

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAPEL CURIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 19.00hrs on Wednesday 29th March 2023.

Prior to the meeting a general discussion was scheduled to be held with North Wales Police, however they did not turn up for the meeting.

Present: Gethin P Davies – Chairman
Gareth Dwyer – Vice Chairman
Dylan Griffiths
Marion Lloyd Roberts
Shan Ashton
Zoe Pierce
Cllr Liz Roberts

Apologies: Elwyn Jones

Minutes:

The draft minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th February 2023 were approved by the meeting.

Matters Arising:

Removal of Royal Mail Collection Box:

All necessary paperwork has been completed and the old post box has been removed to enable the owners of the property, as originally requested, to enlarge their entrance to their property to accommodate off road parking.

Grass Cutting Contract:

Clerk reported that the contract details were displayed on our two public notice boards for the duration of February. Only one tender had been received by the clerk at the time of closure. The contract was therefore awarded to the same company as last year, Foremerston Trees & Gardens at the same price as last year, £160 per session.

Eisteddfod in Llanrwst:

Thank you letter received from Carol Metcalfe for our £50 donation.

Street lighting:

All lights seem to be in working order at this time.

Stay Alive – speed checks training & instruction

SA reported that she and a councillor from Trefriw are awaiting notification of a training course.

Speeding in Capel Curig:

North Wales police were in action on several occasions since the last meeting. 20mph speed limit past Plas y Brenin – Dylan Jones does not think its possible to consider a 20mph in this area. He has been advised we do not agree with this point of view. We still

await his comments with regard to double yellow lines being placed on the bridge to Gelli behind Joe Browns.

Trunk roads Wales are still considering our request to move the 30mph sign towards Betws y Coed. They asked for an extension to their usual time limit due to heavy workload.

Footpaths: Broken style, dangerous trees and small dangerous bridge:

All reported to SNP and dealt with very promptly – work now complete.

Public Toilets in Capel Curig:

ER said Conwy were still working on budgets. SA reported that she had spoken to Mr & Mrs Parker they were possibly interested in undertaking the cleaning duties. Clerk to also contact SNP to see if they would include Capel Curig on their cleaning rota of Pen y Pass and Ogwen.

The Playground:

Work still not commenced, and SA involved in sorting out the final lease with Conwy. SA's words:- *'Update on play park from the Community Centre Directors. After complex discussions, the Directors are awaiting a final version of the leasing arrangements from CCBC, which fully reflects a differentiation between responsibilities for maintenance of the Community Centre and access and the soon to be developed public play park with open access'*

Lay by Parking:

Following a joint meeting earlier in the month it was agreed that SA would produce minutes of the meeting which will be distributed to all Councillors when they become available.

Sewage outflow:

Ongoing with Dŵr Cymru still working on the problem. Below is their report on progress:

Dear Councillors,

I wanted to update you on our work to improve the wastewater network in the Capel Curig area.

The proposed solution is to remove surface water from the wastewater network in a number of locations and properties in Capel Curig. This will create more room in the network during heavy rainfall which will then minimise the risk of manholes surcharging.

We have been to visit these private properties to discuss the proposed plans which has been well received by the owners. This work is ongoing, and we will continue to liaise with the owners in order to come to formal agreements about the work required at each property.

We are working with our contractors to prepare a draft programme for the work, and we are currently targeting late summer for the start of the work, although this is subject to change.

We are continuing to work on possible solutions for the communications system on the alarm fitted in the manhole in the layby which is continuing to prove challenging due to its location. In the meantime, we continue to attend site to inspect and carry out any clean up that is required after every yellow warning for rain or during significant rainfall such as at the start of the week.

We will be in touch with you again at the end of May to update you on how things are progressing with our work, but in the meantime, if you have any questions please do get in touch.

Thank you
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Planning Applications:

Nil received.

Concern expressed about a possible small caravan site at Bryntyrch Uchaf and a notice on their entrance gate. Clerk has written to SNP seeking clarification on the situation. Photo of notice shown to council meeting. Reply expected from SNP early April once staff concerned return from leave.

Clerks Report & Financial matters:

The current bank balance and cash movements since the last meeting is as follows:-

DATE	AMOUNT	WHO	REASON	BALANCE
8/2/2023	£650	P V Smith	Clerks Salary	£4949.84
9/2/2023	£50	Llanrwst Eisteddfod	Donation	£4899.84
18/2/2023	£8.00	HSBC	Bank Charges	£4891.84
27/2/2023	£43.00	One Voice Wales	Annual Fee	£4848.84
11/3/2023	£40.00	Arfon Parry	Web Hosting	£4808.84
27/3/2023	£8.00	HSBC	Bank Charges	£4800.84

The above transactions were approved by the council.

The Clerk reported that he would shortly be submitting the Councils annual report to Audit Wales for their annual examination.

The accounts for the period April 2022 – March 2023 were formally approved by the Council and the cash brought forward for the forthcoming year is £4808.84. The Clerk said the first precept for the current financial year is due shortly. The accounts were signed by the Chair.

It was noted that Audit Wales have still not officially signed off any accounts that the present clerk has submitted to them.

Other Correspondence

St David's Hospice:

Letter received from Adrian Owen, Fundraising Manager offering to visit to explain the work of the hospice.

20MPH Speed restrictions – Welsh Government Policy.

Email received offering stickers for public display - stickers ordered – Free of charge.

Any other business:

Nil points raised.

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 10th May at 7.30pm

North Wales police to be invited again and meeting to make a 15-minute slot available when they arrive