

CYNGOR CYMUNED CILYCWMM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the MS Teams meeting held on Wednesday 4th January, 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor J. Pickup

Councillors: Aled Edwards, Arwel Davies, Hywel Jones, Moira Davies

1. Ymddiheuriadau a datganiad o fudd/Apologies and declarations of Interest**Ymddiheuriadau/Apologies**

Councillor W. Jones, Councillor M. Paul (internet connection issues, he also mentioned that online meetings do not work for this Council, at present the Clerk is obliged to work from home)

Datganiad o fudd/Declaration of Interest

Councillor Aled Edwards, Councillor M. Davies – Menter Cilycwm

Councillor J. Pickup, Councillor M. Davies – Holiday let, caravans, etc.

Councillor A. Edwards – Footpath Penstacan, Home Farm

2. Cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd 2^{ail} Tachwedd, 2021/Minutes of meeting held 2nd November, 2021

Minutes accepted as correct, but later in the meeting it was agreed to make the following corrections:

(f) Land near Greenlodge and Mill House – should read “New House”

Minute 8 – Footpath 8/21 – Penstacan – remove last sentence.

Policing

The Clerk had sent an email to PCSO Stephen Griffiths but no reply received.

3. Materion yn codi o’r cofnodion/Matters arising from the minutes:**(i) Cilycwm Notice Board (Cwm Rhaedr) – E/40793**

No further update regarding our query with Carmarthenshire County Council.

The Clerk to contact Mr John Morgan regarding repairs to the Notice Board and Councillor J. Pickup agreed to meet him on site. The Clerk to write a letter to Mr Morgan and include a copy to the Chairman.

Councillor M. Davies reported that the Notice Board in the Play Area had fallen down, it was agreed to ask Mr Morgan to repair/put it back in place.

(ii) Water Supply Cilycwm

Mr Steffan James, Dwr Cymru, had agreed to attend a meeting on the 25th January, 2022. This date was accepted and the Clerk to inform members of the Community Council regarding the time and venue.

(iii) Broadband

This was discussed and it was noted that the work in Llansadwrn had been approved, and also the Mast near Cilycwm had been turned on and installation in people's homes will cover a large area.

An email/statement had been received from Mr Gareth Jones which stated "Thank you for your continued patience whilst we work through the final approvals for funding for your project with us. We've been able to submit your project for approval for government funding

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from the Building Digital (UK) (BDUK) team and they will now review the project against a set of criteria for approval.

The scheme still remains incredibly popular for communities across the UK and as such we are working with the BDUK team to process as many schemes as we can every week.

(iv) Holiday let, caravans, etc.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding people who set up caravan, camping sites in Cilycwm without following correct procedure, obtaining official permission, etc. Caravans also are being left in the area unused until they no longer are needed, fall apart and therefore making the landscape look untidy. This was not only a problem in Cilycwm but throughout the County and unfortunately the Enforcement Team do not have the staff/facilities to deal with all the complaints. The correct procedure regarding setting up a Caravan Site was discussed. It was finally agreed that a letter be sent to the Enforcement Team of Carmarthenshire County Council and asking them to be more stringent in ensuring that these types of unlawful sites were not being set up in the Area. The Clerk to draft a letter and send to the County Councillor to check its contents.

(v) Defibrillator for Siloh and Towy Bridge

The defibrillators had arrived and Councillor J. Pickup agreed to arrange the set up of the one for Towy Bridge. The Clerk to contact Councillor E. Lewis regarding the defibrillator for Siloh. When Covid-19 restrictions were removed hopefully later in the year, official training for use of the machines will be organised.

(vi) Litter Bins for Towy Bridge area

The Clerk had contacted Carmarthenshire County Council and the request continued to remain with the Refuse and Cleansing Department.

9 (d) Salt/Grit boxes

The salt/grit boxes had not been filled, neither had the broken box been replaced.

9 (f) Land near Greenlodge/New House

This had been reported to Carmarthenshire County Council.

4. Gohebiaeth/Correspondence

(i) One Voice Wales

Greening 8 towns in Carmarthenshire

COP2021 – toolkit for stakeholders

Consultation into inquire on second homes

Lottery – Jubilee Fund

Planning legislation and policy for second homes and short term lets

Carmarthenshire Connected Consultation Fund

Digital Communication Support Officer – vacancy

Defibrillator Manager – vacancy

Consultation regarding Community Councillors

Result of consultation – Community Council Clerks

(ii) Electoral information

(iii) Unpaid carers grant – CCC

(iv) Well-being assessment – CCC

(v) C2167 Emergency road closure

(vi) Carmarthenshire CC – latest news

All above sent by email)

(vii) Dyfed Powys Police consultation

(viii) Community and Town Council Forum – 26th January, 2022

(ix) WAG – S137 expenditure

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(x) Western Power Fuel poverty grant

(xi) One Voice Wales meeting this evening

(xii) Cambrian Mountain Society

A request to show slides at a Community Council meeting. This was discussed and agreed not to accept the request.

(xiii) Dyfed Powys Police consultation – “Do you feel safe in your local area”

(vix) Queen’s Jubilee

5. Materion Ariannol/Financial Matters

(i) Adroddiad Ariannol/Financial Report

The Clerk had produced a Financial Report and copies had been distributed in order to discuss the Precept. This was discussed and it was agreed that it would remain at £5,000.00 this was proposed by Councillor A. Edwards and seconded by Councillor J. Pickup. The Clerk to send the appropriate form for the Chairman for signature.

Audit update

A request for further information was received from the Wales Audit Office:

(a) There was a decrease of 32% in the expenditure. An explanation had been sent previously but a more detailed explanation was required. A copy of the balance sheets for 2019/20 and 2020/2021 were forwarded.

(b) An explanation regarding the Total assets and long-term asset figure. Again, copies of 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 were forwarded.

(ii) Cais am Arian/Request for financial support

Urdd Gobaith Cymru – Carmarthenshire Eisteddfod. This had already been supported by Cilycwm Community Council.

(iii) Cadarnhad Taliadau/Confirmation of Payments

Clerks Wages and expenses - £663.00 (£600.00 wages)

(£148.00 expenses includes travelling £50.00 (placing information on Notice Boards), Broadband £48.00, Postages £50.00)

HMRC - £85.00

The Clerk had sent £150.00 to each Community Councillor to cover internet, computer, etc. expenses. An updated report to be sent to each Community Councillor.

(iv) Derbyniadau/Receipts

A precept payment of £1,666.67 had been received.

(v) Biliau i'w Talu/Bills for payment

Welsh Hearts 2 defibrillators - £2,458.00.

6. Materion Cymunedol/Community Matters

An exciting, very successful community event had been organised for Christmas, an advent window calendar with pictures on the windows.

Discussions were ongoing with improving the facilities at Capel y Groes with another three new members. There had been a problem with the WiFi but it was now being sorted, with a 46" TV screen, Zoom, etc. and we should see the results in a month or two. There might be a shortfall in the amount of grant that will be received but the Community Council discussed and agreed to support the package. This would be of great advantage to the Community Council. It was proposed by Councillor J. Pickup and seconded by Councillor H. Jones.

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Applications had been made for a further three grants, Community Fund, Cadw and a Heritage Grant. Local donations were also being received as it was necessary to build up capital before applying for some grants. In 2019 a letter had been sent confirming the support of the Community Council this needed to be updated and re-sent. The Chairman to sign the letter and send to the Menter.

The Chairman thanked Menter Cilycwm for their work and success with the Advent Calendar windows.

7. Materion Cynllunio/Planning Matters

Carmarthenshire County Council – PL/03036 – Cae Glas, Porthyrhyd, SA19 8DL – proposed alterations and extensions to dwelling.

Carmarthenshire County Council – PL/3129 – Penstacan, Cilycwm – two single storey side extensions and internal alterations

Copies of the above had been sent to everyone with no comments/issues to report.

8. Llwybrau Cyhoeddus & Priffyrdd/Public Footpaths and Highway Issues

Footpaths near Home Farm

Nothing further to report regarding the email from Mr Jason Lawday with reference to the "String of Pearls", and the landslip that affected path 8/2 in Cwm Rhaedr Forest.

Cwm Rhaedr/Aberhosan

The Clerk to enquire if this work had been carried out.

Footpath 8/21 – Penstacan

An email had been received from Mr Jason Lawday stating that the maintenance team have been surveying the bridleways going over Mynydd Mallaen for an improvement project connected with Penstacan, but they've run into problems with finding the correct route where it goes through the boggy ground. Hopefully they will carry out a detail survey in the New Year.

Footpaths being added to the Definitive Map & Statement

There was a County Boundary change in 1986 where some short sections of bridleways that were previously in Ceredigion are now in the Cilycwm Community. There are up the Doethie/Pysgota Fawr valley at Troed Rhiw Cymmer and Troed Rhiw Rhuddwen and Jason is in the process of adding them to the Definitive Map and Statement.

9. Other Matters

(g) Pot holes Gallt y Berre Bridge.

There are drainage issues on the Gallt y Berre bridge to Troedrhiw Farm road and the area gang is currently treating the defects.

10. Date and venue of next meeting

The next meeting would be held at Capel y Groes, Tuesday 1st March, 2022.

