

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAPEL CURIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 19.00hrs on Wednesday 10th March 2021

Meeting held online via Zoom:

Present: Gethin Davies – Chairman
Gareth Dwyer – Vice Chairman
Shan Ashton
Elen Wyn Roberts
Marian Lloyd-Roberts
Cllr Liz Roberts
Peter Smith – Clerk

Apologies:

Nil received

Prior to the formal meeting a presentation was given by Beca Roberts, the Community Engagement Officer about the Carneddau Landscape Partnership.

Screen shots of the presentation slides are available from PVS if required

ER said it was important that this project and the footpaths projects work in cohesion.

The Council Meeting commenced at 19.45hrs.

GD welcomed the new clerk Peter Smith.

GD said written minutes of the last meeting were not available and the meeting would proceed to matters arising.

Matters Arising:

Playground:

SA reported on the progress with the new playground as follows:-

- The drains under the playground had been fixed and the area was now ready to be resurfaced.
- On strong advice from Conwy Kompan equipment had been chosen. It is considered to be excellent quality and able to withstand the Capel Curig environment.
- It was hoped the project would be complete by Easter 2021.

SA also reported that £2000 had been awarded for the Conwy Play Scheme. The grant needs to be spent by the end of March 2021 and SA currently consulting on the most suitable indoor and outdoor children's equipment with parents.

Footpaths:

GD said he had commissioned Mike Keating to make footpath signage with the grant we had been awarded. Most of the signage would stay clear of the Carneddau area as signage in that area would be funded by the Carneddau Landscape Partnership.

It was hoped that 'dog friendly gates' could be provided.

GD said that Alan Pritchard of SNP will email him when matters have progressed more.

SA spoken to landowners about potential access across their land (Henry Williams & Dafydd once across the river and adjacent to the A5 to gain access to the public footpath past Tal y Waen to Llyn Cowlyd. Landowners perfectly happy to discuss the proposal.

A small area of Fferm Royal's land is also involved. SA willing to approach Peter Jones when the council is ready to proceed the idea..

SA/ER to contact Gwyn Parry about the possibility of a footbridge over the Afon Llugwy

ER has supplied a template to number and report on conditions of footpaths in Capel Curig community. This should be updated and available to the public

Street Lighting:

Nothing to report and all now in working order.

Plas y Brenin courses:

It had been noted that PYB has started to run a course at Bryn Engan.

ER said that both the police and Conwy Council had investigated the matter and they were happy PYB was operating within the law.

PYB had also issued a written statement in response which is reproduced in full below:

Why is the Fast Track going ahead despite lockdown restrictions?

The National Outdoor Centre, Plas y Brenin's, Fast Track scheme is a four-month long vocational education program, integrating National Governing Body vocational qualifications, to train outdoor instructors. It has been designed to help those working in the outdoors industry attain the necessary skills and qualifications to perform their job.

Our programme is based in Bryn Engan - a dedicated complex at the centre that provides accommodation and access to the mountains and rivers. This ensures participants remain in one area without need for further non-essential travel.

We have performed rigorous risk assessments that led us to conclude the course can be carried out safely and in accordance with the centre's stringent Covid measures. All students are required to provide a negative PCR Covid test 72 hour prior to arrival and are treated as a bubble with their instructors throughout the programme. Plas y Brenin staff will also have PCR to provide a negative PCR Covid test prior to commencement of the course.

Isn't it a non-essential course / considered leisure?

While the course is open to everyone, it is considered a professional development course within the industry given its focus, integration with National Governing Body qualifications and duration. It is designed to enable outdoors instructors to progress their career as well as opening the doors to new careers in the outdoors.

What safety measures are in place?

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Will customers have to travel to participate in the course?

Participating in the course may require some students to travel to the centre. They are all required to provide a negative PCR Covid test 72 hour prior to arrival. Accommodation is provided onsite, so once here, they will remain in the centre for the four-month duration of the course - reducing unnecessary travel.

Parking on Pavement on A5

Two areas of concern:-

- By entrance to Pont Cyfyng. The owners have requested that the Royal Mail letterbox be moved slightly to the left in order that the entrance to the house can be widened and cars can be parked off road.
ER to peruse the matter with Royal Mail
- The cottage known as Gorphwysfa. The owners are undertaking clearance work on their land to accommodate car parking.

Planning Applications:

Nil received.

Correspondence:

GD said he had received a letter from CPRW regarding the Conwy Village Award Competition. GD said he would request an electronic copy and then circulate to members ASAP Applications need to be in by 19th April.

AOB:**Road Pont Cyfyng – Ty Hyll**

SA said that the ditches on the drains were blocked in many areas on the old road from Pont Cyfyng to Ty Hyll. There was also concern about the way Conwy trim the hedges along the road.

PVS to contact David K Jones at Conwy about the topic.

The topic of hedge cutting to be an agenda item at next meeting and SA to make enquiries about professional hedge laying.

Litter Picking

LR to invite Keep Wales Tidy and Conwy Council to see how our private efforts can be supported and formalised in future. It was noted that 97 bags of litter had been collected along the A5 and Dyffryn Mymbyr road in the previous 3 weeks. The voluntary Group was supplied and supported by the local KWT hub.

Public Toilets in Capel Curig:

ER felt Capel Curig should consider taking over responsibility for the toilets in Capel Curig. It was pointed out that the matter had been discussed recently by Council and so long as Conwy would keep on managing the toilets then they should do so.

What's App Communications:

GD said matters should not be discussed on the app, rather the app should be kept for important matters which should be discussed at a meeting and not online.

Date of Next Meeting:

28th April 2021 at 7.00pm via Zoom

Summary:

- It is hoped the new playground at Community Centre will be up and running by Easter
- Been awarded grant of £2000 for children's play equipment
- Been awarded £500 grant for footpath signage
- A data base of footpaths in Capel Curig community to be created
- Peter Smith of Pont Cyfyng, Capel Curig has been appointed as Clerk to the Community Council following the retirement of Mrs Alison Cousins after many years of service to the Council