

**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, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**at 6:45 pm**

**Clerk.....**

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

**1. DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

There disclosures of personal interest from Cllrs A Burnell and D Baish in relation to 9.1.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs M Jones, C Banwell, B Evans, R Isaac and A Holloway.

**3. PUBLIC BREAK**

There was no public break.

**4. POLICE**

There was no police report as PCSO Vbranch is on annual leave. The Chair had spoken to Rob Grant of Neighbourhood Watch and PACT prior to the meeting and there were no serious crimes to report.

**5. TO APPROVE MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from December 2019.

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

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

**December 2019**

**Waste issues** 2 properties were called to in Thompson Villas and Robert Street where waste was left outside. I spoke to one and an enforcement notice was posted at the other property, waste had moved when I returned.

**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 black bags were left with stickers on and have been cleared the same week.

Buarth Y Capel - As to 112 Buarth Y Capel, with the issues raised of fly tipping to the side of the property, an enforcement notice was posted by myself as no evidence was found, therefore no action

on my part could be taken. With regard to other departments, a notice was served on this property by Public Health regarding waste outside, this waste has now been removed, I believe by Trivallis. Without any evidence relating to the property then I cannot issue a fixed penalty, just get the waste cleared.

**Abandoned vehicles** – A vehicle was reported to us, but when checked it had moved from the location.

**Dog fouling** – The dog fouling team patrolled the area on the 5<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>.

**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.**

The Clerk had spoken with the Warden regarding the report and although he has served notices on the property in Buarth-y-Capel, as there is no physical evidence among the waste left outside there is nothing further that can be done by him. The property is owned by Trivallis and the responsibility for waste and the overgrown trees should be with the occupier. However, as the occupier does not appear to be taking responsibility, the onus should then be with Trivallis. It was **RESOLVED** to write an official letter of complaint to Trivallis regarding the property. **DONE**

It was agreed by the majority that the Community Warden is still doing a good job and if he receives notice of an incident that he is not responsible for he will forward this to the correct department.

The Clerk had informed the Warden earlier in the week of dog mess through Crawshay Street and in particular, near the school. The Warden then informed the dog fouling team and cleansing to deal with the problem.

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

Christian Hanagan of RCTCBC has received the questions sent to him by the Clerk. However, due to only returning to work after the Christmas break on 7<sup>th</sup> January, he was unable to obtain the information in time for the meeting. Therefore it was agreed that he would attend the February meeting instead and, if any information was obtained prior to that, he would forward to the Clerk to distribute among members.

Cllr C Jones commented on the traffic schemes that were posted by RCTCBC in the Western Mail on 13<sup>th</sup> December and were not reported to the Clerk or any member of the Community Council. Any remarks on the schemes had to be sent to RCTCBC by midnight on 7<sup>th</sup> January. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk email RCTCBC immediately following the meeting to request a further deadline in order that council would have time to properly digest the information and offer observations or suggestions. It was also **RESOLVED** that the Clerk ask RCTCBC that, in future, more notice, ideally 21 days, be given of similar consultations, especially during public holiday times.

**DONE**

Cllr C Jones reminded members that draft proposals of the one way system were given to Cllr Sue Pickering in October 2018 but that nothing further had been heard regarding these. Cllr Ellis stated that no formal proposal to RCTCBC had been made and that the draft plans were given to Cllr Pickering only for her perusal.

It was agreed that the Community Council should continue with the plans for a one way system.

### **6.3 Butchers Pool – update from Friends of Butchers Pool**

Friends of Butchers Pool met with Andrew Morgan and Dave Batten of RCTCBC to discuss the problems experienced over the summer regarding supervision of children in the pool.

RCTCBC have applied the same rules to paddling pools as to swimming pools and these are as follows:

- Any child aged 4 and under must be accompanied in the pool on a one to one basis by an appropriate adult
- Any child aged 8 and over can be unsupervised

Clive Thomas of FoBP contacted 15 paddling pools throughout the country and their rules are different to RCTs.

FoBP own the pool, the toilet building and the pump room as a result of an asset transfer. However, RCTCBC appear to believe they own the pool, taking over the running of it and dictating their rules. If a problem occurred the lifeguard on duty would contact their supervisor to deal with it. RCTCBC have admitted fault over their handling of the situation.

FoBP have a meeting with RCTCBC on 30<sup>th</sup> January and they intend to state that it is not viable for them to work within RCT rules. For example, a single parent with more than one child aged 4 or under would not be able to use the facility as the children would have to be supervised on a one to one basis. The group are also meeting with a Health and Safety advisor for ideas. If no conclusion has been met by February, the group are considering taking legal action.

Clive Thomas agreed to attend the next YCC meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> February to provide feedback following their meeting with RCTCBC.

Cllr Ellis reiterated that the Community Council are 100% behind Butchers Pool and will continue to provide funding. This year RCTCBC have agreed to fund one lifeguard, possibly two, but this has not yet been confirmed.

The Chair commented that YCC were aware of all time and effort Clive has put into the continuation of the pool over the past few years and also that he had received personal criticism over the situation last year, which was completely unjustified.

The cheque for £3000 that was submitted by YCC to FoBP last August had not been cashed and has now been cancelled. A new cheque for £3000 was issued to the group during the meeting.

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

May Day Bank Holiday this year has been changed from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May to coincide with the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day.

It was agreed that the Community Council would like to commemorate this and a tea dance was suggested with the possibility of the Trerobart school children being involved.

The next Royal British Legion meeting is being held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February with Councillor RC Evans in attendance. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Evans would discuss the subject with the RBL and report back to council.

## **6.5 Office premises – update following survey, valuation and sub committee meeting**

On receipt of the condition report of the proposed office building, and following the sub committee meeting, it was decided not to go ahead with the plans to buy and refurbish the property concerned. Cllr Ellis had looked into acquiring a property from Trivallis to use as office space but they no longer provide this due to a shortage of housing.

Another option to consider would be to relocate to the Rec and look at purchasing, through the public loans board, two new changing rooms in the form of a shipping container. This would include a changing room for both home and away teams, 4 showers in each changing room plus a room for the match official. These containers comply with FA regulations and would enable the football team to return to the village as well as providing facilities for the rugby teams and other sporting teams. Clive Thomas reported to council that he had been in touch with members of the football team who are hoping to establish two childrens teams in the village in the near future.

Cllr Ellis has researched the purchase and rental of suitable containers and provided plans and costs for councillors to peruse. A further container could be rented for use as office space. We would also look at renovating the space under the grandstand.

The Chair and Cllr Ellis have a meeting with RCTCBC on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January and will discuss funding for this. In a meeting at the Rec in 2019, a member of RCTCBC did state that match funding would be available if the Community Council wanted to improve the stand. It was felt that overall, this proposal would be of benefit to the community.

Last year, changing rooms in a container were bid for and won by another village in RCT but it has been reported that this has now come up for bid again due to it not being suitable in that village. If YCC could bid for, and win, this container, there would be no need to purchase one. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to Cllr Sue Pickering to confirm that the changing rooms are available. **DONE**

It was **RESOLVED** to pursue this proposal.

## **6.6 Costings for speed signs/Speedwatch feedback**

Rob Grant of Neighbourhood Watch and PACT has informed the Chair that he has requested flashing speed signs for Ynysybwl.

The Clerk put a notice on the YCC Facebook page asking for volunteers for the Speedwatch initiative but has only received two expressions of interest so far.

Elan, a company that provides speed cameras, were contacted in 2018 by the Clerk for prices but they were very expensive and on speaking to them before Christmas, the costs were still very high.

It was **RESOLVED** to liaise with Neighbourhood Watch and PCSO Vbranch and defer this item to the next meeting. **DONE**

#### **6.7 Cameras to capture dog fouling offences**

The Clerk has spoken with the Community Warden regarding this and has been informed that it cannot be done due to privacy reasons. It was **RESOLVED** to remove this item from the agenda. **DONE**

### **7. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT**

#### **7.1 Christmas dinners – feedback**

The Chair reported that the three days were ‘amazing’ and that a great community spirit was shown by all. Special thanks were given to Cllr M Jones for all the time and effort she put into ensuring the occasion was a great success. The Chair felt that the event should have more publicity. Cllr Ellis asked that a post be put on the YCC Facebook page thanking all the volunteers who gave up their time to work at the Centre over the three day period. **DONE**

#### **7.2 Durham Miners invite**

The Chair has invited members of the Durham Miners, at no cost to the Community Council, to attend a cricket match at Sophia Gardens in June. Cllr C Jones has kindly offered them accommodation.

### **8. CLERKS REPORT**

#### **8.1 Financial Risk Assessment**

The Financial Risk Assessment should have been agreed in September last year. The Clerk has also provided a Financial Risk Assessment for 2020/21 which has been amended to show online banking.

#### **8.2 Online banking**

The Clerk has received notice from Lloyds Bank to say that this has been accepted and that further notification will be sent in due course. The Clerk will be able to transfer monies with access from the three signatories. A statement will be brought to council every month showing transactions.

The Clerk informed council that she will be working 4 days this week (Monday to Thursday) and 2 the next (Monday and Tuesday), so covering her hours, with an annual leave day on 20<sup>th</sup> January. She will return to work on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January. The out of office message will be updated as will the telephone message to contact the Chair in her absence.

### **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **9.1 Trerobart Primary School – request for funding for a new shed**

It was agreed to give the school the total amount of £540 from the Wellbeing fund. **TRACY BUCKLE NOTIFIED BY EMAIL**

#### **9.2 Development of future transport infrastructure**

RCTCBCs Overview and Scrutiny Committee have invited comments, observations and suggestions regarding the investment into the transport network in South East Wales. It was **RESOLVED** to reply to RCTCBC and ask them to revisit the scheme from 2014 that proposed a halt at Glyncoch with a provision for a park and ride. A station in Glyncoch would enhance connectivity in Ynysybwl and Glyncoch for residents and commuters, linking people easily to Aberdare, Merthyr, Cardiff and even Cardiff Airport. Cllr C Jones has spoken with Professor Stuart Cole CBE, Professor of Transport at the University of South Wales who has agreed that this is an excellent proposal.

**DONE**

### 9.3 One Voice Wales National Awards Conference – possible YCC presence

The Chair has expressed an interest in attending the event in Builth Wells as has Cllr C Jones. **OVW contacted re booking places**

## **10. TO CONSIDER:**

### *Town & Country Planning Applications*

Planning application: 19/1229/10

Glynderwen, Windsor Place, Ynysybwl, Pontypridd, CF37 3LY

Demolition of existing stable and outbuilding arrangements and construction of new stable block, haybarns and menage.

There were no objections.

Planning application: 19/0970/10

Carreg Barn, Mill Road, Ynysybwl, Pontypridd, CF37 3LS

Detached outbuilding

It was **RESOLVED** to contact RCTCBC and Cllr Sue Pickering to object as it was felt that the plans submitted did not equate to the description.

**DONE**

Planning application: 19/1286/13

Land opposite 1 Glanffrwd Terrace, Ynysybwl, Pontypridd

Outline application for a residential dwelling with access and scale considered.

It was **RESOLVED** to contact RCTCBC to object as it was felt that the building would overlook the houses in Clydach Road, affecting privacy.

**DONE**

Planning application: 19/1275/10

Greenfield, New Road, Ynysybwl, Pontypridd, CF37 3ER

Proposed single storey rear kitchen extension.

There were no objections.

Planning application: 19/1297/10

10 Bryn Awel, Ynysybwl, Pontypridd

Demolition of existing garage, construction of rear/side extension, installation of rooflights & construction of driveway to front of property.

There were no objections.

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

It was **RESOLVED** to accept accounts for payment as presented of £4968.00

A further cheque was issued to Friends of Butchers Pool to replace the cheque issue in August 2019 which was never cashed. This increases the accounts for payment to £7968.00.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept accounts for payment of £7968.00

### **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**

The Chair has received complaints from residents of New Road regarding vehicles parked on the pavement allowing limited access for pedestrians, prams and wheelchair users. It was **RESOLVED** to make PCSO Vbranch aware and to also request a camera car to patrol the community. **DONE**

### **14. BUDGET**

**14.1** The Clerk in conjunction with Cllr Ellis has prepared a draft budget. However, with regards to the possible acquisition of containers for the Rec, it was **RESOLVED** to set the precept for 2020/21 during the February meeting, following the meeting with RCTCBC on 13<sup>th</sup> January.

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

It was **RESOLVED** that the next meeting would take place at Ynysybwl Community Centre on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

**Closure of official business of the council**

**Verbal report of the Community Councillors**

**Meeting closed at 8pm**

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