

Minutes of the meeting of Cilycwm Community Council held on Tuesday 7th March, 2023 at 7.30 p.m. at Capel y Groes

Present:

Chairman: County Councillor Arwel Davies/Councillor M. Davies chaired the meeting when discussing item 9 (k) on the Agenda – Bute Energy

Councillors: A. Edwards, M. Paul, E. Lewis, L. Holdaway

1. Ymddiheuriadau a datganiad o fudd/apologies and declarations of interest

Ymddiheuriadau/Apologies

Councillor J. Pickup, Councillor H. Jones

Datgan o fudd/Declarations of Interest

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

Bute Energy – Councillor A. Davies

Footpaths near Home Farm – Councillor A. Edwards

2. Cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd 10fed Ionawr, 2023/Minutes of the meeting held 10th January, 2023

Minutes were accepted as correct, on correction of the following:

Item 1 – Declarations of Interest Footpath 8/10 – Councillor L. Holdaway. Councillor L. Holdaway did not have an interest in this Footpath and it was agreed to delete this sentence.

Proposed by Councillor M. Paul and seconded by Councillor M. Davies.

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

(1) Cilycwm Notice Boards

It was discussed and agreed that we invite WR Carpentry to carry out all the work.

Notice Board – Cilycwm Church

The Notice Board was rotten and it was agreed to accept the advice of WR Carpentry

Notice Board – Cilycwm Play Area

Proceed with the work as soon as possible

Notice Board at Towy Bridge

Proceed with the work as soon as further information is received from Councillor J. Pickup

(v) Defibrillator – Training Sessions

Everyone to obtain names/numbers of everyone interested. Definite dates to be discussed at the next meeting.

(vi) Litter Bins – Towy Bridge

Councillor J. Pickup was absent from the meeting, he had the information as to whether the litter bins were in place. The Clerk had contacted Carmarthenshire County Council and they were making enquiries with the Refuse and Cleansing section.

9 (d) Salt/Grit Boxes

Carmarthenshire County Council advised that the grit bins and salt heaps will be replenished as soon as resources become available. The recent heavy rain fall has diverted manpower in the last couple of weeks.

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9 (l) River Erosion – Wirddol layby

Carmarthenshire County Council stated that the river erosion to Wirddol lay by is programmed in the 23/24 HQ Remedial earthworks programme. This is subject to available budgets next year.

9 (j) Telephone kiosk (720312)

The weeds inside the kiosk would be cleared, with reference to the name being changed to Cilycwm, this had been reported but it would take a while to go through the system.

4. Gohebiaeth/Correspondence:

- (i) CCC – budget consultation
- OVW Area meeting
- Brownhill Woodlands
- CCC – Cambrian Mountains
- OVW – Buckingham Palace Garden Party

OVW – CHC – Llais

OVW – New hospital Site consultation

Hywel Dda – Hospital Site

OVW – Rachel Carter – Biodiversity (This to be discussed at the May Meeting)

CCC – Local Development Plan 2019-2023

CCC – Shared prosperity fund

OVW – update

OVW Woodland Liaison Officer

(ii) above sent via email

OVW – Public Commemoration Consultation

OVW – Third Sector Grant Scheme

CCC – Well being consultation

OVW – Climate change survey

OVW – Coastal and Flooding erosion consultation

OVW – Tree planting workshop

OVW – Defibrillator Census

OVW – Outdoor Education Consultation

CCC – Scrutiny Committee

IRP report

Road Closure C2157 Llandovery

5. Materion Ariannol/Financial Matters

(i) Budget

This had already been discussed and agreed would be discussed again at the September meeting.

Audit updates 2021/2022 (full audit)

Auditor General's report. Audit opinion – Qualified

Except for the matters reported below in my Basis for the Qualification, on the basis of my review, in my opinion no matters have come to my attention giving cause for concern that in any material respect, the information reported in this Annual Return.

Basis for Qualification**Accounting Statement**

In my opinion the Accounting Statement does not properly present the Council's receipts and payments for the year:

Line 6 excludes an upresented cheque (000709) issued in November 2022 for £150. Line 6 is understated by £150.00 and lines 7, 9 and 11 are overstated by £150.00.

The Council's minutes record receipt of £1,050 in donations during the year. However, the cashbook and the accounting statement record only £900.00.

Annual Governance Statement

I am unable to conclude whether or not the Annual Governance Statement is consistent with the Council's governance arrangements:

Assertion 2 – The Council states that it has maintained an adequate system of internal control. However:

My audit testing identified discrepancies between the Council's recorded arrangements for making payments and the way in which payments are recorded and reported to the Council.

Other matters arising and recommendations

There are no further matters or recommendations that I wish to draw to the Council's attention.

Bank report

This was being updated.

(ii) Cais am Arian/Request for financial support

Adran Llyn y Fan (Cilycwm, Llanwrda, Llansadwrn, etc.) had requested a donation towards preparing for the Eisteddfod, etc. It was agreed to give a donation of £100.00. Proposed by Councillor A. Edwards and seconded by Councillor E. Lewis.

(iii) Cadarnhau Taliadau/Confirmation of payments**(iv) Derbyniadau/Receipts**

Wales Air Ambulance – thank you for donation.

(iv) Biliau I'w Talu/Bills for payment

One Voice Wales membership - £91.00.

Clerks Wages/expenses were due in April (breakdown to be sent to everyone)

Carmarthenshire County Council – election costs

(vi) Financial and Governance Tool Kit

Points to be discussed sent to everyone.

Guidance on preparing Council's Training Plan

6. Materion Cymunedol/Community Matters

Menter Cilycwm

The plans and drawings had been prepared, this was a slow process as one of the Architects was/has been on maternity leave, Trustees concerned that the process is slow.

Grant applications were continuing to be sought. Fundraising had been carried out over the past year, but the funds had not been spent.

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The Urdd Eisteddfod was being held in Llandovery during Spring Bank Holiday, a competition would be being held in the village and a reward for the best decoration ideas.

7. Materion Cynllunio/Planning Matters

Land adjoining Y Fron – Telecommunications Installation update.

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

(a) Footpath near Home Farm

No further information to report.

(b) Access to the footbridge over the river which flows down from Mynydd Mallaen

Jason Lawday had been home from work due to illness, there was a lot of work involved.

(c) Footpath 8/10

As reported in 8 (b) Jason Lawday had been away from work.

(d) Benlan – path closures

Carmarthenshire County Council public footpaths 8/37 and 8/42 (in parts) Benlan, Cilycwm. Temporary prohibition of Pedestrian traffic. Will commence 1st February and will continue for 6 months from the commencement of work.

(e) Glanrhyd – Bailey Bridge closure

Carmarthenshire County Council Glanrhyd Bailey Bridge, C2270 Cilycwm. No person shall cause vehicle to proceed along Glanrhyd Bailey Bridge from Monday 6th March, 2023.

9 (k) Bute Energy and Solar wind farm – Nant yr arst and Ty Llwyd

The proposed Pylon Scheme by Bute Energy was discussed at length, the possibility of placing overhead pylons throughout the Tywi Valley. Also included in the discussion was the future and way forward with Solar wind farms. Renewable energy was discussed and the effects of wind farms/pylons to owners of private land. Public Meetings had been held at Llandovery and Llandeilo. Bute Energy are organizing public consultations regarding their forthcoming community engagement proposals, there are meetings in Llandeilo on the 25th of March and Llandovery on the 29th of March.

9 (l) CCC – Cambrian Mountains – Area of outstanding beauty

This to be discussed at a later date.

9 (m) Carmarthenshire County Council – Community and Town Councils Review

A consultation regarding the above was being organized, under S.31 of “The Act” the following will be considered:

- (a) The number of members of the council for the community
- (b) Its division into wards (if appropriate) for the purposes of the election of councillors
- (c) The number of boundaries of any wards
- (d) The name of any ward

The consultation will commence on 13th March and will end six weeks later. Further information will be sent to everyone.

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 2nd of May, which would include the AGM.