

CYNGHOR CYMUNED CAPEL CURIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 19.30hrs on Wednesday 10th May 2023

Prior to the meeting PCSO Elin Harlow 94439 was due to attend but had sent her apologies today that due to a work commitment in Corwen she was unable to attend. It was noted this was the second occasion this had happened.

Present: Gethin P Davies – Chairman
Gareth Dwyer – Vice Chairman arrived at 8.05pm
Dylan Griffiths
Elwyn Jones
Marion Lloyd Roberts
Shan Ashton

Apologies: Cllr Liz Roberts

Resignation: The resignation of Mrs Z Pierce was noted. It was agreed that a Casual Vacancy Notice would be displayed on our notice boards for a period of one month.

Minutes:

The draft minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 29th March 2023 were approved by the meeting.

Matters Arising:

Extension of 30mph limit towards Betws y Coed on A5

It had taken from 1st February to 21st April to get an answer from Cardiff. Welsh government have stated that they are unable to process our request due to a reduced capital budget. Below is their reply:

Ein cyf / Our ref: OC-00171-23

Dear Mr Smith

Thank you for your email of 1 February regarding speeding concerns on the A5 at Capel Curig.

The Welsh Government and its Ministers are the Highway Authority responsible for the Motorway and Trunk Road Network in Wales. The A5 at this location is a Trunk Road.

Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding.

The speed limit was recommended to be reduced to 40mph over a section of the A5 to the east of Capel Curig following the most recent Trunk Road Speed Limit Review. Unfortunately, due to reduced capital budget allocations for Trunk Road Network operations and other competing priorities and pressures across Wales, the Welsh Government has been unable to progress this.

The Welsh Government is however updating the Setting Local Speed Limits in Wales guidance to reflect its current policy including the national roll-out of [20mph speed limits](#) and to meet the ambitions highlighted in [Llwybr Newydd: the Wales Transport Strategy 2021](#). The new guidance will be published during 2023 and may see a change in the criteria for lower speed limits in Wales. The Welsh Government

will review the speed limits across the Trunk Road Network following publication of the guidance before progressing any lowering of the speed limit of the A5 at Capel Curig.

The Welsh Government takes road safety very seriously and routinely monitors personal injury collision records from the Police and speed data to inform the need for engineering improvements.

Yours sincerely
Tim Barnes

It was agreed that following the above letter we should write again to the Highways Authority and suggest that Capel Curig Community Council use a local contractor who undertakes Highways work and we as a council should move and pay for the work.

Also Cllr E Roberts to discuss the matter at her forthcoming meeting with Highways.

Double Yellow Lines on Bridge behind Joe Browns Shop:

Conwy have agreed to undertake this work, however due to pressure of work this work will not be carried out until September this year provided, we as a council approve the proposed work. Agreed to proceed. Plan was displayed to the meeting

Change to 20mph Speed Limit – September 2023

Letter received from Conwy Council stating that what happens on the A5 is a Welsh Government matter however on the roads Conwy have authority over they, Conwy, propose to apply for an exemption for the A4086 and retain the 30mph limit rather than the reduced 20mph limit past Plas Y Brenin. Council found this astounding particularly as we, supported by Plas y Brenin and the Police had made representations to Conwy to reduce the limit to 20mph because to the number of young people and pedestrians who are in the vicinity and have to walk on the highway.

Clerk to reply to Conwy's letter strongly protesting.

Clerk to also ask for support letters from Plas y Brenin and St Julittas.

Public Toilets in Capel Curig:

SNP are unable to help with the cleaning of our public toilets.

Reply reproduced below:-

Annwyl Glerc / Dear Clerk

Thank you for your email with my apologies for the delay in responding owing to year end and annual leave then a backlog of emails on my return!

Unfortunately Eryri National Park are also facing challenging times financially, unlike the Local Authorities who have received some additional support we have received no support for the inflation and energy price escalations.

The toilets we service at Pen y Pass and Ogwen are toilets within buildings that we own. As a result of having to review and re-evaluate the purposes of all our buildings

and long term liabilities the Authority is not in a position to increase its potential maintenance burden.

There is also an added complexity with the transfer of public toilets inasmuch as the current cleaner, regardless of owner/occupier of the site has a right of employment referred to as TUPE (the full name I don't have to hand sorry). Accordingly, we would urge the Community Council to obtain professional Employment Advice on the liabilities regarding employment – wages, insurance, pension contributions and pension liabilities of employer if part of the Public Sector Pension Board etc.

From previous experience when terminating cleaning contracts, the employee rights under TUPE can be greater than an usual employee, and closing the toilets temporarily to terminate employment then re-opening the facilities can provide the previous employee with a right of employment.

Given the complexities outlined above and the Authority's own financial challenges we regret that we are not in a position to have the toilets transferred to our care, or included in our current cleaning contract.

Yours sincerely

Edward Jones

Edward Tudor Jones

Pennaeth Gwasanaeth Eiddo / Head of Property Service

The Playground: SA reported she was still discussing the matter with Conwy County Council and work had not yet commenced.

Arrive Alive – speed checks training and instruction.

SA reported that the authorities concerned had indicated they were short of equipment and they would arrange training as soon as possible.

Lay By Parking:

Minutes of meeting not yet received from SA. Will be produced as soon as possible.

Planning Applications:

Application number NP4/13/155G received 5th May 2023 – Conversion and change of use of outbuilding, bunkhouse and toilet/shower block into 6 short term self-contained holiday accommodation units together with formation of parking area and associated outdoor facilities.

Location Bryn Tyrch, Capel Curig LL24 0EL.

Notices will remain on display until 27th May 2023

Members discussed this in detail and raised several matters of concern. Chair and clerk to work on a response before the closing date of 27 May

Invite from SNP to take part in a Local Development Plan Review;

On line meeting to be held on Thursday 8th June 2023 at 7.30pm

Shan Ashton and Marian nominated to attend. Clerk will ask for link to be sent to the two councillors when it is available.

Financial Matters

The latest bank position was shown and approved by Council members: -

DATE	IN	OUT	WHO	BALANCE
1/4/2023		£8.00	HSBC Bank Charges	£4800.84
1/4/2023		£90.00	Hire of Community Centre	£4710.84
17/4/2023		£220.21	Zurich Insurance	£4490.63
17/4/2023		£160.00	Grass Cutting	£4330.63
18/4/2023	£1000.009		Precept	£5330.63
18/4/2023		£8.00	Bank Charges	£5322.63

It was noted that our increased precept had been granted and paid. Clerk said that after he had posted 2022/23 accounts to Audit Wales. He later received an email stating that we should not display public notices that the accounts were available for inspection for the time being as Audit Wales were behind with their work.

Campsite Development at Bryn Tyrch Uchaf

Council expressed concern that the development seems to be underway. In spite of letters from councillors, the Chair and the Clerk the SNP had not responded. Chair to contact SNP urgently to discuss.

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 28th June 2023 at 7.30pm at Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm