

**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**

**on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**at 6:45 pm**

**Clerk.....**

**PRESENT:-** Councillors Mrs C Banwell, Messrs A Burnell, D Baish, H Osborne, RC Evans, J Haines

**1. DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of personal interest.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs M Jones, Mrs A Ellis, Messrs A Holloway, C Jones

**3. PUBLIC BREAK**

Members of the public were present to discuss the recent proposed traffic management system that was included in the last Community Council newsletter.

Cllr Burnell stated that these are only suggestions in response to the problems in the village and are not actually being implemented. The Community Council will look at suggestions from the public and hopefully meet with RCTCBC to discuss further.

The main issues were that the one way system will not alleviate traffic in Robert Street and that the bus route being redirected through High Street will not work due to the narrower street and the tight bend leading to the bridge. A one way system through Augustus Street, Archer Street and Paget Street is not needed and could cause difficulties for people, especially the elderly and disabled, when alighting from a vehicle parked uphill. The pit road was put forward as an alternative to driving up Robert Street. Glynmynach Street would benefit from being one way due to the amount of people visiting the Co-op and the difficulties that are caused when the delivery lorry arrives. It was proposed that the Co-op lorries could wait outside the village and phone the store to let them know that their arrival is imminent so that provision could be made for them outside.

It was also pointed out that if parking was improved then the traffic would not be so much of a problem. A recommendation was put forward to provide parking spaces in the back lanes, many

Valleys towns and villages have tarmacked their lanes for this purpose. This would lessen the parking problems on many streets, especially Robert Street. However, it was understood that this would be a costly undertaking and RCTCBC would probably respond by saying they are not adopted lanes.

The Community Warden does not have the powers to issue parking tickets but he can report any vehicle he believes to be in violation of the parking rules to the relevant department of RCTCBC. It was asked if the Community Council could employ a Traffic Warden (as well as the Community Warden), but this would mean raising the precept to pay for their services and RCTCBC may then take away the wardens that currently come here if we employ our own. Traffic enforcement cameras were proposed as an alternative to a warden.

It was noted that traffic wardens occasionally patrol the village but not until after 9am when most of the problems have been alleviated by people going to work. It was suggested that they arrive instead between 8am and 8.30am. Cars are allowed to be parked on the right hand side of Robert Street (going out of the village) until 8am but many are still there after this time. It was also not clear if a car with a disabled badge was allowed to park continuously on this side. It would be preferable if the traffic wardens were in the village every other day as there should be strict enforcement on parking, especially in Robert Street.

The double yellow lines at the top of New Road are an RCTCBC proposal. It was pointed out that these will not stop speeding or parking problems. Our PCSO carried out a speeding survey last year but did not find enough evidence of speeding in this area to necessitate a camera being installed there.

It was asked if the responses from the public to the one way system had been favourable. The responses were unfavourable but the inclusion of the suggestions in the newsletter has started people talking about this and offering ways of possibly solving the problems which was the desired effect.

It was **RESOLVED** to discuss these issues further in the March meeting.

The Community Council was made aware of mature trees that have been felled at the bottom tip near New Road. Tractors have been entering via the colliery entrance. This was reported to Natural Resources Wales who were very concerned. Cllr Banwell stated that permission was given to strip the trees but not to cut them down. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Banwell look into this matter further.

#### **4. POLICE**

17 public safety welfare calls

4 crimes of violence against a person

2 domestic incidents

6 thefts

3 copper theft in Coed Y Cwm - work vans being targeted.

1 vehicle taken on New Road

1 attempted break in to a vehicle in the village (vehicle has now been found and recovered)

Be aware of anyone suspicious trying car doors in the streets and report any information.

There has also been a theft of diesel from machinery in Ynysybwl. Commercial premises appear to have been targeted. No suspects as yet due to limited cctv. The early hours between 4-6am seems to be the key times.

7 anti-social behaviour calls, some are neighbour disputes, some kids knocking doors on High Street and messing about in the road

1 report of an off road scrambler near colliery site.

1 report of a dog wandering -without owner.

1 damage

3 road related incidents, parking on dropped kerbs and one vehicle seized.

1 transport

1 commercial burglary at Llanwonno

1 fraud/forgery - card fraud.

Telephone scams:-

HMRC – calling people stating that there is a warrant out for their arrest.

BT – calling people asking them to log onto their computers stating there is a connection problem with the internet, people then log on and they ask for further details stating that the internet will be cut off if they don't complete the actions requested over the phone.

Both are scams, we are just advising the public to hang up, if they have a number then to report these scams online to action fraud or to contact them -0300 123 2040

## **5. TO APPROVE MINUTES**

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

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

### **6.1 Community Warden Report**

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

##### **January 2019**

**Waste issues** – A total of 10 letters have been sent to properties regarding bins out on the highway after collection this month.

**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 and Buarth y Capel - these areas seem to be the main hot spots and are currently being monitored by myself and the fly-tipping officer. Fly tipping was reported in the lay-by on Pleasant View and removed.

**Abandoned vehicles** – I am currently monitoring 2 vehicles in Dan Y Cribyn, one has now been reported to us and is out of tax in February and will have a notice posted this coming Thursday 7/02/19. The other vehicle has flat tyres and has not moved for some time but is taxed until May 2019.

**Dog fouling** – The Dog fouling team patrolled the area on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of Jan 19. One fixed penalty notice was issued in Dan Y Cribyn for dog fouling. We have patrolled the Cemetery and around the School as requested. We have received a request for a dog bin alongside Oakwood furniture on Parish Road and are monitoring this.

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

**Enforcement** – Patrols have been carried out and I have called to 4 properties with waste outside, enforcement notices posted to one property in Augustus Street, one property in Archer Street and two properties in Robert Street. I spoke to one person in Robert Street who had a chair out and was unaware of the collection policy as they are new to the area, all waste has now been removed.

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.**

The ‘Blitz’ day that was due to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> February did not fully materialize. Although members of RCT and the Waste Buster team did turn up, Trivallis did not. Many complaints were received from Dan-y-Cribyn and Buarth-y-Capel residents concerning this. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact Trivallis to find out why this did not take place and to see if there is another date planned in the future.

## **6.2 School Governors for Pontypridd High School**

As there is currently no representation on the Board of Governors from the Ynysybwl & Coed-y-Cwm area, the Clerk contacted the Education Office at RCTCBC to request the date for the next vacancy. The first available date will be 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

## **6.3 Purchase of Dog Signs**

The printer that supplied the dog banner for the Rec has offered to print 50 dog signs on hard backing at a cost of £50 with the condition that he include his business address/website on the bottom of each sign. It was **RESOLVED** to accept this offer.

## **6.4 Windfarm Meeting**

It was agreed that this was a very successful meeting. Liz Court, the facilitator, has sent through her completed report. It was **RESOLVED** to send this out to all organisations and members who attended and request comments and observations.

## **7. CHAIRMANS REPORT**

**7.1** The Vice Chair welcomed Mr Justin Haines to the Community Council. Mr Haines signed the Declaration of Acceptance and is now able to commence duties as a Community Councillor.

**7.2** The Chair has been asked about provision of bus shelters in Coed-y-Cwm and other areas in Ynysybwl. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact RCTCBC for an analysis of sites and the item be deferred until the next meeting. The bus shelter that was planned for the bottom road in Coed-y-Cwm has now been erected.

## **8. CLERKS REPORT**

### **8.1 Condition of Notice Boards**

The Clerk has researched notice boards and looked at several websites. Unlockable notice boards are available but these are unglazed. The best option was the notice board that we already have in Coed-y-Cwm which is locked and for which the Clerk holds the keys. It was suggested that we have a 'notice board group' with members from different groups and organisations in the village holding a key in order that they can display notices on the boards without having to contact the Clerk.

### **8.2 Defib Update**

The Clerk has contacted the electrician who installed the cabinet at the Old Bwl site regarding the problem with the earth readings. The electrician would need access to the inside of the house to be able to rectify this. Cllr Baish has offered to contact the homeowner about this.

No one has responded to the appeal in the newsletter requesting a site for the defib in Coed-y-Cwm. It was **RESOLVED** to put an appeal on the Facebook page to see if anyone will come forward.

Cllr Haines has offered free defib training from Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk and Cllr Haines liaise to find a suitable date for a Tuesday evening.

### **8.3 Employment of Internal Auditor**

A quote had been received from Jason Morgan for internal audit 2018/19 for £320. It was **RESOLVED** to accept this quote.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **9.1 Safe Routes in Communities Scheme**

The Community Council were unsuccessful in their application due to the Lady Windsor Community route being beyond the scope of the Safe Routes in Communities initiative. However, it has been recognized that the route could potentially be improved through other forms of funding such as Active Travel or Future Development funds.

### **9.2 Proposed Traffic Management – replies to one way traffic system suggestions – discussed in Public Break**

### **9.3 Residential & Day Care Services Consultation**

New proposals for day care are available for perusal via the following links:-

<https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/GetInvolved/Consultations/CurrentConsultations/ResidentialCareServicesConsultation.aspx?fbclid=IwAR1By6e5OFSjqTywN2LMTn0C8oAfCZaD1zbCockGKrTuAsNgZ793wgOV4So>

<https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/GetInvolved/Consultations/CurrentConsultations/DayCareServicesConsultation.aspx?fbclid=IwAR27HYn7GJjek8tOgXhp5QDShCesB2tZ33iEMAB497-peCOLCmsvxxkj8h68>

These have also been included on the Community Council Facebook page and website.

### **9.4 CISWO – Recreation Ground**

During the Windfarm meeting it was stated that CISWO will be commencing the building of a housing development on the site of Y Waun. The Clerk contacted Andrew Morse of CISWO who confirmed that this is not the case.

### **9.5 Community Council Representative on Ynysybwl Regeneration Partnership Board of Trustees**

YRP have replied to the request for a member of the Community Council to act as a representative on their Board of Trustees. At present, they would require someone with legal skills and knowledge and who would fit with the Charity Commission guidelines on Trustee eligibility. Barbara Castle of YRP added that she is very happy to attend meetings at any time should there be further queries.

### **9.6 Trerobart School response to litter pick**

Mrs Buckle, Headteacher at Trerobart School, has agreed to join forces with the Community Council and the Community Warden and his team for a litter pick on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Further details will be forthcoming in the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March.

**9.7** Resignation letter from Councillor B Evans

The Clerk received a letter of resignation from Councillor B Evans on 28<sup>th</sup> January. However, on speaking to Councillor RC Evans, it appears that he may have had a change of heart. It was **RESOLVED** to defer this to the March meeting.

**9.8** Robert Street Office Premises – rental quotes

All councilors agreed that the rents quoted for the premises was far too high and out of the price range for the Community Council. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to the owner to decline the offer.

**9.9** Internal Auditor quote for 2019

Discussed in 8.3

**10. TO CONSIDER:**

***Town & Country Planning Applications***

Planning Application Number: 19/0004/10

Erection of an agricultural building to store farm machinery and winter fodder.

Ysgubor Fawr Farm, Tir-y-Gelli, Ynysybwl, CF37 3PG

There were no objections.

**11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept accounts for payment as presented of £5498.75

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

Councillor Pickering was unable to attend but left a report in her absence, see below.

**My Activities**

I have taken on the role of Assistant Secretary of the Ynysybwl branch of the Royal British Legion. We are currently planning the Annual Dinner at the Ynysybwl Rugby Club which will be held in April.

I have met with many Council officers over various issues, regarding the Recreation Ground, trees, traffic, the cemetery, abandoned cars and street cleansing.

I have asked for a patrol of enforcement officers regarding many complaints I have received about dog fouling. I have been assured that Ynysybwl will be targeted in the near future. Irresponsible dog owners continue to blight the village.

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

I will be leaving for my 'Arctic Challenge' on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. I have had huge support from Ynysybwl people and would like to thank everyone who has supported me.

## **Ward News**

RCTCBC yesterday began a recycling campaign in Ynysybwl. In a bid to increase recycling in the area, particularly of food waste, they will be trying to analyse whether people are correctly informed about recycling, whether they are recycling correctly and how it can be improved. The first bin analysis has been carried out, and will be followed by letters to every household and a door knocking exercise. This is a regional campaign funded by Welsh Government and is being carried out in RCT and other Councils.

The Street Care team from RCTCBC are having a 'Blitz' day in Ynysybwl on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February. I have identified areas for cleansing, and would welcome any suggestions. The grass cutting team already have a list of 'jobs' once the weather permits!

I recently handed in a petition for speed measures along Pleasant View, following a spate of accidents. I will be pursuing the matter despite a response indicating that it does not meet the criteria.

I have sent a letter to the School Reorganisation Consultation, which ended on 31<sup>st</sup> January, outlining parents concerns regarding the proposals for YGG Pont Sion Norton and Pontypridd High School.

A kissing gate has been put in place at the beginning of the footpath behind Butcher's Pool, running along the Nant Clydach. This is in answer to many complaints from residents regarding motorbikes using the path.

The Council are already making plans for pool groups. A meeting was held for all groups recently, offering the same package of support as last year.

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

There were no grant applications.

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

#### **14.1 Youth Liaison Community Officer**

Cllr Burnell met with members of the Youth Club and they are willing to come along to a monthly meeting as soon as the Youth Forum is up and running. It was suggested that the school committee also come to one of our monthly meetings to give a talk. It was **RESOLVED** to contact Mrs Buckle at the school to arrange this.

#### **14.2 One Voice Wales Area Committee Meeting – Feedback**

Cllr Burnell attended the meeting and found it very informative. The next meeting will be in April and he encouraged other councilors to attend. S145 grants, for promotion of the Arts and Music, were discussed at the meeting.



**14.3 Purchase of a gazebo for community events**

It was **RESOLVED** to look at prices for a gazebo that can be used by the Community Council at events such as the Festival or the Firework Display.

**14.4 Requests for dog bins**

Our Community Warden is currently looking at sourcing 2 dog bins to be placed in the village.

**14.5 Ynysybwl Community Council Stand at Gwyl 2019**

It was suggested by a member of the public at a previous meeting that the Community Council should have a stand at the Gwyl so that residents of Ynysybwl & Coed-y-Cwm can see how much is actually done for the village by YCC. It was **RESOLVED** to commit in principle.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 6:45pm.

**Closure of official business of the council**

**Verbal report of the Community Councillors**

**Meeting closed at 8.10 pm**

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