

CYNGOR CYMUNED
YNYSYBWL & COED-Y-CWM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Cefnodion Cyfarfod y Cyngor

MINUTES of the MONTHLY meeting of the Ynysybwl & Coed-y-Cwm Community Council
Held at Ynysybwl 2nd July 2019

at 6:45 pm

Clerk.....

PRESENT:- Councillors Messrs A Burnell, D Baish, RC Evans, B Evans, C Jones, Mrs C Banwell, Mrs A Ellis

1. DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no disclosures of personal interest.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs M Jones, A Holloway, J Haines, R Isaac

3. PUBLIC BREAK

There was no public break.

4. POLICE

6 x anti social behaviour – some of the calls are related to youngsters on the roof of Ysgol Ty Coch. Also, glass in the park up the rec, and off road bikes at Buarth y Capel.

6 x Concern for safety calls

2 x crime related calls – one was a small fire which was lit in the allotments to the back of Robert Street – fire brigade attended

10 x violence against a person

2 x Suspicious calls

3 x transport related calls – 3 abandoned vehicles

1 x highway disruption - caravan obstructing near crossroads

1 x theft at Co-op Store

2 x public safety

2 x welfare calls

1 x road traffic collision at Clydach Road

5. TO APPROVE MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from June.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Update for Enforcement attendance and actions required for YNYSYBWL

June 2019

Waste issues 9 letters have been sent to properties regarding bins out on the highway after collection this month. We have returned and knocked doors and they have been taken in.

Fly-tipping – When on patrol I have come across sacks of carpet and numerous items in Buarth y Capel added to Waste Busters for collection. They have now been removed.

An email was sent from Jen in Trevallis and numerous people copied in, expressing how clean Buarth y Capel site was.

Bags taken from the rear car park in Dan y Cribyn, this is a regular occurrence, we are monitoring this as no evidence has been found at present.

A mattress was reported to me in the rear lane of Grove Terrace. I called to the property it was outside but this was placed there and not linked to the property. It has now been removed.

Abandoned vehicles – 2 in Buarth y Capel that were claimed last month. 1 has now been moved and the other is waiting to be picked up as the owner has called in to let us know.

Dog fouling – The dog fouling team patrolled the area on the 7th/12th and 28th of June. No fixed penalty issued this month.

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

Enforcement – Patrols have been carried out

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.

6.2 Closure of Graig Bridge – updates

The closure for utilities work will be from 7am on Sunday 21st July to 8pm on Monday 22nd July. The 106 bus service on Monday and 112 service will be unable to serve Ynysybwl terminus but will cover the rest of its route as normal. The only vehicle that will not run at all will be the 25 Fernhill to Pontypridd Service at 18.50pm. Passengers should catch the 19.05pm 106 service to Pontypridd. The rest of the 25 service will operate as normal. Notices will be put up in Ynysybwl to advise residents. Unfortunately, this will cause disruption to people living at the top end of the village, but is necessary for the ongoing gas works.

6.3 Tree at Dan-y-Cribyn – updates

No information has been forthcoming on this issue. It was **RESOLVED** to defer to the next meeting.

6.4 Possibility of outdoor cinema at the Rec for 2020

The Chair will investigate further and bring to council at a later date.

6.5 Highways, Transportation & Strategic Projects, Supplementary Capital Programme – how can this help the community

It was noted that several roads in the village have now been resurfaced.

6.6 Gelli Road Bridge – updates

See item 12 – Councillor Sue Pickering’s report

6.7 Butchers Pool – update on lifeguard provision

Councillor Ellis met with Councillor Sue Pickering who clarified that, as part of the agreement with RCTCBC, the Butchers Pool group have to train lifeguards or RCT will not be able to provide one paid lifeguard for the first 4 weeks of opening. It was **RESOLVED** to remove this item from the agenda.

6.8 Public Forum

The Community Council will have a stand at the Gwyl to be manned by Cllrs Banwell and C Jones. It was suggested that this could be an opportunity to conduct a public forum as very few councilors are available on a Saturday throughout July and August to attend an event in the Community Centre. It was **RESOLVED** to use the stand at the Gwyl to carry out a public forum exercise.

6.9 Cllr Sue Pickering – non attendance at YCC meeting

Cllr Ellis met with Cllr Pickering to discuss this and she is willing to return to meetings and is happy to work in partnership with the Community Council.

7. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

7.1 Durham Miners Gala

The Chair and Cllr C Jones are looking forward to attending this prestigious event. Cllr C Jones has purchased a crystal vase to pass on to the Durham Miners Association as a gift from Ynysybwl. It was **RESOLVED** to pay for the engraving if the cost is not in excess of £20.

7.2 Topsy 10 Challenge

Once again, this was an excellent event organized by members of the Rugby Club, raising lots of funds for charity. The Chair had heard on two occasions that the Community Council did not want the event to go ahead but this was untrue. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write a letter of thanks to the organisers for a fantastic effort and to emphasise how proud the community are of all the participants and fundraisers.

7.3 Youth Club

The Chair is due to be involved in several activities being held by the Youth Club during the summer.

7.4 Defib training

The Chair attended the training at Trerobart School, which he found to be excellent. The venue was a good base for training and it was suggested that it be used on further occasions. A member of the public pointed out that one attendee only learned of the session on the day as they do not have access to Facebook (where the ads were posted), but Cllr Ellis had displayed posters on ALL the noticeboards a week previously.

7.5 Drop kerb, 28 Buarth y Capel

A complaint had been received by the Chair regarding the lack of a dropped kerb for a resident with a mobility scooter. Cllr Baish informed council that this has now been rectified and a dropped kerb has been put in place.

8. CLERKS REPORT

8.1 Internal Auditors Report

The internal auditor's report was sent to all councilors prior to the meeting for perusal. The internal auditor states that 'the Community Council is in compliance with the expected levels of control required and detailed in the Internal Audit section of the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2019'.

8.2 Agenda Items Deadlines

The Clerk requested that all agenda items be sent by the deadline date. Any items received after this date will not be included on the agenda.

8.3 Fly posting

It has been brought to the attention of the Clerk that banners erected on public ground can result in a £75 fine as this is classed as fly posting. It was **RESOLVED** to post this on the YCC Facebook page to alert members of the community.

8.4 Coed-y-Cwm Defib

The Clerk has been contacted by the homeowner who is now ready to have the cabinet installed. It was **RESOLVED** to contact the electrician with regards to a date for fitting.

8.5 Red Ensign

The Community Council was contacted earlier in the year regarding the flying of the Red Ensign on Merchant Navy Day, 3rd September. Cllr RC Evans agreed to fly the Red Ensign from the mast at the United Services Inn but does not have a Red Ensign flag. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact Mr Arfon Williams, Chair of the Ynysybwl Branch of the Royal British Legion to see whether a flag was available to use on this day.

8.6 Office Accommodation

The Community Centre is closing from Thursday 5th April until further notice for essential heating maintenance work. Until this is completed, the Clerk will work from home.

The Clerk received a call from the owner of Garlands shop to say that the property is now in the hands of an agent and that any enquiries would incur fees.

Cllr Isaac is still trying to contact the owner of the Woolwich building.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Thank you letter from Marie Curie regarding £50 donation from Wellbeing - noted

9.2 Review of the Electoral Arrangements of the County Borough of RCT – notices requesting comments will be posted on the notice boards and website.

10. TO CONSIDER:

Town & Country Planning Applications

Planning Application 19/0664/10

70 Robert Street, Ynysybwl, CF37 3DY

Remove single storey rood and conservatory, construct new two storey flat roof extension and erect mono pitch roof over existing annex.

There were no objections

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was **RESOLVED** to accept accounts for payment as presented of £1404.60

3 extra payments (see below) were added to the previous accounts (and included in the above total)

One Voice Wales (Health & safety training AB)	40.00
HMRC (national insurance)	12.67
Salary – June	811.93

12. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM: County Borough Councillor Sue Pickering

Activities

Our branch of the royal British Legion are planning a trip to the Brecon Barracks Museum on 21st July, to commemorate the visit of King Goodwill of the Zulu Nation, for the 140th anniversary of Rourke's Drift and the Zulu war. There are lots of things going on at this free event, including a full dress re-enactment. A coach will leave the Square at 9am and Brecon at 5pm. The cost for travel is £7.

Meetings with the Council regarding the Lady Windsor colliery are ongoing, regarding securing all or part of the lower plateau for community use. Along with Vikki Howells, our AM, I met with the Minister, Rebecca Evans, to discuss the clawback in terms of whether it is applicable for community not-for-profit, but necessarily sustainable, initiatives. There is room for negotiation, but each case is looked at individually so WG couldn't make a promise, but we both thought it was positive.

I have met with officers from Parks, Highways and Environmental Services to discuss many issues throughout Ynysybwl and Coed y Cwm.

I continue to work for individual residents who contact me with concerns.

Ward News

RCT Council has renewed several areas of road in Ynysybwl. This significant investment by the authority includes a long stretch in Clydach Road, Augustus Street and Buarth y Capel.

I have met with traffic officers regarding the proposals for double yellow lines throughout the village. The proposals for many, such as the corners in Thompson Street, Crawshay Street, High Street and Buarth y Capel remain largely unchanged, but modifications to New Road and Clydach Terrace will be made, following significant objections and suggestions by residents. Officers are planning further site visits to these areas to look at the safest and most effective areas for change. This include the crossing place on Clydach Road, leading to the pool. I discussed making this a more prominent crossing area, to ensure that if cars are unable to park on the new yellow lines, park further up the road, it will not make crossing there more hazardous.

The Council has been looking at the best materials to use on the bridge leading from the garage to the Taff Trail – the material being used is a tropical hardwood called Ekki wood. Other materials have been investigated but due to there being no central support in this structure, they may have failed the point loading of , say a horse, which has been seen crossing this bridge. This material is one of the world's strongest woods and is guaranteed for 25 years. Unfortunately, there is a 6/8 week delivery lead in time, due to it being imported in plank form then milled in this country, then having anti slip ribs inserted in each individual step. It means the bridge will be closed for a little while longer but it will be done.

The pool is due to open on 20th July for six weeks. While very lucky with volunteers this year and the ongoing support of RCT Council we are always looking for more, and of course, hoping for good weather.

The Festival is to receive £500 from the Council this year, along with the background support of the loan of barriers, bollards, bins, the recycling van, and the involvement of several departments.

13. GRANT AID (S137)

An application had been received from Ynysybwl Community Project but was omitted from the agenda.

YCP wished to apply for a grant to pay for a coach to transport children who attend their playscheme to Barry Island for the day. This would accommodate approximately 50 children and 20 adults.

YCP had sourced 3 quotes – a 50 seater at £275, another 50 seater at £250 and a 70 seater at £315.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to award this funding from the Wellbeing fund rather than the S137 grants. It was also **RESOLVED** to opt for the 70 seater coach at £315.

With regards to future S137 grants, it was **RESOLVED** to change the process so that groups and organisations apply at one point in the year, and October was proposed and accepted.

14. TO CONSIDER (Items brought to the Agenda by members of the Council)

14.1 Community Charter – Discussion with Cllr Maureen Webber, Deputy Leader of RCTCBC and Christian Hanagan, Service Director, Democratic Services and Communications

Christian Hanagan was present to discuss the Community Charter.

It was felt that it was important to re-establish the Community Charter dialogue as there have been many changes in local government since 2011. There have been examples in RCT of community councils taking forward services and given more responsibilities, therefore there needs to be a stronger connection between community councils and local government. As yet, there has been no news on extra powers being granted to community councils. There is a proposal that every town in Wales has a community council, which means that large organisations could be merged with smaller ones.

Feedback was asked for on facilities at the Rec, highways (traffic in the village) and the Lady Windsor site. Cllrs Burnell and Ellis had attended a previous meeting with Christian Hanagan and raised these points.

The Rec – required work would be identified with future capital programmes.

Lady Windsor – there were initially 2 developers interested in the site and indications from one of them of an intention to submit planning applications. There were concerns about the infrastructure and it was stressed that YCC would need to see any planning as a matter of urgency.

Part of the site is being discussed for community use.

Cllr C Jones stated that capital funds have been ringfenced for 7 years for projects in the community and it was queried whether YCC would be expected to continue with the revenue

when this period ends. Cllr Ellis pointed out that all projects should be given a chance and we all need to ensure that new organisations do thrive.

Craig yr Hesg quarry was discussed and the possibility of a park and ride facility being provided at Glyncoch. Cllr C Jones explained that this would be easy to build, will increase property prices, take cars off the road and provide easy access to Cardiff. As yet, nothing has been received regarding a Section 106 but, for putting up with the increased traffic at Craig yr Hesg, it would be good to know that the community will be getting something back. Christian Hanagan outlined metro proposals.

Cllr Ellis queried whether the Charter is still up for discussion or if it is ready for signing. The sign off by RCTCBC is scheduled for 31st July and a dedicated liaison officer will be in place from September.

Council thanked Christian Hanagan for attending the meeting and providing information on the Community Charter.

14.2 Plastic recycling and how it is dealt with

This was brought to the council following the recent television programme where recycling waste from RCT was found in Malaysia. RCTCBC have since given a satisfactory response emphasizing that their recycling processes have changed and improved.

14.3 Community Council presence at Gwyl 2019

Cllrs Banwell and C Jones will man a stand at the festival this year. The questionnaire will be updated in order that it can be used on the day.

14.4 Purchase of gazebo for Gwyl 2019 and other events in the community

This was removed from the agenda in the June meeting so could not be discussed.

14.5 Durham Miners Gala – updates

Discussed in Chairpersons Report

14.6 Festival - insurance quote/RCTCBC contribution/lights from the Community Centre

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the insurance quote from NFU Mutual of £528.35.

RCTCBC will be contributing £500 plus other services including bins, litter pickers and rubbish bags.

It was **RESOLVED** to use the YCC lights that are stored in the Community Centre for the festival.

14.7 Solar powered Christmas trees for December 2019 – are they required

Due to the cost of hiring the trees, it was **RESOLVED** to look for a cheaper alternative.

15. BUDGET

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

16. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the next meeting would take place at Ynysybwl Community Centre on Tuesday 3rd September 2019 at 6:45pm.

Closure of official business of the council

Verbal report of the Community Councillors

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed: Date.....