

CYNGOR CYMUNED CILYCWMM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Cilycwm Community Council held on Tuesday 18th July, 2023 at 7.30 p.m. at Capel y Groes.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor A. Davies

Councillors: A. Edwards, M. Davies, E. Lewis, J. Pickup, L. Holdaway

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

No apologies received.

Datganiad o fudd/Declaration of Interest

Menter Cilycwm/ Footpaths near Home Farm – Councillor A. Edwards

Bute Energy – Councillor A. Davies, Councillor J. Pickup

Planning Consultation PL/05990 – Councillor M. Davies

2. Cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd 15fed Mai, 2023/Minutes of the meeting held 15th May, 2023

Minutes were accepted as correct.

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

1. Cilycwm Notice Boards

(a) Notice Board by Cilycwm Church

The way forward with this Notice Board to be discussed at the next meeting.

(b) Notice Board Cilycwm Play Area and (c) Notice Board Towy Bridge

Unfortunately, WR Carpentry did not give any indication whether or when he could carry out the work. Councillor M. Davies had spoken to a gentleman in the village who was volunteering to carry out the work. This proposal was discussed and it was agreed to allocate up to £500.00 to cover the costs of materials, etc.

(v) Defibrillators – Training session

A defibrillator training session had been booked with Wayne Edwards of St. Johns Ambulance for Saturday, 9th September 2023 between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon at Capel y Groes. I will send everyone a poster as we will need to know by our next meeting how many are attending.

(vi) Litter Bins – Towy Bridge

Councillor J. Pickup to check if they are in place.

9 (d) Salt/Grit boxes

These have not been repaired/replaced.

9 (l) River erosion – Wirddol layby

Work to be carried out in 2024.

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9 (j) Telephone kiosk (720312)

The Clerk had contacted BT and the telephone would be repaired. Councillor M. Davies agreed to check if the telephone was in working order. The name to be changed in the kiosk could possibly take months/maybe a year to go through the system.

The vice-chairman took the chair while Bute Energy was being discussed, due to a declaration of interest from the Chairman

9 (k) (a) Bute Energy

A project update had been received from Green GEN and copies had been sent to everyone. This is an ongoing project. The Clerk had received an explanation for dispensation regarding a “close personal associate” and copies had been sent to everyone.

9 (k) (b) Nant yr Arst and Ty Llwyd

Consultation has finished and no further updates received.

4. Gohebiaeth/Correspondence

- (i)
 - (a) Introduction to 20 mph/30mph, various roads Llandoverly
 - (b) OVW – Good Councillor’s Guide to employment
 - (c) CCC – “close personal associate” – Bute Energy
 - (d) CCC – latest news
 - (e) Wales Phase 3 grant scheme – collaborative projects
 - (f) Green GEN Towy Usk – project update
 - (g) Hywel Dda Paediatric Services meeting
 - (h) OVW – Community Ownership Fund
 - (i) OVW – 20 mph Tool Kit
 - (j) OVW – News Bulletin
 - (k) National Blood Donor Week
 - (l) CCC – Licensing Act 2023
 - (m) OVW – Wales Connectivity Survey
 - (n) Keep Wales Tidy – Free garden packs
 - (o) Temporary Road Closure – SA20 ONG
 - (p) OVW – get ready for 20 mph
 - (q) CCC – Community review
 - (r) Temporary road closure – SA20 0HN
 - (s) CCC – Area Committee meeting
 - (t) CCC – latest news
 - (u) Hywel Dda – Regional Equality Survey
 - (v) CCC – Mandatory on 20 mph restrictions and 30 mph exemption
 - (w) Keep Wales Tidy – contract services survey
- (ii) above sent via email
 - (a) OVW – Amended Standing Orders
 - (b) Code of Conduct DATA required
 - (c) OVW – Climate change bulletin
 - (d) OVW Digital Project manager
 - (e) CCC – Bee Friendly scheme
 - (f) LG policy – privacy notice
 - (g) OVW Infrastructure (Wales) Bill 2023
 - (h) OVW – sustainable drainage grant

- (i) Rod King – Thank you 20 mph meeting

The Clerk enquired if there was any matter arising from the correspondence, it was mentioned that a public consultation was being held regarding the 20 m.p.h. proposals.

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5. Materion Ariannol/Financial Matters

(i) Adroddiad Ariannol/Financial Report

An up to date financial report had been sent to everyone, and copies of the Bank Statements had been given to Councillor M. Davies.

Budget

The budget had already been agreed but would be updated at the November meeting.

Audit 2022/2023 update

The information had been sent to Wales Audit Office. The extra information they required this Audit is copies of the IRP forms if Community Councillors had declined accepting the £150.00 expenses.

Bank Report

This was being sorted.

IRP forms

Copies of the IRP had been forwarded with the minutes, anyone who declined the expenses to return a signed form to the Clerk.

(ii) Cais am Arian/Request for financial support

A letter requesting a donation had been received from Ammanford Swimming Pool and copies given to everyone.

A request for a donation towards a bursary had been received from Llanwrda C.C., this was discussed and it was agreed to give a donation of £50.00. Proposed by Councillor Aled Edwards and seconded by Councillor E. Lewis.

A request for a donation had been received for Cilycwm Cemetery. The strimming is done by people on community service led by the probation officer from Llanelli. The group comes every 4-5 weeks which is 6 times a year and not in the winter. It amounts to around £25 - £40 each time but could be less for May it was £20.01. This request was discussed at length, burial fees, who collects the fees, what is the difference between a cemetery and churchyard fees. It was agreed to ask for further information, including the following:

- (a) Why is a cemetery different from a churchyard?
- (b) Who collects the burial fees?

(iii) Cadarnhau Taliadau/Confirmation of Payments

The Clerks wages were due in August.

(iv) Derbyniadau/Receipts

A thank you letter had been received from Menter Cilycwm.

(v) Biliau l'w talu/Bills for payment

No outstanding invoices.

(vi) Financial and Governance Tool Kit

Guidance on preparing Council's training plan

The chairman and Clerk had prepared a report and it was now on the website.

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6. Material Cymunedol/Community Matters

Councillor Aled Edwards reported that the Sketch Plan had been approved and a Public Meeting had been arranged at Capel y Groes on the 28th July, 2023 at 7.00p.m. The architect would be present at the meeting and if approved a full planning application would be prepared. The Menter hoped that the Community Council would continue to support this important venture

With the closure of the local Public House, this makes the project more important, societies outside the village were using Capel y Groes. This is a modest development not overly expensive.

Sadly, Councillor M. Davies had withdrawn her membership as a Trustee. Everyone was grateful for all the work and the contribution towards this project.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Aled Edwards for the report and update, and also to Councillor Moira Davies for her work.

7. Materion Cynllunio/Planning Matters

Carmarthenshire County Council planning consultation PL/05990 – Cer-y-Dderwen, Cilycwm – 2 storey extension etc., and replacement garage.

There were no objections or comments.

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

(a) Footpaths near Home Farm

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

(c) Footpath 8/10

The Clerk had contacted the PROW office, they reported that there were no updates.

(d) Bridge over the river Gwenlais in Ship Street

Part of this work had been completed, and it was agreed to remove from the Agenda.

9. Other matters

(a) Amended Standing Orders

One Voice Wales had amended them again on the 12th of June, copies of the amendments would be sent with the minutes.

(b) Archive/filing cabinets/printer

The Clerk had an appointment at the Archive Office on the 16th of August, she also agreed to deliver the printer and other small pieces of equipment to Cilycwm. The filing cabinets could store the remaining paperwork.

(c) Draft Minutes

A draft copy of the minutes was sent to every member directly following the meeting, if there were no amendments only the Agenda would be sent out before the following meeting.

(d) Closure of local Public House

This was discussed and would await further information.

10. Date and venue of next meeting

The next meeting to be held at Capel y Groes on Tuesday 5th September, 2023.

Councillor Aled Edwards to forward a link to everyone.