain.

## **8. MONITORY MATTERS**

**8.1** Air Ambulance Community Council Appeal 2024 – decided not to contribute.

**8.2** The Urdd Opportunity for Everyone Fund Appeal 2024-25 - decided not to contribute.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

Forwarded to everyone for information:

**9.1** Budget of £1.5 million for Safe and Warm Hubs across Wales by Un Llais (also sent this on to Gwenda Cooper)

**9.2** Information about Small Things Nature Network by Un Llais

**9.3** Information by Darren Millar following his meeting with the Post Office

**9.4** New consultation: Legislation Bill (Procedure, Publish and Abolish) (Wales) by Un Llais

**9.5** Email from Darren Millar with Conwy County's response to fund School Funding Reports following last meeting.

**9.6** Un Llais Training dates for November and December

**9.7** Webinar information by Un Llais about cost of living crisis

**9.8** Independent Panel Wales on Monetary Recognition – Consultation on draft Annual Report 2025

**9.9** Email from Darren Millar with Go Safe response following last meeting.

**9.10** Local Places for Nature – online meeting to celebrate 5 years

**9.11** National Conference Report 2024

**9.12** Information for town and community councils before setting 2025/26 precept

**9.13** Publishing consultation papers - Planning Resilience and keeping trees

**9.14** Un Llais Training for Councillors

**9.15** Un Llais training dates for November 2024 – March 2025 – maybe JH can do some, will contact CWG

**9.16** Un Llais Cymru response to Parliament Inquiry to Town and Community Councils

Had sent on to DR for information:

**9.17** Un Llais Committee Meeting Conwy and Denbighshire Area at 7pm Wednesday 27th November - CWG had apologised that nobody would be present as it is the same evening as the Community Council meeting.

## **10. BILLS**

**10.1** Un Llais new councillor training - £40

**10.2** Enlli for translating - £95

**10.3** Flowers from DR - £39.88

All in agreement to pay the above.

## **11. LOCAL MATTERS**

**DR** Asked if it was possible to make the disabled parking more visible near the Ganolfan? A member of the public had tried to attend Merched y Wawr but the large gates were closed. A van had parked in the disabled space and they would not have been able to walk down from the large car park therefore went home without attending Merched y Wawr. CR said that the gates should be open and that this has happened a few times and that it is being dealt with.

DR also said that there is white graffiti on the blue stones of the bus shelter near the shop. She will try and clean this herself tomorrow. If she isn't able to clean it, she will contact CWG to arrange someone else to clean it.

**JR** Said that the dog fouling bags are empty in Llangernyw and it was decided that CWG should order new ones.

**AV** Said following Darren Millar's address, during which he mentioned to report any accident to him and she has done that about a car that had turned over near Wern Bach. Janet in the shop had also had an accident and she has contacted him to report this also.

## **12. NEXT MEETING**

17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 in Gwytherin. – decided to change from the original date of 18<sup>th</sup> December so it is not the same evening as the annual whist drive.

Meeting concluded at 09:05.

Minutes taken by CWG.