

# CYNGOR CYMUNED CAPEL CURIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Prior to the meeting Mrs Zoe Pierce signed the Declaration of Acceptance document. She was welcomed to Capel Curig Community Council.

Minutes of meeting held at 19.30hrs on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**Present:** Gethin P Davies – Chairman  
Shan Ashton  
Marion Lloyd Roberts  
Elwyn Jones  
Dylan Griffiths  
Zoe Pierce  
Cllr Liz Roberts

**Apologies:** Gareth Dwyer – Vice Chairman

The draft minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 were approved by the meeting without amendment.

## **Matters Arising:**

### **Public Toilets in Capel Curig:**

An initial meeting had been held in the Canolfan with Garry Williams and Gemma representing Conwy County Council on Wednesday 28 September. Garry outlined what he thought could and could not be done. Councillors present raised several questions which Garry promised to answer in writing before the next scheduled council meeting. This letter was discussed by the council and is reproduced in full with these minutes.

A full discussion took place. The main points raised were:-

- If we did take over partial ownership the toilets must be completely refurbished first.
- As Conwy have agreed to put in CCTV could we wait and see how matters proceed first
- Council was mindful of possible big cut backs next year due to Conwy's financial position.

It was agreed that before proceeding further we should seek more detail from Garry Williams on point 3 of his letter. (see attached letter)

We should also enquire from Conwy as to how many hours they would allocate per week for cleaning purposes.

In the meantime, ER/SA and ZP to make enquires about possible part time cleaners we could employ.

Also, Clerk to write to National Park to see if, we paid for a barrier could the parking in the car park above the toilets be more controlled. It was felt that some parking in this car park was the cause of some of the problems we are experiencing with our toilets. Also enquire about what liabilities there would be in the event of a vehicle being damaged.

## **The Playground:**

Work has still not commenced. ER and SA to request regular updates from Conwy regarding progress. It was pointed out that this really is a Community Centre matter and in future the Chair would update the Council and the topic could be removed from our agenda.

**Street Lighting:**

Work commenced on time and is now complete. One old light faulty and Clerk to report.

**SNP Tree Planting:**

As previous and SA will complete work this Autumn and SA also in discussion with Fferm Royal re other locations for planting

**Lay By Parking:**

Good data has been collected and the information has been passed on to Conwy via Scott Andrews. Scott had also written to the Council stating that the revised price for a sensor is £140 plus VAT – Approved to proceed. Clerk to order sensor ASAP

**Sewage outflow at Bryn Glo:**

Dŵr Cymru have kept us informed with the remedial work. Within a couple of days of competition there was heavy rain, and the problem still seems to exist. The matter had been reported to Dŵr Cymru who investigated.

It did appear that there was no sewerage in the overflow water however this point needs to be investigated. Latest letter from Dŵr Cymru reproduced at the end of the minutes.

**Relocation of Royal Mail Collection Box:**

The old collection box has been taken out of service and a new collection box placed in Bryn Glo car park area. The old box still needs to be removed. The Council was not consulted by Royal Mail on the new location of the collection box.

**Correspondence & Planning matters:**

No planning matters notified.

**Re Traws Cymru Cyclist route.** Following on from the comments made by councillors at the previous meeting, Sophie Gordon had replied to our observations. Her letter was discussed by councillors and is reproduced at the end of these minutes. EJ to discuss a possible different route through Capel Curig with Emlyn Jones at Fferm Bryn Tyrch.

**Traffic speed in Capel Curig.** Today PC Peter Jones had made contact and the clerk had met him at Llanrwst Police station. The police had agreed re siting of the 30mph sign closer to Betws y Coed was a good idea. The police offered to provide an officer with a mobile speed gun to visit Capel Curig area. Police to make contact with clerk first to see the best times and locations for the officer to be located. It was felt by councillors that the morning 'rush hour' between 7.00am and 8.30 were the worst times.

**Clerks Report & Financial Matters:**

The clerk reported there was still no further communication from Audit Wales regarding the last two years accounts. The Clerk said he found it incredible that such an important organisation could be so far behind with their work.

The Current bank balance is £5354.83p

The cash movements since the last meeting were as follows:-

DATE	CASH IN	CASH OUT	ITEM	BALANCE
9/9/2022		£160.00	Grass Cutting	£5522.83
18/9/2022		£160.00	Grass Cutting	£5362.83
19/9/2022		£8.00	Bank Charges	£5354.83

The above was approved by the Council

The Clerk asked for permission to spend +/- £30.00 with Arfon Parry to make some improvements to our web site – granted.

**Any other business:**

Apparently, a blue refuse bin had been removed from Ty Hyll – Clerk to make enquiries with David K Jones in Llanrwst depot.

There will be a fireworks party at the Tyn y Coed on 5<sup>th</sup> November. All members of the community invited.

**Date of next meeting: 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7.30pm**

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

*LETTER FROM GARRY WILLIAMS RE CAPEL CURIG PUBLIC TOILETS*

*Fri, 14 Oct, 11:13 (2 days ago)*

**Gary Williams (Building Surveyor)**

to me

*Morning Peter*

*Nice to hear from you, I hope you and your colleagues are well. I have drafted a few response in readiness for your meeting on the 19/10 which hopefully will address / answer some of your queries, based on the meeting held recently:*

- 1. CCTV installation is approved for Capel Curig. I will discuss with my team to bet this moving. (Action: GW to refer to Reactive Maintenance Team)*
- 2. At present, I am not able to promise the addition of cubicles and facilities in CC, the financial pressures are very real which prioritise what we can do safely. (Action: none at present, maintain dialogue with the community group over possible future proposals)*
- 3. I am able to assist with an element of refurbishment at the existing sites. Again, I will discuss with my colleagues here in FM and provide some more detailed updates as soon as I can. (Action: GW to refer to Reactive Maintenance Team)*
- 4. The gates to the rear have been agreed and an order placed to install them. (Action:none, all works in hand)*

5. Visible signage would be a highways issue to manage, not FM. I can provide contacts to the relevant officers if this is the group's wish. (**Action:** Community group to consider and approach highways where required)

6. An offer to assist with partial take-over was made, i.e. to assist with setting this up and CCBC retaining the income. We would only be able to repay cleaning / labour costs at minimum wage however. (**Action:** Community group to consider and respond to GW / FM when ready for further agreements to be discussed)

If there is anything further, or something I've missed Peter, please let me know.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Regards

Gary

**Gary Williams MRICS**

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Fri, 7 Oct, 12:11 (12 days ago)

**Gwenan Davies**

to Cllr, me

Hello Peter,

Hope you are well. Just in case you get any enquiries, I wanted to let you know that we are aware that the manhole in the layby in Capel Curig is surcharging at the moment – this is due to the heavy rain we've had today (and over the past few days). We will return tomorrow to investigate and to carry out a clean up should it be required.

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LETTER FROM SOPHIE GORDON TRAWS CYMRU CYCLE ROUTE

**Sophie Gordon**

to me

Wed, 12 Oct,  
10:53 (4 days  
ago)

Dear Peter,

Please accept my sincere apologies for the lack of response to your email – I have just discovered I moved it into a folder by mistake.

Thank you very much for your points and your overall support for the route. To answer them in order:

1. *Potential conflict: we designed the route to spread people out and encourage them to discover parts of the National Park away from the popular hotspots, so there are few places which will be busy with walkers and cyclists (in fact, for most of the route it's rare to see anybody at all!). As with all of our routes, the guidebook and web pages will have strong messaging about following the countryside code and being considerate to other people you encounter along the route. As the route is quite challenging and requires a certain level of skill and experience, this will naturally limit the numbers of people riding it as well.*
2. *Landowners: we have contacted those we could identify, and are working more closely with a small number of landowners and land manager organisations to agree specific short sections of the route which are not already on public rights of way (such as forestry tracks on CROW access land).*
3. *Maintenance: the majority of the route is on hard-surfaced tracks with a stony base, many of which in the forest areas are already used by forestry vehicles, so we don't envisage that there should be problems with erosion. For the sections which are on softer earth on hillsides, there is a bit more potential for impact, especially in winter as you mentioned. With previous long-distance routes that we've put together, we've seen there is a definite seasonal pattern of use with a drop-off over the winter months, so this should be limited. If any sections do look like they are starting to become an issue, we will monitor it and engage with councils along the route about possible solutions or diversions.*
4. *Route into Capel Curig: the rough surface is actually a bit of an advantage here, as it will slow people down on the descent. As mentioned above, we think slightly narrower sections like this are manageable as long as we reinforce the message of looking out for other users. But, with respect to your point 5: if you had any alternative routes around Capel Curig that you wanted to suggest, we're certainly willing to have a look at them.*

Kind regards,

**Sophie Gordon (she/her)**  
**Campaigns officer**  
**Cycling UK**

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