

CYNGOR CYMUNED CAPEL CURIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Minutes of meeting held at 19.30 hrs on Wednesday 24th January 2024.

Present: Gethin P Davies – Chairman
Marion Lloyd Roberts – Vice Chair
Dylan Griffiths
Rachael Roberts
Robin Kennedy - Reid
Peter Smith – Clerk
Cllr Liz Roberts

Apologies: Shan Ashton
Elwyn Jones

Mr Robin Kennedy – Reid was welcomed as the new Councillor and duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance document. Clerk to advise Conwy of new Councillor.

Minutes: The draft minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2023 were approved by the meeting without amendment.

Matters Arising:

The Playground:

Email from SA:- *Play park nearly ready... some safety work to be done by Conwy and a drain job by Welsh Water and then we can open.* MLR asked if it would be possible to have a couple of picnic benches which accommodate prams etc in the playground. ER said she had a local source of benches and would email details. Matter would have to be discussed with Community Centre management

Streetlights:

ER reported that she had met with the officer from Conwy and he had agreed to place an additional two street lamps the Pont Cyfyng end of the village on the A5

Sewage Outflow at Bryn Glo:

No report received from Dŵr Cymru, however it is obvious that a considerable amount of stormwater control work is being undertaken in the community.

Double Yellow Lines – Y Hen Bont:

Lines have now been painted and are satisfactory.

Public Toilets in Capel Curig / Possible Pay and display car park Bryn Glo – a means of financing public toilets:

Clerk had written on 11 December to Conwy and then NMWTRA (who own the Bryn Glo Car Park suggesting this as a possible way forward – to date we have received an acknowledgement but no full reply.

ER suggested we contact Janet Finch Saunders MS to lend her support to this idea.

Clerk also emailed clerk of Macho Community Council seeking advice – to date no reply.

ER also suggested that we meet with Edward Jones and Cyng/Cllr D Roberts to arrange a meeting regarding installing pay and display in the car park behind Joe Browns as a means of generating income towards the upkeep of the toilets.

Go Safe: Both SA and RR have now signed up John Morris, Community Speed Watch Manager to attend the next training course when it becomes available.

Section 4: Prompt reply received from Jonathan Cawley, SNP explaining the situation. This had been circulated to Councillors.

A5 Trunk Road: Consultation currently taking place – Clerk had again stated that we as a council would like a 30mph throughout the whole length of the village rather than it changing to 40mph halfway through and the existing 30mph sign should be moved by 500meters towards Betws y Coed

Clerks Matters:

Urdd Gobaith Cymru Donation: £50 Donation to Urdd Gobaith Cymru – to date this has not been paid as their contact email address is inoperative.

Capel Curig Full Electoral Register Dated 1/12/23: The Clerk said this is now available. The Clerk has a copy for Community Council records; however, regulations state any Councillor requiring a copy must apply individually to Conwy. All Councillors have been notified of the procedure.

Precept: Clerk confirmed we had applied for a precept of £3500 for the period 2024/2025 – an increase of £500

Grass Cutting 2024:

Clerk said this contract would be open for contractors to submit tenders for the 2024 season. The invitation to tender would remain open from 1st to 29th February 2024 and would be displayed on our two public notice boards. It was noted that the winning organisation must hold public liability insurance.

Planning Applications:

Application Number NP4/13/259A - 6 Llugwy Terrace, Change of use from domestic to Class Order C5 (Second/holiday Home) It was agreed to express concerns about this application and the fact that there are too many properties for short term lets in the community. ER to ask Conwy if they have a complete list of second homes in the community.

Email received from Audit Wales:

The Clerk showed members an email which he had received from Audit Wales on 4th January 2024:-

I am following up on incomplete audits and have come to Capel Curig. We have not received accounts for audit for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 financial years. I understand that these were before your appointment as clerk. However, the Council is still required to prepare the accounts.

I would be grateful if you could contact me by 15 January to make arrangements for the accounts to be submitted.

Kind regards

Deryck Evans

*Rheolwr Archwilio - Tîm Astudiaethau Ymchwiliol || Audit Manager – Investigative Studies
Team || Ffôn Tel: 02920 320559 / 07780 554874*

The Clerk reported that he had telephoned Mr Evans immediately on 4th January to discuss the best way forward. Mr Evans had requested as a start the historic bank statements should be obtained. Clerk said he had obtained these from the HSBC bank on 9th January and he had also copied and made a table of recorded expenditure. Details were obtained from the historic cheque book stubs during the period in question. The Clerk said that no other supporting documents were handed over to him when he took over as clerk.

Clerk said he has emailed Mr Evans confirming the bank statements were now available on 10th January and asking what he should do next. We await his reply.

Councillors were shown a table of cheques written during the period. Clerk said he was very surprised to receive the email on 4 January 2024 and noted there were no minutes for that period filed on our website. Clerk also noted this may well cost the Community Council money as Audit Wales will almost certainly charge a fee to rectify the situation.

Clerk also reported that he was surprised to receive a letter today (24th January 2024) from HSBC dated 12th January 2024 addressed to Mr Deryck Evans (head of Audit Wales) stating that the HSBC Bank were looking into the complaint which was made. Clerk had not had time to peruse the matter but would report back at the next meeting.

Financial situation:

The cash movements since the last meeting on 6th December 2023 were as follows:

| DATE | CASH IN | CASH OUT | WHO | BALANCE |
|----------------|----------|----------|---------------|----------|
| 14 December 23 | £1000.00 | | Conwy Precept | £5969.68 |
| 19 December 23 | | £8.00 | Bank Charges | £5961.68 |

All the above transactions were approved by Council.

AOB

GD agreed to contact the owner of Siabod Café Car park to ask is one parking area by the A5 could be designated for motorcycles only in order that vehicles coming from Dolydd Terrace and area onto the A5 can have a clear view along the A5.

ER raised the topic of training for councillors – she said she thought this was vital. There is a training course run by Conwy on 25 January from 5 to 7PM and a repeat on 22nd February. Links to the Zoom meeting to be sent to all Councillors

Concern was expressed if the 'Burger Van' trading in Cobdens car park was properly licenced and insured. Clerk to consult John Donnelly, Regulatory Services at Conwy.

Clerk said he would be abroad 29th January to 5th February 2024 and would not be taking his computer with him on this occasion.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 6th March 2024 in Capel Curig Community Centre at 7.30pm

NB: SA to confirm date is available