

**CYNGOR CYMUNED CILYCWMM COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the virtual meeting of Cilycwm Community Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 at 6.30 p.m.

**Present:**

Chairman: Councillor M. Paul

Councillors: Jamie Pickup, Aled Edwards, Moira Davies, Arwel Davies

Councillor H. Jones tried to join the meeting but there were technical problems

**1. Ymddiheuriadau a datganiad o fudd/Apologies and Declarations of interest**

**Ymddiheuriadau/Apologies:**

Councillor E. Lewis, Councillor W. Jones

**Datganiad o fudd/Declarations of interest**

Councillor A. Edwards and Councillor M. Davies – Menter Cilycwm

**2. Cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd 8fed Rhagfyr, 2020/Minutes of the meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2020**

These were accepted as correct on correction of the following:

Members present: Councillor Moira Williams should read Councillor Moira Davies

Declaration of Interest: Councillor J. Pickup Planning Matters – PL/00817 – Bwlchmaenllwyd

**3. Materion yn codi o'r cofnodion/Matters arising from the minutes:**

**(i) Cilycwm Notice Board**

Following a discussion it was agreed to repair the Notice Board. Quotes had been received sometime ago, the Clerk to enquire for an updated price.

**(ii) Storage of Council documents**

The Clerk to liaise with the County Archive regarding further information regarding the storage of documents.

**(iii) Water supply in Cilycwm**

The Clerk was asked to contact Dwr Cymru for an update. Also enquire as to who decides whether this work will be carried out, are we on the priority list, etc. Dwr Cymru have offered a site meeting when current restrictions are lifted.

#### **(iv) Future Projects**

It was discussed briefly the possibility of allocating a sum of £5,000.00 to be spent on a project for the village of Cilycwm.

#### **4. Gohebiaeth/Correspondence**

- (a) One Voice Wales newsletter
- (b) WG Elections newsletter
- (c) Hywel Dda newsletter
- (d) One Voice Wales newsletter
- (e) Have your say Policing priorities

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#### **5. Materion Ariannol/Financial Matters**

##### **Audit update**

The External Audit conducts the audit on behalf of, and in accordance with, guidance issued by the Auditor General for Wales. On the basis of their review, in our opinion, the information contained in the Annual Return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met.

However, during our review we identified some other matters that we wish to draw to the Council's attention which do not affect our audit opinion but should be addressed by the Council.

##### Re-approval section

We note that the Council has completed the re-approval box on the Annual Governance Statement (part 2) on the Annual Return, despite the fact the Council was not required to amend the figures or responses to the assertions on the Accounting Statement and the

Annual Governance Statement. In future years, the Council should ensure this box is not completed unless it is necessary to do so.

#### Previous internal and external audit reports

The Council should minute the discussion of all internal and external audit reports. If there are issues to discuss it is still good practice to note this in the minutes.

#### **Future Audits**

Wales Audit Office are producing a three year plan for inhouse Audits. In 2020/2021 there will be a Full Audit, for 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 it will be a basic Audit. Further details will be sent with a full explanation of what is required.

#### **S137 Local Government Act**

The appropriate sum for 2021/2022 would be £8.41.

#### **Precept payment**

A precept payment of £1,666.67 had been received for the December quarter.

The precept for 2021/2022 and it was discussed and agreed that the precept would remain the same, £5,000.00

#### **Lloyds Bank Statements**

The Clerk to write to the Bank asking that future Bank Statements to be sent to the address of the new Clerk. Two of the cheque signatures to sign the letter.

#### **(ii) Cais am Arian/Request for financial support**

Requests for a donation had been received from the following:

Menter Cilycwm - £143.88 to purchase "Zoom" in order that quizzes and other virtual events could be held in order to bring the Community together.

C.F.F.I. Sir Gar

Wales Air Ambulance

The above were discussed and it was agreed to give a donation as follow:

Menter Cilycwm - £143.88, C.F.F.I. Sir Gar - £100.00, Wales Air Ambulance - £100.00.

#### **Cadarnhau taliadau/Confirmation of payments**

A replace for cheque no. 000668 dated 13/02/2020 for £90.00 was required (hire of hall).

### **Adroddiad Ariannol/Financial Report**

This would be prepared on receipt of Bank Statements

### **6. Materion Cymunedol/Community Matters**

It was reported that once "Zoom" was established a Community Quiz would be held on a regular basis, with a quiz master being appointed. Capel-y-Groes project - the funding stream was very restrictive.

### **7. Materion Cynllunio/Planning Matters**

#### **Application E/40793 – erection of freestanding sign – land at Cwm Rhaeadr**

Approval has now been received from Carmarthenshire County Council. Although some of Conditions were not acceptable, e.g. Condition No. 7 Period of which advertisement shall be allowed to remain shall be 5 years. The Chairman agreed to contact the Planning Department and speak to Mr Kevin Phillips.

### **8. Llwybrau Cyhoeddus a Priffyrdd/Public Footpaths and Highway Issues**

#### **Penstacan Byway**

Nothing further to report. Order-making processes are still on hold by Welsh Government.

#### **Locked Gate on 8/13**

Note from Jason Lawday received on the 19<sup>th</sup> October. The Community Council may be interested to learn that we are currently dealing with a locked gate issue on path 8/13, which is Rhandirmwyn, on the other side of the river and south of the caravan site, but still within Cilycwm Community. This is taking a long time to resolve, but hopefully we will get the lock permanently removed soon (it has been removed, but keeps reappearing). It was agreed not to pursue this issue.

### **9. Other business**

#### **New Clerk**

The newly appointed Clerk asked that if it was possible to have Windows 10 re-installed on the Community Council laptop, this was discussed and agreed. The Clerk to obtain a quote

and discuss with the Chairman. The Clerk to be paid £1440.00 per annum, the first quarter would be pro-rata.

The Clerk would also be responsible for placing the agenda/minutes on the notice boards at Cilycwm, Siloh and Porthyrhyd. Due to present travel restrictions and lockdown the Community Councillors would assist when necessary.

### **Broadband**

A lengthy discussion followed regarding the issue with internet/broadband signal in Cilycwm. With more people working from home, children having lessons on line, it was getting a great problem for rural areas. The masts at Llangadog and Rhandirmwyn were discussed, also the providers ResQnet and BT, also how many people had registered for the scheme. It was eventually agreed to ask the Clerk to write to ResQnet, BT, Ceri Jenkins, Adam Price and Jonathan Edwards.

### **10. Date and venue of next meeting**

The next meeting to be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2021 at possibly Ysgol Rhys Pritchard at 7.30 p.m., if not it will be a virtual meeting dependant on current restrictions.

Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.