

# CYNGOR CYMUNED CAPEL CURIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 19.30hrs on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**Present:** Gethin Davies – Chairman  
Elen Wyn Roberts  
Marian Lloyd – Roberts  
Shan Ashton  
Cllr. Liz Roberts.  
Peter Smith – Clerk.

Three members of the public in attendance.

**Apologies:**  
Gareth Dwyer – Vice Chairman  
Elwyn Jones

## **Minutes of last meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were approved by the meeting.

## **Matters Arising:**

### **The Playground:**

This is the latest communication from Conwy Council:-

'We are still seeking planning permission from Snowdonia National Park for the new Capel Curig Play Area. They have requested a number of 3D drawings of the proposal which have been completed but unfortunately SNP have also requested we carry out an ecological survey on the old toilet block and surrounding area, in case there are any bats or protected species present. This has further delayed the project.

We have enlisted the help of our Consultancy Department to help speed up the process and will endeavour to keep you updated.'

### **Relocation of Royal Mail Collection Box:**

ER reported that she still had not been able to progress the matter due to a complete lack of reply from Royal Mail. SA said she would assist ER to try and progress the matter.

### **Overnight Parking in Layby's**

It was agreed that the problem was less serious now with the approach of Winter. It was noted that many of the signs erected were being removed. ER said she was still waiting for a partners Zoom meeting to discuss the matter more widely with all interested parties within Conwy.

### **Public Transport:**

Clerk said he was able to print off timetables and insert in the display boards. At time of writing we still await instructions and a key from Conwy to gain access to the boards. We may consider a hybrid type of timetable custom made for Capel Curig. All agreed that the bus service was much improved. SA said some busses were speeding through the village. ER to email the bus company concerned.

### **Sewage outflow at Bryn Glo Layby:**

Ongoing, it was noted that Dŵr Cymru seemed to have carried out some minor works in the area. No further correspondence had been received for any of the official parties involved.

### **Dog Bins:**

ER still waiting for a response from Conwy with regard to Capel Curig Community Council erecting a dog bin and Conwy to empty it on a regular basis.

### **Street Lighting:**

ER reported that it was still ongoing however the work is definitely scheduled

### **Parking at Plas y Brenin:**

It was reported that the actual land is owned by the National Trust. We to try to organise a joint site meeting between National Trust, National Park and other interested parties to discuss the possibility of a pedestrian walkway lake side of the boundary wall. GD to get details of who to contact to clerk\*\*

*\*\* Following a meeting between SA and Peter & Nia Jones, Fferm Royal, on 22/10/2021 Peter stated that the land in question was compulsorily purchased off Fferm Royal many years ago by the SNP 'for the enjoyment of all' SA to consult again with Wyn Jones Chair of the SNP*

### **Correspondence:**

The Clerk reported the following planning applications:-

Planning application number NP4/13/115B Y Graig – Change of use coaching house to short term self-catering. Received on 17<sup>th</sup> September – closing date 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – no comments received.

Planning application number NP4/13/212B Haulfryn – conversion of building to holiday let, garage and games area. Received 29<sup>th</sup> September - closing date 19<sup>th</sup> October – no comments received.

Councillors said it was difficult to access the actual planning application via the link from the SNP web site. Clerk to write to the Authority regarding their web site.

Clerk reported that an offer of 70 native trees to be planted to celebrate SNP's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary had been received from the SNP. SA said we should take up the offer and she would organise the planting of the trees together with getting permission from the relevant landowners.

### **Clerk Update:**

The Clerk reported that the Councils audit report had been sent to Audit Wales for examination. We await their report, however the Clerk stated that Councillors should not be

surprised if there were further investigations due to the lack of information from previous years.

**Casual Vacancy:**

The Clerk reported that there had been no applications to fill the post. It was agreed to readvertise the post with a closing date of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Post to also be advertised on the Councils web site.

**Cemetery Matters:**

Clerk reported that he felt the administration of the modern cemetery was completely up to date.

As agreed previously the contract for grass cutting had been put out to competitive tender for the 2021/22 period. The closing date is set for 31<sup>st</sup> October when the Clerk will review the tenders. It is felt that the selling of plots is generating quite large amounts of income for the Council, and we can afford to keep the cemetery in good condition. GD is in the process of removing some surplus soil from the graveyard. Clerk to make enquires about brown bins for the cemetery.

**Confirmation of Payments & Finances:**

The clerk reported the current bank balance was £7590.19

The Clerks expenses for the period March – September of £155.76 were approved by Councillors.

**Any other Business:**

Clerk reported that the poppy wreath for the war memorial for Remembrance Sunday was at his house.

SA said she would clean up the memorial before Remembrance Sunday.

Elen Roberts said she would say a short poem at 11.00am on the day. All Councillors and members of the public invited.

A question was asked if the War Memorial should be moved to a safer location. It was agreed that the community should be consulted, and it should be a question on a future village survey.

Clerk to write to Trunk Road Agency regarding possibly extend the 40mph limit on the A5

Public Toilets – Capel Curig. GD said he had had a conversation with Stephen Teal regarding the ongoing problems. After some discussion it was agreed that Mr Teal should be invited to the next meeting at 7.00pm in person if willing or via Zoom if not willing to outline what sort of deal Conwy would be able to offer Capel Curig if they took over responsibility of running the public toilets in the village.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 at 7.00pm**

The meeting closed at 9.00pm