

# CYNGHOR CYMUNED CAPEL CURIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 19.30 hrs on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**Present:** Gethin P Davies – Chairman  
Marian Lloyd Roberts -Vice Chairman  
Dylan Griffiths  
Shan Ashton Arrived at 7.40pm  
Robin Kennedy Reid  
Marion Lloyd Roberts  
Peter Smith – Clerk

**Apologies:** Elwyn Jones  
Cllr Liz Roberts

**Minutes:** The draft minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 were approved without amendment.

**Matters Arising:**

**Playground:** - Complete.

**Streetlights:** Inspector attending on 4 July to locate 2 additional lights.

**Sewage outflow at Bryn Glo:** No reported incidents since last meeting

**Go Safe Training:** Nothing new to report as SA did not receive any response from the authority concerned.

**Information Board:** By Bryn Glo Café – now repaired.

**Public Footpath signage:**

Clerk reported that Alan Pritchard, who has the replacement signage at his home address has had to take some time off work and the work has not yet been carried out. Mr Pritchard hopes to return to work soon and will contact the Clerk as soon as he is able. Information supplied by Bethan Jones, Alan's line manager.

**Condition of A5 by Ty'n y Coed** – Highways Wales had acknowledged the comment and said they would look at their schedules however noted that their inspectors constantly monitor the condition of the trunk roads. They made no comment about the electronic warning signs!

**Ditches along "Back Road"**

It was noted that most of the work is complete, however Brian Jones will complete the job when time permits. His warning signs remain in situ at either end of the road.

**Planning Applications:**

No current alienations to consider.

It was noted that the "Shepherds Hut" had still not been removed as per the previous planning decision. Clerk to bring this matter to SNP's attention. It was also noted from information supplied by Mr C Harper that the owner of the 'Shepherds Hut' web site had recently gone live again seeking funds.

The closing date for Application NP4/13/AD2K – Ty'n y Coed Hotel – Display fascia signs and hanging signs had passed without any comments

Clerk had received notification that SNP had refused planning application NP4/13/258 – Insulation of a 35meter communications mast at land by Bryn Engan, however the applicant, EE Ltd had appealed. Our previous response will be considered together with other responses by Welsh Ministers; however it was agreed we should state our objection again to the Inspector. Clerk said he had also informed the CEO of Plas y Brenin.

**Licencing Applications:**

Clerk said there were two licencing applications to consider: -

1. Ty'n y Coed Hotel – applying for a licence for provision of recorded music indoors and outdoors Monday – Sunday 8.00am to 2.00am. Apparently, the premises licence has been in place since 2005 which permits music from 6.00pm to 2.00am and the applicant wants to extend the licence from 8.00am to 2.00am
2. Siabod Café – P & R Hospitality applying for Premises Licence for supply of alcohol Monday -Sunday 6.00am -11.00pm and provision of Live and Recorded Music indoors Monday – Sunday 8.00am – 11.00pm

**Public Footpath diversion:**

It was noted that the public footpath over 'Cobdens Foot Bridge' had been diverted slightly. Conwy had investigated the matter and their comments are recorded as follows: -

**Re: CRNo 00114153, Wooden Fencing on public footpath**

*The path has been inspected by a council officer and we have made a record of the wooden fencing, the fencing does obstruct the official line of the path however access to the path is available and clearly visible.*

*We have informed the landowner that this is acceptable on a temporary basis but should we receive complaints from walkers or user groups we will require removal of the obstruction either by taking it down completely or by creating a gap to allow path users to follow the line of the official path.*

*Signed Caroline Turner and dated 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Swyddog Hawliau Tramwy (Swyddog Map Deffiniol)/Definitive Map Officer*

Clerk to ensure that the owner of Cobden's is fully aware of the situation.

**Financial Matters:**

The Clerk reported the following: -

The movement in our bank account were as follows: -

Date	Type	Description	Amount	Balance
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18 Jun 2024	CHG	TOTAL CHARGES TO 27MAY2024	-8.00	5345.47
31 May 2024	BP	Formston Trees 1273	-165.00	5353.47
19 May 2024	CHG	TOTAL CHARGES TO 27APR2024	-8.00	5518.47
07 May 2024	BP	Formston Trees 1247	-165.00	5526.47
01 May 2024	BP	Canolfan GymunedolCC/2338	-105.00	5691.47

The Council is £5345 in credit.

The cash movements were approved by the Council.

The Clerk requested authorisation to attend online a Clerk Training Course – cost £6.13. Approved by Council.

The Clerks expenses to date of £48.46 were approved by Council for payment.

14/9/2023	Sympathy Card Ken Hughes		£1.45
14/9/2023	Postage Stamp	To Hughes family	£0.68
27/9/2023	Magnets for Notice Board	PayPal	£7.72
26/10/2023	Sympathy Cards	Fferm Garth	£3.55
26/10/2023	Postage stamp	For above	£0.75
1/11/2023	Postage Stamp	Wreath Royal British Leigion	£0.75
11/12/2023	Postage Stamp	Precept request Conwy	£0.75
1/4/2024	Postage Stamp	One Voice Wales	£0.75
2/4/2024	Large Envelope	To post accounts	£1.50
2/4/2024	Plastic Wallets	Filing purposes	£1.50
2/5/2024	Box Fles – W H Smith	Filing purposes	£12.98
2/5/2024	Postage -	Accounts to Audit Wales	£9.95
10/6/2024	Clerks Course	One Voice Wales via Evenbrite	£6.13

**TOTAL £48.46**

Clerk reported that our accounts for this last financial year were with Audit Wales and to date there had been no communication from them.

Clerk reported that the Statutory Notice that the accounts are available for inspection had been posted on the public notice boards. The inspection period is 1 – 26 July 2024 when any member of the public may, by appointment view the Capel Curig Community Council Accounts at the Clerk's home address.

The Clerk reported that the annual budget was in line with our anticipated expenditure.

### **BUDGET FOR 2024/2025**

DATE	ITEM	BUDGET	TO DATE	YEAR END OVER	YEAR END UNDER
	Grass Cutting	£1600.00	£330		

	Clerks Exps	£60.00	£48.46		
	Donations	£100.00			
	Hire of rooms	£120.00			
	Councillor Training	£300.00	£38.00		
	Insurance	£250.00	£220.21		
	Bank Charges	£100.00	£16.00		
	British Legion	£25.00			
	Clerks Salary	£700.00	£700.00		
	Web Hosting	£70.00			
	Elections	£350.00			
	One Voice Wales Subs	£45.00	£45.00		
	Stand at Carnifal	£100.00			
	Audit Wales fees	?			
	Repairs to Cemetery	£720.00			
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£4540.00</b>	<b>£1502.67</b>		
	<b>INCOME</b>				
11/4/24	Percept	£3500.00	£1167		

### Plastic Free Betws y Coed & District.

This group would like our support. It was decided we should support their aims and to that end a representative would be invited to briefly address our next meeting.

### Clerks Matters:

Clerk reported he had met with the Clerk of Betws y Coed last month and exchanged ideas of mutual interest.

Clerk reported that despite repeated requests to Conwy Council they had still not placed T10 bus timetables on display along the A5 towards Llyn Ogwen. The Clerk had taped some laminated timetables (supplied by Betws y Coed) to the bus stops recently. Clerk had also distributed paper timetables to various campsites along the A5

### Public Toilets / Height Restrictions to Car Parks / Pay and Display Car Parks:

Clerk reported that after much communication he had received a letter off Mr Edward Jones, Head of Property Services SNP. For the sake of clarity his letter is reproduced in full below: -



**Edward Jones**

Tue, 11 Jun, 13:57  
(13 days ago)

to Iwan, me, Jonathan

*Dear Clerk*

*Sincere apologies for the delay in responding. The issues are replicated elsewhere to an extent, but we have discussed in detail the situation at our car park in Capel Curig in our internal officer meetings with Management Team input.*

*Regarding the suggestion of a height barrier, this has had limited success in another site we manage in Penmaenpool. The repeated damage caused to the barrier, either accidental or otherwise (and given the recently replaced top barrier was struck less than 2 weeks after replacing, the likelihood of the latter appears greater sadly) this is not a sustainable solution. Whilst higher vans/campers/motorhomes are not able to enter the car park, the lower converted vans etc are able to pass under the barrier, therefore the overnight stays have not been prevented entirely.*

*Whilst the majority of the other vehicles have gone elsewhere to stay (ie displaced to other locations), some choose to park outside the car park on the access road overnight, and this we believe would be a high probability of occurring at Capel Curig.*

*It was also noted that the car park is frequently used by minibuses by local organisations and further afield to access the nearby paths etc. It was felt that a height barrier on the entrance would prevent this sustainable mode of travelling.*

*We are in the process of obtaining specialist legal advice on the enforcement options available to us in relation to unauthorised overnight stays.*

*On the topic of making the car park a Pay and Display site, this was previously suggested by the Authority as part of the income generation plan to meet the Financial Challenge some 8 or 9 years ago when all community councils were consulted.*

*The prospect of a Pay and Display car park at Capel Curig met the highest level of objections, with repeated concerns by residents and local businesses regarding the traffic displacement / vehicles being left on the approach road/old A5, parked all day in the short stay bays in front of the Village Stores without parking enforcement by Conwy Council officers, along with obstruction of access to properties and the public toilets.*

*Given the high probability of traffic displacement that a Pay and Display machine would cause given the width of the approaching access road as highlighted in the responses it was decided that Capel Curig was not a suitable site for introducing a charge for parking.*

*The cost of maintaining the public toilets are known to be significant, and as an Authority we have been faced with the challenge of funding a 20% uplift in cost following a re-tender of the cleaning contract across our site. Accordingly, the Authority has to revise its own car parking income targets this year and for future years to fund the increase in cost.*

*After further discussion it was suggested that the Community Council could approach the local businesses who shared the concerns of residents previously, along with other more recent businesses/ventures locally and seek sponsorship or contributions towards the cost of maintaining and cleaning the toilets at Capel Curig.*

*I trust that this information helps to explain why there are reservations regarding the suitability of a height barrier, and that the issues regarding positioning a pay and display machine remain the same.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Edward Jones*

**Edward Tudor Jones**

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It was agreed to reply to this letter stating that 'the world had moved on', there is no café in that area now, there are double yellow lines over the bridge but to again explore if SNP would lease the car park to us in order that we could operate a pay and display to help fund toilets.

**Overnight parking at Capel Curig Cemetery Car Park:**

Clerk reported that this was a frequent occurrence. It was agreed that a new large sign should be erected pointing out it was both a farm field entrance and private land. Clerk to discuss with Peter Jones best place to erect the sign.

**Any other Business:**

1. Chair asked who owned the bench in the Bryn Glo car park – Clerk to ask ER
2. SA said Dŵr Cymru should really do some repair work at the Community Centre car park following the use of the car park by Dŵr Cymru with their heavy plant.
3. MLR mentioned the bollards by Fferm Royal which had suffered damage again. Clerk said ER had reported the matter and Clerk had supplied photographic evidence.
4. Chair said Penmachno had flashing 20mph signs – Clerk to ask ER if there is any possibility of Capel Curig having same by Fferm Royal.
5. It was agreed it is most important for the public toilets to remain open in Capel Curig but how to fund or operate them remains a difficult problem to solve.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.00pm . Prior to the meeting Plastic Free Betws y Coed will be invited to give a 20 minute presentation.