

# CYNGHOR CYMUNED CAPEL CURIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 19.30 hrs on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

**Present:** Gethin P Davies – Chairman  
Marian Lloyd Roberts – Vice Chairman  
Shan Ashton  
Dylan Griffiths  
Robin Kennedy – Reid  
Peter Smith – Clerk

**Apologies:**  
Cllr Liz Roberts

**Declaration of Interests:** Nil declared

**Minutes:** The draft minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 were approved without amendment.

## **Matters arising:**

**Streetlights:** It was noted that the work had commenced and three new streetlights were in the process of being installed. SA said some lights were obstructed by overgrown trees. GD said highways or Conwy would advise landowners that they should clear where necessary.

**Sewage at Bryn Glo:** No reportable incidents

**Bridge by Fferm Royal:** It was noted that the work had not yet commenced. SA said we should ask Conwy to install further traffic calming measures in this area. Agreed

**Public footpath signage:** Most defective signs have now been replaced.

**Condition of A5:** It was noted that work had not yet commenced but the schedule of work notices have been displayed – the work is expected to last 10 days

**Financial Regulations:** Clerk reported that these were now in place on our website

**Audit Wales:** Outstanding invoices. Chair said he had spoken to Audit Wales and we will have to pay the outstanding invoices although Audit Wales did offer staged payments. It was decided to clear the whole amount in one go. Council therefore agreed to the cheque for £2975.26 being issued immediately.  
Clerk showed members what the cash position will be after this cheque has been cleared and said he would revise our budget ready for the next meeting.

**Plastic Free project:**

It was agreed that we should adopt this policy as per the agenda. SA she would be happy to be our representative on this organisation. Clerk to advise the secretary.

*Council will lead by example and remove single-use plastic items from its premises and operations. if you can add some examples of items. eg cleaning items no bottled water or single use cups etc)*

*2.Council will encourage plastic-free initiatives in the. area, promoting the campaign and supporting events. (Invite PFC stand to local events, have posters in the village encourage Plastic free for future village activities and in use of village buildings*

*3.Name a representative of the council to sit on the Plastic Free Community Steering Group. (we only meet 2 times a year*

**Clerks Matters & Correspondence:**

Clerk said he had written to the newly appointed CEO of the SNP. He had replied that once settled in post he would like to attend a Council meeting.

Chair and partner invited to Conwy Sports Awards dinner at Venue Cymru November 2024. Unfortunately nobody from the Council was available to attend. Clerk to advise Conwy accordingly.

Reminder from Audit Wales we have outstanding invoices to pay. Dealt with under matters arising.

Letter from Rural Digital Connectivity asking if we would like to have a drop in session. Agreed we should try a drop-in session. Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 4 -7PM was agreed at the Community Centre. Clerk to liaise with SA once confirmed

**Finances:**

Council reviewed the transactions since the last meeting and approved the following: -

| Date               | Type | Description                | Amount  | Balance |
|--------------------|------|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| <b>23 Sep 2024</b> | BP   | Formston Trees 1371        | -165.00 | 5427.01 |
| <b>18 Sep 2024</b> | CHG  | TOTAL CHARGES TO 27AUG2024 | -8.00   | 5592.01 |
| <b>26 Aug 2024</b> | BP   | Formston Trees 1356        | -165.00 | 5600.01 |
| <b>18 Aug 2024</b> | CHG  | TOTAL CHARGES TO 27JUL2024 | -8.00   | 5765.01 |

The Updated budget for the year 2024/25 was as follows: -

**BUDGET FOR 2024/2025.**

| DATE    | ITEM                 | BUDGET          | TO DATE         | YEAR END OVER | YEAR END UNDER |
|---------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
|         | Grass Cutting        | £1600.00        | £655.00         |               |                |
|         | Clerks Exps          | £60.00          | £48.46          |               |                |
|         | Donations            | £100.00         |                 |               |                |
|         | Hire of rooms        | £120.00         | £105.00         |               |                |
|         | Councillor Training  | £300.00         | £38.00          |               |                |
|         | Insurance            | £250.00         | £220.21         |               |                |
|         | Bank Charges         | £100.00         | £32.00          |               |                |
|         | 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 Carnival    | £100.00         |                 |               |                |
|         | Audit Wales fees     | ?               |                 |               |                |
|         | Repairs to Cemetery  | £720.00         |                 |               |                |
|         | <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>£4540.00</b> | <b>£1780.67</b> |               |                |
|         | <b>INCOME</b>        |                 |                 |               |                |
| 11/4/24 | Percept              | £3500.00        | £1167           |               |                |
| 15/8/24 | Precept              |                 | £1167           |               |                |

Council approved the budget. Clerk reminded Council there would be major changes once the outstanding Audit Wales invoices were cleared by the bank

Clerk said there would still be one other invoice due from Audit Wales for the 2023/24 period when we were subjected to a full audit so Clerk said he was expecting a fairly large invoice

#### **Planning Matters:**

No new planning applications received. It was noted that SNP may well be very behind with their workload.

There was no inspectors report regarding the Shepherds Hut yet.

New Mast in woodland by Bryn Engan – clerk had distributed the latest communications on the matter to all Councillors on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

#### **Capel Curig Community Council Website:**

Clerk outlined the reasons why he thought we should have a more flexible and UpToDate website. He had held a meeting with the technician who had constructed Betws y Coed's website and confirmed the fee would be £600 – Zero Vat

It was agreed that we should proceed and clerk to peruse the matter and report on progress to the council.

#### **Public Toilets in Capel Curig:**

Clerk said a letter from Conwy dated 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and received by him at 17.52 on the same date informing us that the decision to close our toilets had been taken and the toilets would close from 14<sup>th</sup> October.

After a full discussion during which Conwy were criticised for this decision to close, particularly with the high volume of visitors we experience and the public health issue, it was agreed SA would continue gathering useful information, GD would contact Garry Williams and see what valuation and lease terms Conwy would require if we took over the running of the toilets. Once that information was to hand Clerk would enquire from our insurers Zurich what their terms and conditions would be.

**Date of next meeting:**

7.30pm Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at the Community Centre

The meeting closed at 9.00pm