

**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 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.

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.

## **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.

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.

## **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.

Cllr C Jones had emailed members earlier in the day to say that he had contacted Christian Hanagan's office and found him to be in work. The Clerk had been advised that Christian Hanagan had been in hospital and could not attend the YCC meeting due to being on sick leave. Cllr Ellis asked Cllr C Jones if his intention in doing this was to find out if Christian Hanagan was lying, to which Cllr C Jones admitted that it was. Cllr Ellis wanted it recorded in the minutes that she believes Cllr C Jones is bringing the Community Council into disrepute through his actions.

## **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.

## **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 but our objections have been recorded.

## **6.5 Butcher’s Pool update**

Friends of Butchers Pool members attended a meeting with all paddling pools

## **7. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT**

### **7.1**

## **8. CLERKS REPORT**

### **8.1 Financial Risk Assessment**

### **8.2 Online banking**

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 9.1 Trerobart Primary School – request for funding for a new shed
- 9.2 Development of future transport infrastructure
- 9.3 One Voice Wales National Awards Conference – possible YCC presence

**10. TO CONSIDER:**

*Town & Country Planning Applications*

Planning application:

Planning application:

**11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

**12. GRANT AID (S137)**

There were no grant aid applications.

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

**13.1 Parking on New Road**

**14. BUDGET**

**14.1**

**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.....