

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAPEL CURIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 19.30 hrs on Wednesday 25th October 2023.

Present: Gethin P Davies – Chairman
Dylan Griffiths
Elwyn Jones
Shan Ashton
Marion Lloyd Roberts
Rachael Roberts
Peter Smith – Clerk
Cllr Liz Roberts

Mrs Rachael Roberts was welcomed as a new Councillor and duly signed the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office Notice.

The resignation of Gareth Dwyer as a Councillor was noted.

Clerk said the usual procedure for the Co-option of a new Councillor was being followed, the closing date for the Notice of Vacancy being 27th October with a further notice inviting applicants being displayed shortly afterwards. Any applicants would be considered at our next meeting and voted upon if necessary.

Marion Lloyd Roberts was proposed and appointed Vice Chair to replace Gareth Dwyer

Apologies: Nil received

Minutes:

The draft minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th September 2023 were approved by the meeting with one minor change to wording under Any other Business – ref SA – Levelling up Scheme

Matters arising:

Police attendance at meetings:

Clerk had reported that he had met up with North Wales Police at Llanrwst Station during September flowing various correspondence. Clearly the Authority do not have the manpower to attend our meetings on a regular basis. The situation was left that there is always an invitation to North Wales Police to attend our meetings for a brief discussion on matters of local interest. Clerk undertook to always send a notice of meeting to North Wales Police 2 weeks prior to our regular meetings.

The meeting also suggested Clerk write again to Superintendent Laura Salisbury – Jones pointing out that in spite of her policy this Council has not had any police presence at any of our meetings for several years.

The Playground:

It was reported that finally the lease for the playground has arrived with the committee for the Community Centre. We are now awaiting a revised date for the commencement of the job subject to the contractor's work schedule.

Water Supply to Gelli:

Clerk confirmed that he had received an email from Dŵr Cymru closing the matter from their point of view.

Speed restriction Pont Cyfyng area:

Clerk confirmed a 20mph was now in force in this area of Capel Curig.

Donation to Gwesty Ty'n y Coed for fireworks evening:

Clerk said he had taken advice, and the strong recommendation was that as a Council we should not make a donation to a commercial operation.

Sewage outflow at Bryn Glo:

It appears that the manholes are still lifting during heavy rain periods This has been reported by EJ. Clerk to ask Dŵr Cymru for update prior to next meeting.

Street Lighting:

It was noted that several new streetlights have been erected along the A5. Clerk said he had not received any communication on the matter. It was noted that while this was excellent the one area we needed extra lights (Community Centre area down towards Pont Cyfyng) did not seem to be having any extra lights.

Cllr ER to discuss with relevant department.

Memorial Plaques at Cemetery:

A brief site meeting was held at the cemetery, and it was agreed that the join wall between the old and new cemetery should be used for the placing of any plaques. Clerk said the schedule of prices had been amended accordingly.

Double Yellow Lines Y Hen Bont – behind Joe Browns Shop

Clerk had enquired of Conwy why the lines had not been painted. Reply received from Richard Roberts as follows:-

Please accept my apologies for the delay in response.

The formal advertisement of the Statutory Consultation for the Traffic Regulation Order that this proposal falls onto has concluded at the start of September but we are in the process of resolving objections for other proposals on the order which needs to be done before the Order is sealed.

However, as we received no objection for this proposal at Capel Curig, we will proceed to order the proposed lines to be installed by our Lineage Contractor. Please note they won't be legally enforceable until the TRO order is sealed (our parking team will be made aware).

Timescales can vary with the lineage contractor depending on workloads in a given area, but as your close to the A5 Trunk road here, I can see a quick turnaround even if one of their teams are passing to / from another job.

Kindest regards

Richard John Horace Roberts

*Peirianydd Traffig Cynorthwyol | AfFC - Amgylchedd, Ffyrdd a Chyfleusterau
Assistant Traffic Engineer | ERF - Environment, Roads and Facilities*

Resitting of Royal Mail letterbox at Pont Cyfyng:

Clerk said it was disappointing that after all the Council's efforts to have the letter box recited that the residents had not to date widened their entrance to accommodate vehicles which was the reason for the request in the first place.

Cleaning Public Toilets – Capel Curig

Clerk had written to Garry Williams indicating we MAY have found a candidate to clean our toilets. Clerk had enquired from Garry what the latest situation was from Conwy's point of view. Garry had responded 13 October, and we await his full response when he is able to do.

Clerk said it is difficult to see how we could afford any salary for a cleaner on our current precept.

Planning:

Since our last meeting the following applications have been received:

27/9/2023 – NP4/13/13E – Change of use to Guest House – Bryn Glo – comments now closed

5/10/2023 – NP4/13/247A Retrospective to retain shepherds hut – woodland near Deunant – Closing 27/10/2023 – Action we are opposed to this structure and the shepherds hut should be removed and we support the comments made by Mr C Harper of Deunant.

20/10/2023 – NP4/13/258 Bryn Engan revised location for radio mast – Closing 10/11/2023 – Action – we are opposed to such a large mast being erected in such an iconic position

Clerk confirmed the legal notices had or will be displayed for the requisite number of days.

Correspondence:

- Letter from Conwy Council inviting Chair and guest to Conwy Sports Awards evening at Venue Cymru on Friday 24 November 2023 at 7.30pm
- Letter from Conwy Council reviewing polling stations. No action needed if we consider the Community Centre suitable for election purposes. Council agreed that the Community Centre was satisfactory for electoral purposes.

Financial Position:

The cash movements since the last meeting were as follows:

DATE	CASH IN	CASH OUT	WHO	BALANCE
21/9/2023		£180.00	Grass Cutting extra at Bryn Glo	£5261.07
2/10/2023		£87.39	S. Ashton – Flowers Capel Curig sign area	£5173.68
18/9/2023		£8.00	HSBC Bank charges	£5165.68
13/10.2023		£160.00	Grass Cutting	£5005.67
			CARRIED FORWARD	£5005.67

All transactions were approved by the Council.

Any other business:

DG said some bus stops along the A5 were not clearly marked and there were no timetables on display – Clerk to contact Hannah Jones – Transport Officer Conwy

SA said there were occurrences of Chinese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam at the Cobden's end of The Meadows field. The owner had reported them to Conwy Council but no action yet.

EJ reported trees growing on bridge at Pont Cyfyng on roadway.

– Clerk to contact Sophie Birchall -Rogerson – Environmental & Biodiversity Officer at Conwy to get further advice

Chair said he would collect wreath for Remembrance Sunday which is at 11.00am on Sunday 12th November.

SA said she would tidy up the memorial before the 12th

SA said there was still concern about Pop Up Camping at Bryn Tyrch Uchaf – SA to seek further advice from Llyr Gruffudd AS, who is the regional AS with responsibility for agriculture and environment. SA has also written to Cllr Dilwyn Roberts regarding the same issue. Cllr D Roberts is CCBC's representative on the SNPA and SA has asked him to explain the SNPA's view on pop up camping and to give us an opportunity to report our concerns to the SNPA via himself.

SA noted that all the saplings provided by SNPA to celebrate their 70th birthday have now been planted. A mixed selection was provided to St Julitta's to plant around the church site. The remainder have been planted to create a new bank and mixed, native hedgerow at Glanllugwy Farm.

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 7.30pm at Capel Curig Community Centre

The meeting closed at 9.00pm