

**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 by**  
**REMOTE TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020**  
**at 11am**

**Clerk.....**

**PRESENT:-** Councillors Messrs A Burnell, H Osborne, J Haines, R Isaac, Mrs A Ellis, Mrs M Jones

**1. DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of personal interest.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors RC Evans, D Baish, Mrs C Banwell, C Jones, A Holloway

**3. PUBLIC BREAK**

There was no public break.

**4. POLICE**

The police report for June had been previously circulated to members.

The PCSO has contacted the Casualty Reduction Team and GO Safe Wales with regards to the recent road traffic accident and the speed of vehicles. They will send someone out soon to assess the area and to see if a mobile unit will be safe to park at the location, or a police bike for enforcement. They have also been in touch with Highways to look at signage to see if this can be improved along New Road It was **RESOLVED** to contact the Highways department to request that the Community Council be included in any discussions involving possible new signage in the area. **DONE**

**5. TO APPROVE MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from June 2020.

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

No urgent matters arising from the minutes in June.

**7. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT**

**7.1** Back Lanes

Prior to the Covid crisis, Cllr C Jones had contacted the Probation Service about helping to clear and tidy up the back lanes and they were agreeable to this.

Cllr Ellis has been speaking with a member of the public regarding residents cleaning their own areas of back lanes with the possibility of holding a village competition and they are in the process of putting a plan together. Cllr Ellis has contacted RCTCBC to collect waste and rubbish and is awaiting a reply.

Cllr Ellis has also contacted Craig yr Hesg Quarry who have agreed to provide scalplings for all back lanes. She now needs to contact local workmen regarding clearing the sides. It was suggested that perhaps the Community Council could donate funds towards the cost of tools, such as grass trimmers. If RCT are in agreement, the tools could be stored in the boiler room under the grandstand at the Rec or Cllr Isaac offered space at his farm for storage. It was stated that the clearing of back lanes will happen even if the Community Council are not on board. It was **RESOLVED** to go ahead with the clearing of back lanes with the support of the Community Council and Cllr Ellis will pursue the matter.

## **8. CLERKS REPORT**

No Clerks report

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **9.1** Letter from Mrs Ceryn Hughes of YCP regarding Summer 2020 playscheme

Members agreed that it was unrealistic for the playscheme to go ahead this year. It was **RESOLVED** to write to Mrs Hughes stating this and that it would be reviewed in January to see if the February playscheme could take place. **DONE**

### **9.2** Email from resident of Berw Road, Pontypridd regarding traffic concerns

The Clerk had replied to the resident, giving them the details of RCTCBCs Highways department as Berw Road does not fall in the Ynysybwl & Coed y Cwm area. It was also **RESOLVED** to pass on the information about the Craig yr Hesg Quarry expansion application as this would have an effect on residents in Berw Road. **DONE**

### **9.3** Facebook message from resident of Coed y Cwm regarding the absence of flower displays

The Clerk has passed on the resident's details to Cllr Ellis who will liaise with Cllr Holloway regarding the setting up of a Coed y Cwm group.

## **10. TO CONSIDER:**

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

Objections and observations regarding the planning application from Craig yr Hesg Quarry have been sent to the Planning Department.

## **11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept accounts for payment as presented of £863.88.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept amended accounts for payment from June as presented of £4784.85 which now include the following:

Rugby for Heroes grant (Wellbeing)	150.00
YRP Summer youth lunches (Youth Provision)	300.00
Boverton Nurseries	1687.20
Laser Fire & Security for NHW CCTV (Wellbeing)	1000.00

The Clerk has contacted Neighbourhood Watch and the CCTV cameras should be installed this month.

Ynysybwl Regeneration Partnership have received a further £2000 grant for the ‘Grub Club’ to provide packed lunches for the youth of Ynysybwl during the summer holidays.

## **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** Notice board for Dan y Cribyn – purchase and installation

It was **RESOLVED** to order a notice board for Dan y Cribyn. This will be the last notice board to be replaced in the village. Applications to tender were put out prior to the last notice board being installed in Church Street but as there were no applicants, it was **RESOLVED** to contact Steve Pickering again who installed the Augustus Street and Church Street boards.

**DONE**

### **13.2** Mural for Gurnos House – to improve the façade of the building that is home to the Ynysybwl Branch of the Royal British Legion and Ynysybwl Community Project

There were concerns over the community’s reaction to the building being privately owned by a Community Councillor. It was **RESOLVED** to put a post on the YCC Facebook page for one week, asking for people’s thoughts on this idea. It was agreed that the broken windows would need to be addressed and this has been brought up with the owner. The flagpole will stay in place. The mural would be in keeping with the location and would feature aspects of the village such as the Lady Windsor colliery, and refer to the Royal British Legion. Cllr Haines suggested two soldiers holding up the flagpole which was thought to be appropriate. The quote for the work was confusing with three prices being stated. The cost would be £1500 which would cover preparation, painting and include the cost of a cherry picker. It was **RESOLVED** to contact the artist and request a quote for one price.

### **13.3** Purchase of covert cameras to deter fly tipping in the community

Cllr Ellis contacted RCTCBC for the cost of covert cameras. YCC could purchase cameras in a joint working partnership with RCTCBC and the local authority will take care of the legalities. When last checked in March, the cameras were £158 each. Installing these cameras will show the community that we are listening to them and doing something to

address their concerns. The Chair did suggest having one in the Rec but the priorities are for fly tipping and legally, the cameras cannot be used for dog fouling or littering. However, if reports of fly tipping are reported at the Rec, there is a possibility they can be used there. It was suggested that it would not be unreasonable to ask for a camera to be placed in the trees in the Rec, but the legalities would have to be addressed first. The cameras will be owned by the Community Council but all legalities will be taken care of by RCTCBC, they will also site them and put up signage. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase four cameras.

#### 13.4 Durham Miners – seat sponsorship at Redhills

It was **RESOLVED** to sponsor a seat at the Pitmans Parliament to ensure that the links between Durham and Ynysybwll are maintained. It was suggested that, if the mural on Gurnos House goes ahead, that this could be incorporated into the image.

#### 13.5 Community Centre re-opening – update

Cllr M Jones informed members that the Community Centre will remain closed possibly until next year, which means that the Senior Citizens Christmas Dinners will not go ahead in December. The decision to reopen will be made by RCTCBC. It was emphasized that the cancellation of the Christmas dinners is not a Community Council decision but is based on advice from the Welsh Government. It was **RESOLVED** to defer the Christmas dinners to the September meeting when more information may have been received.

#### 13.6 Office move – update

Work is being carried out in the office during August, therefore the move to the new premises will probably take place in September. The Chair and Clerk have approached MST Sports who will make the new sign for the outside of the building, to include opening times and contact details. Cllr Haines has information on purchasing a desk screen and will pass this on to the Clerk.

#### 13.7 Traffic management plans for various thoroughfares in the community

It was **RESOLVED** to defer this item to the September agenda and to use the lockdown period to liaise with RCTCBC with regards to a meeting.

#### 13.8 Proposal for councillors to write their own agenda items to submit to the Clerk to check for grammatical errors before adding to the agenda. This allows members of the council and members of the public to see, exactly, what is being proposed at each meeting. Reference to the agenda published by RCTCBC Cabinet as an example of how agenda items could be formulated.

<https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Council/CouncillorsCommitteesandMeetings/Meetings/Cabinet/2020/06/25/Agenda/English.pdf>

Councillors were reminded that they should not be involved with the agenda other than forwarding items to be included. It is the Clerk's role to assemble the agenda. Anything can be included on the agenda provided it is appropriately worded. Councillors can give a brief explanation of the item submitted. Cllr Haines requested that more information is given on agenda items, in order that councillors and members of the public understand exactly what is to be discussed. It was **RESOLVED** to provide more information on agenda items.

**13.9** Proposal that the Community Council takes on the following ethos:

"As a council, we will work smarter, we will be open, honest and transparent and we will listen, to and act on the instructions of, community" as a pledge to the community we serve.

It was **RESOLVED** to defer this item to the September meeting as part of Matters Arising.

**13.10** Proposal that a "Working Smarter" task force is established in order to evaluate current practices and how they can be improved upon to enhance the productivity of the Community Council for the benefit of the community.

Cllr Ellis proposed working together to see how current practices can be improved.

#### **14. BUDGET**

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

It was proposed that the 'Civic Account' be removed from the budget.

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

**15.1** As we are unsure as to what the lockdown procedures will be for next month, it was **RESOLVED** to have a meeting in the same format if a conventional meeting cannot be held.

**Closure of official business of the council**

**Verbal report of the Community Councillors**

**Meeting closed at 12.02pm**

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