

# CYNGHOR CYMUNED CAPEL CURIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 19.30 hrs on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**Present:** Gethin P Davies – Chairman  
Gareth Dwyer – Vice Chairman  
Dylan Griffiths  
Elwyn Jones  
Shan Ashton  
Marion Lloyd Roberts  
Peter Smith – Clerk  
Cllr Liz Roberts arrived at 7.45

## **Apologies:**

## **Minutes:**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were approved by the meeting without any amendment.

## **Matters Arising:**

## **Casual Vacancy:**

The matter has been slightly delayed due to the procedures necessary. The Clerk said he would conduct a secret ballot with members before the next meeting so the newly appointed councillor would be able to attend the next meeting. In the event of a tie the Chairman would have a casting vote.

## **Speed Restrictions:**

The Clerk reported the following: -

- Conwy had now accepted the representations made to them and have confirmed that a 20mph limit will be imposed on the A4086 until after Plas y Brenin buildings.
- Clarification has been sort regarding the road past properties in the Pont Cyfyng area. It is hoped that the 30mph will be changed to 20mph
- Discussions with Cardiff are ongoing and the AM is helping us. It is still hoped to extend the 30mph limit towards Betws y Coed and have an overall 30mph limit through the entire village.

## **The Playground:**

Construction not yet started but a date has been set for the commencement of the work. SA reported that a final lease had been produced by Conwy and had been agreed. Work is to commence on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023. SA and ER thanked for all their hard work associated with the project.

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

Nothing new to report but Dŵr Cymru have been active. EJ reported that Dŵr Cymru now wish to monitor rainfall in the area and have installed an instrument at Fferm Rhos.

### **Water Supply to Gelli:**

The supply to the property has now been replaced and the final connection made by Dŵr Cymru. Clerk has asked Dŵr Cymru to confirm in writing that the matter from their point of view is now closed.

### **Planning Matters:**

Planning Application Number NP4/13/260 - 1 Tanrallt, Capel Curig LL24 0EB received on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023. No objections raised. Clerk confirmed that the notices have been displayed on our notice boards.

### **Clerks Matters:**

Clerk reported on the following: -

- He had approached the company who clean the toilets at Pen y Pass (3 times per day) and Ogwen Cottage area. The price quoted to clean our toilets once per day £758.33 + VAT monthly. It was agreed this was completely beyond our resources. ER to approach Zac who looks after Dolwyddelan toilets to see if he would be interested in looking after Capel Curig ones.
- A request from Mrs Eirian Evans (formerly of Bryn Glo) to erect two plaques at our cemetery on the inside of the boundary wall. One plaque in memory of her late husband Terry and one in memory of her father Gwylim Jones. Clerk said this was not something we had been approached about before. After discussion it was agreed it was a service we could offer:-  
Plaque up to 30cm x 25cm to be placed family concerned. Location to be discussed with clerk. One off payment per plaque £50.00. It was agreed to add this service to our cemetery price list. Clerk to inform Mrs Evans of our decision. It was agreed however that the boundary wall is in need of some remedial work first. GD suggested a site meeting to discuss – perhaps evening we are scheduled to visit Plas y Brenin?
- Clerk had invited Elen Harlow, Community Police Officer to our meeting. She had replied on 26<sup>th</sup> August advising us that she is starting a new role shortly as a police officer and would not be available. She had suggested that PCSO Peter Jones could attend instead. He had then written to PVS stating that he was also unviable on that date. He also stated that he had checked the police system and the only recent incident of public interest was *'Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August – A5 Capel Curig – working sheep dog had bitten a males leg, minor injury which was treated there and enquiries on-going to identify the owner of the dog. The victim ins't local and doesn't know who owns the dog'*  
ER to give Clerk Police Inspectors email address so he can inform her of the lack ofv any police presence at our meetings.
- Clerk advised the Councillors they are entitled to claim allowances of up to £150 per financial year. It is entirely a personal decision whether or not a councillor claims. All claims must be submitted to the Clerk by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 latest. Clerk stated that all claims either for a nil amount or up to £150 would be minuted in our records for the year end March 2024

- Clerk said our accounts for last year had now been examined by Audit Wales. Deryck Evans, Chief Auditor had had a conversation with PVS and he had made a few suggestions going forward:-
  1. We need to offer Councillors allowances.
  2. We need to produce a budget for the forthcoming year – in our case it would only be a few lines and very straightforward.
  3. We need to explain why we carry such high reserves for our community size – PVS explained much of the reserves are income paid in advance for cemetery fees which is an entirely satisfactory explanation.
  4. We need a responsible person within the community to examine the accounts before we submit them to Audit Wales
  5. Mr Evans indicated he was happy to sign off our accounts for last year but that would not happen until September 2023.
  
- Invitation from the new CEO of Plas y Brenin, Paul Kennedy who would like to outline Plas y Brenin's plans for the forthcoming years. The meeting is scheduled for 7.30pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at PYB – All councillors invited and accepted – PVS to advise Plas y Brenin of numbers etc.
  
- It was suggested and agreed that the grass by the Capel Curig Sign on the A5 should be attended to by our grass cutting contractor. It was agreed that in future years this area should be included in the tender documents.
  
- Clerk advised that the latest series of training opportunities had just been received – PVS will email details to all councillors.

□ **Financial Position.**

Cash movements since last meeting were as follows:

DATE	IN	OUT	WHO	BALANCE
30/6/23		£160.00	Grass Cutting	£4826.63
6/7/2023		£49.56	Clerks Exps	£4777.07
19/7/23		£8.00	HSBC Bank Charges	£4769.07
11/8/2023	£1000.00		PRECEPT	£5769.07
11/8/2023		£160.00	Grass Cutting	£5609.07
18/8/23		£8.00	HSBC Bank Charges	£5601.07
8/9/23		£160.00	Grass Cutting	£5441.07

Clerks Expenses paid as follows:-

25/9/21	Postage Stamp	Letter Alison Peter re graveyard	£0.65
7/10/21	Postage Stamp	Letter Mrs B Rowan re graveyard	£0.65
7/0/21	Postage Stamp	Cheque to grass cutters	£0.65
14/11/21	Postage Stamp	Letter RBL Llanrwst	£0.65
18/12/21	Postage Stamp	Conwy Council	£0.65
23/2/22	Postage Stamp	Llanrwst Eisteddfod	£0.65
28/2/2022	Postage Stamp	One Voice Wales	£0.65
7/4/2022	Recorded postage	Audit Wales	£3.45
14/11/22	Postage Stamp	Royal British Legion	£0.68

18/12/2022	POSTAGE STAMP	CONWY COUNCIL PRECEPT	£0.68
27/2/2023	Postage Stamp	One Voice Wales	£0.68
3/4/2023	Postage Recorded	Audit Wales	£3.10
6/7/2023	Photocopying Paper		£32.97
		<b>TOTAL PAID 6/7/2023</b>	<b>£49.56</b>

All transactions were approved by the Council.

**Any other business:**

Concern expressed by residents who live near Bryn Tyrch Uchaf regarding the camping facilities being offered. SA to contact Dillwyn at SNP and discuss and report back.

MLR reported on the Local Development Plan Zoom meeting she had attended. It was proposed that updates will be available once every 4 months via Zoom

MLR enquired if it would be possible to make a donation towards a fireworks display on 4<sup>th</sup> November at the Ty'n y Coed Hotel. It was agreed subject to Clerk taking advice from Haf who will be the new Clerk of Betws y Coed who has considerable experience in these matters. ER to give Clerks phone to Haf to make contact with him.

SA outlined the Levelling Up scheme which she will be working on for the benefit of the community.

GD asked if would be appropriate if Robin Millar visited our community. It was agreed that he should be invited to do a drop in surgery one afternoon.

Chair asked if the Council What's App group could be used only strictly for Community Council business which might in the future be examined by outsider organisations.

Agreed to send a note of condolence to Mr Ken Hughes family following the death of Ken last week.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

**Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7.30pm**