

**CYNGOR CYMUNED**  
**YNYSYBWL & COED-Y-CWM COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Cefnodion Cyfarfod y Cyngor**

**‘DRAFT’ MINUTES of the MONTHLY meeting of the Ynysybwl & Coed-y-Cwm Community Council Held at Ynysybwl Community Centre, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**at 6:45 pm**

**Clerk.....**

**PRESENT:-** Councillors Messrs A Burnell, C Jones, RC Evans, H Osborne, R Isaac, D Baish, Mrs A Ellis, Mrs C Banwell

**1. DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of personal interest.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs M Jones, B Evans, A Holloway and J Haines.

**3. PUBLIC BREAK**

There was no public break.

**4. POLICE**

January Crime Report

- 1 x RTC - vehicle hit a lamppost on Robert Street - a male driver was caught and has been charged .
  - 2 x transport - damage to 2 vehicles (Church Street & New Road)
  - 1 x theft - of vehicle (Dan Y Cribyn area)
  - 3 x criminal damage - to door lock, window, and to a vehicle wing mirror
  - 5 x criminal damage - to vehicles on Other Street. Several were scratched on the 29/01/20 at 5.20pm.
- Enquiries are currently ongoing.
- 1 x missing person - found safe and well
  - 1 x ASB - neighbour dispute, 2 calls for youths knocking doors and kicking cars on Robert Street. (1 male was identified and issued an ASB referral)
  - 1 x highway disruption - vehicle seized
  - 2 x abandoned vehicle at Llanwonno
  - 1 x suspicious report of 2 males trying car doors in Buarth Y Capel on 28/1/20 at 3 am. Males are unknown.

PACT Monthly Priorities

Several drivers have also been issued Fixed Penalty Notices this month on New Road and Coed Y Cwm where leaflet drops have been carried out asking the public to park responsibly. Although there is some improvement it is an ongoing problem which will continue to be monitored. Joint patrols

with Council enforcement have also been carried out where further notices were issued on Robert Street and Windsor place.

The 2 males trying car doors had also been seen in other parts of the village.

PCSO Vbranch and the Clerk had discussed the Speedwatch scheme and it was **RESOLVED** to advertise this again on the website, Facebook page and on the notice boards to see if any more people come forward to volunteer. **DONE**

PCSO Vbranch had been to the Co-op to speak to the manager about a spate of shoplifting incidents and explained to the Clerk that arresting an individual is not always possible, even with CCTV, if the suspect is not seen in every part of the store.

It was observed that PCSO Vbranch completes the reports for the CC meetings in her own time and is under no obligation to do this. It was also pointed out that, for most of the time, she is on her own and cutbacks within the police are not helping. It is helpful when people in the village come forward and report incidents as and when they happen.

It was **RESOLVED** to contact Rob Grant to find out what is happening with regards to the PACT reports. **DONE**

## **5. TO APPROVE MINUTES**

Cllr C Jones commented that in item 6.2, Cllr Sue Pickering had been given the one way system plans to pass on to officers and that they were not just for her perusal. Cllr Ellis disputed this as no formal proposal to RCTCBC had been made. The draft one way system plans were sent to the Highways department on 21<sup>st</sup> January.

Cllr Jones asked that an amendment be made to item 7.2, as the Durham Miners were invited by the Community Council and not the Chair.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from January 2020 following this amendment. **DONE**

## **6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **6.1 Update for Enforcement attendance and actions required for YNYSYBWL**

#### **January 2020**

**Waste issues** - I have called to 2 properties at Dan Y Cribyn. Property with the trailer outside, the tyre has come off the wheel and the owner is awaiting a friend to help him with it. I will call to him some time this coming week.

Robert Street a sofa was left on the pavement, I called to the property and spoke to a woman regarding the sofa but denied it was hers, it has now been removed by waste buster team.

**Fly-tipping** – All sites where there has been fly-tipping, including the dumped waste, have now been cleared by the Waste Buster team.

Dan y Cribyn - A number of properties placed out waste, with no evidence where it had come from, waste has now been cleared .

Buarth Y Capel - I have had reports from a resident regarding more waste in the garden of 112 and have spoken to Trivallis about it and a planned visit is to happen this coming week.

**Abandoned vehicles** – 3 vehicles have been reported to us this month, one has now moved and two remain under investigation.

**Dog fouling** – Dog Fouling team have carried out patrols this month on 16<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of this month, they have been monitoring locations where fouling has been reported but as yet nothing to report in fines.

**Fly-posting** – No reports of any at this time.

**Enforcement** – As reported

If there are any issues you would like me to look at please let me know.

As discussed, members can report any issues to the Clerk and if these are issues not included within my duties I will forward them to the relevant department.

Cllr C Jones believes that the Community Warden is not doing enough to warrant the cost and would prefer the CC to have their own warden rather than pay RCTCBC. However, this was discussed at various meetings in 2018 and disregarded as a RCT employed warden would have more powers. Cllr Ellis had accompanied the Warden on his rounds and saw at first hand the amount of work carried out. If the Warden cannot deal with a situation, he contacts the relevant department and it is dealt with asap. The Warden and Trivallis are currently working together to sort the problems with a property in Buarth y Capel. Cllr Ellis proposed that this issue is not discussed again and this was accepted by the majority who were happy with the reports. It was suggested that Cllr C Jones contact the Warden and request that he accompanies him on one of his rounds.

## **6.2 Community Charter – questions to Christian Hanagan of RCTCBC**

Several responses to questions forwarded to Christian Hanagan's office have been received but came through at 5.06pm so too late to discuss at the meeting. These will be deferred to the next meeting.

## **6.3 One Voice Wales and VE Day 75**

Ynysybwl Branch of the Royal British Legion will be holding a meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> February and this will be on the agenda. It was **RESOLVED** to form a sub committee to discuss plans for this event. The Clerk will contact village groups and liaise with RBL. **EMAILS SENT TO GROUPS FOR VOLUNTEERS**

## **6.4 RCTCBC Issues from December meeting**

One way system – the Clerk contacted Tim Phillips of RCTCBC on 16<sup>th</sup> December but received no reply (initially sent to the wrong Tim Phillips but this was then forwarded to the correct person). He was emailed again on the 21<sup>st</sup> January. Sarah Daniels from Christian Hanagan's office has also contacted them for an update.

Community Infrastructure Levy – the Clerk has received a reply regarding CIL, stating that the only way to change Ynysybwl & Coed-y-Cwm's status would be through a formal statutory review of the whole Council charging schedule. It was **RESOLVED** to contact RCTCBC again and ask that Ynysybwl's status be reviewed.

High Street lighting – a reply was received from Robert Davies at RCTCBC on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December (see below)

*A visual inspection of the street lighting in High Street, Ynysybwl was carried out on Wednesday evening. The position of the street lights and the spaces between the street lights are typical of numerous streets throughout the Authority.*

*The inspection found visually the lighting levels in the street were of an acceptable standard, there are shadows on the footway on one side of the street but this is caused by parked cars something we cannot control, unfortunately on this occasion I am unable to provide any additional lighting in High Street.*

The trees on the Ynysybwl Road were trimmed back before Christmas. The Clerk has received an email from Cllr Holloway stating that the visibility at the junction of CYC is still bad and she has contacted Nigel Wheeler of Streetcare Services to ask if anything further can be done. His last email stated that there was very little else that they could do with the trees there. However, a further email outlines plans for more work on the Ynysybwl Road on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February and specifically Coed-y-Cwm junction on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> February. This work is more for structural wall cut back and clearance to aid further inspections and possible repairs.

All wall and drainage channels along the Ynysybwl Road section will be cleared of trees and vegetation over the next few weeks. Nigel Wheeler has asked Highways colleagues to check and identify any barrier and railing repairs and will be meeting on site during the scheduled traffic management to inspect all issues further.

The address of the planning application that was queried on Mynachdy Road – the address is correct and was provided to the planning department by the applicant.

The phone box consultation is still ongoing so no reply regarding that as yet.

## **6.5 Butchers Pool Update**

The friends of Butchers Pool attended a meeting with other paddling pools and there will be a further meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> February with RCTCBC and Butchers Pool members only to discuss supervision. RCTCBC have agreed to pay for 2 lifeguards for 6 weeks depending on the outcome of this next meeting.

FoBP have met with a health & safety professional who advises 1 adult to 3 children. If RCTCBC do not accept this, FoBP will not be able to use their lifeguards and may have to employ their own.

RCTCBC treat all pools as a community asset transfer and appear to want complete control over them. If RCTCBC regulations are rejected, they will still insist on that supervision. FoBP will instruct RCTCBC of what they want through a solicitor. The group feel that they must negotiate as all pools are different. RCTCBC must understand that FoBP are working with them and not for them.

It was reiterated that the land was given by the Edwards family to the children of Ynysybwl and not to RCTCBC. If the land is not used by the children, the land reverts to the family.

## 6.6 Office premises

Cllr C Jones arranged a viewing of the old police station, next to the Community Centre in Windsor Place as a possible premises for the YCC office. The viewing was attended by the Chair, Cllr C Jones, Cllr Ellis, Cllr RC Evans and the Clerk. The building comprises of an office and storage room to front, toilet and kitchen and large office to rear. The rear office will be used approximately once per year by the owners. This could also be used as a base for the PCSO when she is on duty. The cost of renting would be £250 per month, including utilities, excluding VAT (which can be claimed back). The building will be ready to move into from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020. Monthly meetings will still be held in the Community Centre. It was **RESOLVED** to rent the building as a base for the Community Council. The Chair thanked Cllr C Jones for arranging the viewing.

## 7. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

### 7.1 Chain of Office

The Chain of Office is in need of repair. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact Fatorini's to arrange the repair within a reasonable price, a maximum of £500. **CONTACTED FATORINI'S**

## 8. CLERKS REPORT

### 8.1 Club and organisation list – taking forward

It was **RESOLVED** to publish the list in its current form on the website and Facebook page. Any amendments can then be made as and when necessary. It was **RESOLVED** to forward the list to be published in the next edition of the Clydach Newstream. **DONE**

### 8.2 Augustus Street notice board

The Clerk has received a quote from Stephen Pickering to erect a new notice board in Augustus Street. It was **RESOLVED** to order the mounts and, on their arrival, ask Mr Pickering to undertake the work. **POSTS ORDERED**

### 8.3 Financial Risk Assessment

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Financial Risk Assessment.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

### 9.1 Local Government and Elections Bill

The boundaries are changing and Ynysybwl may have 2 local members rather than 1.

The bill also outlines the changes to voting, including extending the voting franchise to 16 and 17 year olds.

### 9.2 Valuation Office Agency – request for rent, lease or ownership details of Ynysybwl Community Project

Noted – this was sent in error and has now been amended and sent to the correct address.

### 9.3 Drink Wise, Age Well – Champions needed

Noted

#### **9.4 Community Infrastructure Regulations – proposed update of Regulation 123 list**

In response to YCC’s letter in December, RCTCBC will not be changing the status of Ynysybwl & Coed-y-Cwm but will be undertaking a revision of the Local Development Plan which will result in a review of it’s charging schedule. It was **RESOLVED** to contact RCTCBC and request that Ynysybwl & Coed-y-Cwm be reconsidered for re-zoning. **DONE**

#### **9.5 Rhondda Cynon Taf Council Budget Consultation 2020/21 Phase 2**

£50,000 for paddling pools has been allocated, spread over 10 pools.

The Lido cost has increased but does not wholly benefit residents of RCT in that we pay for it and it is used by people from all over Wales. 40% of those who use the facility are not from RCT.

#### **9.6 Wales Air Ambulance – request for donations**

It was **RESOLVED** to give a donation of £100 to Wales Air Ambulance from the Wellbeing fund. **CONTACTED WAA**

#### **9.7 Email from resident of Coed-y-Cwm regarding waste ground**

The resident had emailed to ask if the waste ground in Coed-y-Cwm could be used to build a community centre and/or a childrens park. The land is actually privately owned and not the responsibility of RCTCBC. However, Cllr Sue Pickering will request that enforcement clean up the site. It was **RESOLVED** to pass on the residents contact details to Cllr Sue Pickering in order that she can provide further information with regards to uses for the site. **DONE**

### **10. TO CONSIDER:**

#### ***Town & Country Planning Applications***

Planning application: 19/1275/10  
Greenfield, New Road, Ynysybwl, CF37 3ER  
Proposed single storey rear kitchen extension  
There were no objections

Planning application: 20/0006/10  
Land at Glanffrwd Terrace, Ynysybwl, CF37 3LW  
Construction of detached split level 3 bedroom house  
The original planning application was turned down initially due to the house being taller, with a pitched roof and a house either side of the bus shelter. The new application is for 1 house which is 2 storeys instead of 3 and 30% smaller.  
Observations were made in that privacy of those living in Clydach Road must be considered and regulations concerning noise and mess must be abided by during construction.  
**OBSERVATIONS SENT TO PLANNING**

### **11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept accounts for payment as presented of £3817.13

## **12. GRANT AID (S137)**

### **12.1 Clydach Newstream**

It was **RESOLVED** to offer £200 per quarter to Clydach Newstream from the publicity budget and not through an S137 grant. Clydach Newstream would then invoice YCC every quarter. The magazine would then include a regular update from YCC. This will reach every member of the community and would benefit the magazine, YCC and the residents of Ynysybwl & Coed-y-Cwm by informing them of community council activities. **NEWSTREAM INFORMED**

## **13. TO CONSIDER (Items brought to the Agenda by members of the Council)**

### **13.1 Provision of speed humps and speed tables in Robert Street/speed signs**

Cllr Haines has provided some excellent proposals for the speeding problems in the village. It was **RESOLVED** to contact Highways again, forwarding our ideas and responses from residents regarding speeding and invite them to attend a meeting to discuss these matters further. **DONE**

### **13.2 Training update**

Those councillors who have not yet completed Code of Conduct training need to attend a session. The Clerk to liaise with those members and arrange.

### **13.3 Purchase of YCC gazebo for events**

It was felt by some councillors that a gazebo, with the YCC logo, could be an asset to the community and could be used for events and activities such as Butchers Pool, firework display, Royal British Legion and the festival. The cost would be £697.86 excluding VAT. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase the gazebo.

### **13.4 Audit of grit bins**

Cllr Sue Pickering has sent the Clerk a list of grit bins throughout the community and their current status.

### **13.5 Welsh Government plans to regenerate commercial centres – opportunity for our community?**

Cllr C Jones informed council that there is money available if we can find people to invest in commercial ventures. It was **RESOLVED** that the information be sent to other organisations in the community.

### **13.6 YCC firework display for November 2020**

It was agreed to look at the budget and decide the precept before agreeing to the firework display.

### **13.7 RCT Cabinet meeting held 24/01/20 impacting facilities on our community**

This will have an impact on the community in that local authorities will not be able to provide facilities as previously. It was felt that, a lot of these responsibilities will fall to the community councils.

### **13.8 Website and Facebook page**

Cllr C Jones felt that the website and Facebook page profiles of YCC were poor. It was pointed out that both are updated regularly by the Clerk, sometimes during her spare time. Cllr Baish stated that the Clerk was very efficient in posting and responding.

### **13.9 Proposed closure of A&E at Royal Glamorgan hospital**

Cllr Sue Pickering was present to provide some information on this item. The Local Health Board was due to meet the local authority on 5<sup>th</sup> February. Cllr Pickering indicated that the closure of the A&E department at RGH will not have the support of RCTCBC. Cwm Taf Health Board have stated that the problem is with recruitment in that RGH cannot attract the staff and that the recruitment process needs to be reviewed. It was **RESOLVED** to contact the current CEO of Cwm Taf, First Minister Mark Drakeford and Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services, Vaughan Gething to relay that YCC unanimously oppose the closure of A&E at RGH. The Chair also suggested that all members sign the online petition to stop the closure. **DONE**

### **13.10 One Voice Wales – feedback from meeting including Transport for Wales queries**

Cllr C Jones has compiled a report following the meeting and this will be on the next agenda. The Chair encouraged members to attend the One Voice Wales meetings if they are able.

## **14. BUDGET**

**14.1** It was **RESOLVED** to increase the precept for 2020/2021 to £57,000. **RCT INFORMED**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the budget.

## **15. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** that the next meeting would take place at Ynysybwl Community Centre on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.

**Closure of official business of the council**

**Verbal report of the Community Councillors**

**Meeting closed at 9pm**

Signed: ..... Date.....