

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAPEL CURIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 19.30hrs on Wednesday 8th September 2021

Present: Gethin Davies – Chairman
Gareth Dwyer – Vice Chairman
Elwyn Jones arrived at 19.40
Elen Wyn Roberts
Marian Lloyd – Roberts
Cllr. Liz Roberts.
Peter Smith – Clerk.

Apologies: Shan Ashton

Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday the 28th of July 2021 were approved by the meeting.

Matters Arising:

The Playground:

Text message received from Conwy Council on 3rd September 2021. "We are progressing well with the planning application. Snowdonia National Park has requested additional 3D plans showing the site, building and equipment elevations which have taken additional time and expense to complete.

I will let you know as soon as we have been granted the permission to start the installation"

Relocation of Royal Mail Collection Box:

ER reported there was still no progress.

Car Parking – Siabod Café:

GD reported he had spoken with the tenant and the situation is resolved.

Overnight parking in laybys:

Although some notices has been put up it is still considered to be an ongoing problem. ER has been investigating the possibility of some electronic surveillance devices using Wi-Fi connections. ER to set up a Teams meeting with Scott Andrews to peruse the matter further.

Public Transport:

It was felt from Capel Curig's point of view the situation had improved however there was still some concern that the 'school bus' service was not consistent with its timings.

It was also noted that the actual timetables need to be on public display as a matter of urgency. ER said this should be dealt with by Transport Wales

Sewage outflow at Bryn Glo:

Following an meeting on 12 August 2021 with Llyr Hughes Griffiths MS – Senedd Regional Member the Chairman had undertaken an interview with ITV News about the situation which will be broadcast shortly. Janet Finch Saunders MS – Aberconwy had also been in contact with EJ at Rhos Farm.

Parking by Plas y Brenin:

It was agreed that there should be some limit on parking in that area but only where it is not possible to get a vehicle completely off the carriageway. Conwy to ascertain who owns the land. A possible walkway on the lake side of the fence also being investigated with the National Park

Dog Bins:

ER reported that Conwy were not willing to put a blue bin at the entrance to Bryn Engan. ER to consult Conwy again and see, if we as a council put in a dog refuse bin at Bryn Engan would Conwy at least agree to empty it on a regular basis as they do at Pont Cyfyng.

Street Lighting:

ER reported that the matter was in progress although one light would have to be funded out of next year's budget while the one by Ty'n Lon has been agreed to be funded this financial year.

Correspondence:

Clerk reported the following including planning applications: -

Planning Matters:

Planning application number NP4/13/38E received on 10th August 2021. Details posted on public notice boards and circulated to all councillors. No comments received by closing date of 31st August 2021.

Planning application number NP4/13/38F received on 24th August 2021. Details posted on public notice boards and circulated to all councillors. Approved by the meeting. Closing date 14th September 2021

Clr Elen Roberts declared an interest in both applications and left the meeting room.

Clerk Update:

Clerk reported that the web site was more or less up to date and showed councillors progress to date.

Documents uploaded include:

- Standing Orders
- Code of Conduct
- Burial fees
- Agenda
- Minutes of previous meetings
- Audit matters
- Letters of interest – e.g. Letter from Dŵr Cymru re sewage outflow at layby.

Clerk said councils are now required to offer more than one way of attending meetings both for councillors and the general public. In practice this means that while at the moment we are meeting in person any councillor may request a Zoom connection as may a member of the public who wishes to attend or watch our meetings. Clerk said he had put a note to this effect on the agenda.

It was felt it was not necessary to purchase an additional Zoom licence.

Casual Vacancy:

Clerk said with the resignation of Steve Pugh there was now a casual vacancy on the council. The post had been advertised as per regulations. We are now at the stage whereby we co-opt a council member, and this would remain open until the end of September.

Confirmation of Payments & Financial Update:

Formston Garden Services - £140.00 Grass Cutting at cemetery. Cheque No 100342. – Approved.

The clerk said there was no record of the agreement with this company and they had been advised that the council would be seeking new quotations for the cutting of the grass next year.

GD said he would move two mounds of earth in the graveyard in order that the next row of graves can be accommodated in a straight line

As mentioned in the previous minutes we have now merged our two bank accounts into one account. This makes administration much simpler, and the interest gained on the previous deposit account was minimal.

The Councils current bank balance is £6985.95p

The clerk said that currently the Councils accounts were available for inspection by any member of the community. This period expires on 17th September 2021 after which the accounts are submitted to Audit Wales for examination. The clerk asked for approval to submit these accounts to Audit Wales after 17th September 2021 – granted.

Grant application progress:

Nil reported.

Any other business:

GD reported that a large outdoor event was being staged in Capel Curig this weekend. He was concerned that the proper licencing procedure had not been carried out and it seemed that the company would be using the PA system very early in the morning. Clerk to try and discuss the matter with John Donnelly at Conwy Council Licencing Department urgently.

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 20th October 2021 at 7.30pm at Capel Curig Community Centre.