

**CYNGOR CYMUNED**  
**YNYSYBWL & COED-Y-CWM COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF YNYSYBWL & COED-Y-CWM COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD AT YNYSYBWL COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024 @ 18:15PM**  
**CLERK ANNEMARIE BEVAN EDWARDS**

**PRESENT:** Chair Cllr P Evans

Councillors Mr Barri Williams, Mr Gus Haines, Mr Clive Evans, Mr Chay Binks, Mrs B Leach

**1. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

No disclosures of personal interest were made.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Ellis, Cllr C Jones and Cllr M Jones (due to illness), Cllr E Wigfall (due to work commitments), Cllr C Banwell, Cllr R Davies

**3. PUBLIC BREAK**

There was no public break.

**4. POLICE AND COMMUNITY ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT**

Reports were received from the police and a verbal report was received from the community enforcement officer

Cllr B Leach informed council and this was confirmed by other councillors that children have been seen in Trerobart School after school hours, vandalising school property, specifically the roof. The children have been approached by members of the public to stop, but this was met with antisocial behaviour.

**It was RESOLVED** that the Clerk should contact PCSO Liam Jones and request police help with this matter, PCSO Jones should be asked to visit the school and highlight the issues to staff and children and discuss the ramifications of this behaviour.

A verbal report from the community enforcement officer conveyed to council that the recent issue with rubbish left out by residents and an issue with the collection lorries has been resolved.

**5. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD:**

Monthly meeting minutes for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were approved and deemed correct.

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from minutes for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

**7. CHAIR PERSON'S REPORT**

Cllr P Evans brought to the council's attention the fact that the Chair Cllr A Ellis and Vice Chair Cllr P Evans are working diligently to procure a Debit Card from Lloyds Bank. It is anticipated that this should be forthcoming in the near future. **It was RESOLVED** to approve this item.

Cllr P Evans brought to the council's attention a private matter concerning the Clerk's salary and working hours. **It was RESOLVED** to approve these terms.

Cllr Evans explained that a request had been received from the Mini Rugby organisers for financial support. The nature of this financial support was outlined – as detailed below:

- A request for financial support to the sum of £500 was received from Mini Rugby organisation group.
- This money will be used for providing water and hot dogs for 24 families who will undertake a Top Peak 24hour Challenge. This challenge will involve 24 families walking/running/a specified challenging route around the local area. And would also be used for the same provision for a second event which is to take place in the summer
- Money raised from sponsorship will be used to provide an outdoor play area for children outside the rugby club.
- It should be noted that any money provided by the community council will not go directly to the rugby club – it will only be used to support the families undertaking the challenge.

The following issues were raised by councillors:

- Cllr Leach requested that if council support this initiative, then this should be advertised in order to promote the work done by the council.
- Cllr Haines wanted it noted that council would not be able to vote on this issue as the council had not had the appropriate notification time/process.
- Cllr Evans asked that organisers should ensure the appropriate risk assessment/health and safety procedures be taken.
- Cllr Evans relayed to council that any financial support provided by council should not go directly to the rugby club – it was confirmed by Cllr P Evans that this was noted and that it would not occur.
- Cllr B Williams requested the organisers provide details of second event and request for funding well in advance of the second event so that council can be well informed in order to make decisions about support.

**IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** in the first instance that the organisers write to the council outlining exactly what they require and how they will use the money for.

**It was RESOLVED** that if financial support is provided by the council for this event - the organisers should purchase the provisions and invoice the council for a refund.

**It was RESOLVED** that an Extraordinary Meeting of the council be called so that the correct process can be used to vote on whether financial support be provided to the mini rugby group.

It was requested that Kayleigh Ellis be contacted to ask if a breakdown of requirements be provided to the community council.

## 8. CLERK'S REPORT

The following items were brought to the attention of council:

- The Clerk informed council that as per council directions from the previous meeting – a priced had been obtained for the purchase of a flag to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D Day. **It was RESOLVED** not to purchase the flag. A more detailed discussion took place about celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D Day. **It was PROPOSED** that a celebratory afternoon tea could be organised to take place at the Community Centre on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024. **It was RESOLVED** that Cllr Haine will contact the Royal British Legion to determine if they would like to be involved. And Cllr P Evans will speak to Emma to ask if she is willing to organise an afternoon tea.
- The Clerk updated council on the Microsoft instalment and emails - **It was RESOLVED** that the Clerk will email Nick Worgan and Jason Long to ask when they are available to provide a workshop – council will then agree a date.
- **It was RESOLVED** that the availability of free tickets for young people in the community to attend the Urdd will be posted on the council Facebook site.
- The Clerk explained to council that efforts to value the land at Heol Pen Y Foel in Coed y Cwm have resulted in the need for a specific valuation to be undertaken – Mr Mark Williams is

able to do this. **It was RESOLVED** that this council will need to know the cost of this work and will then decide about engaging Mr Williams to provide a valuation.

- The Clerk informed council that it was necessary to retain Mr Steve Williams to undertake the internal audit - **It was RESOLVED** by council to engage Mr Williams to undertake the internal audit.
- The Clerk informed council that the webpage is now being improved and access is now available to an extent. Gareth Williams will meet with the Clerk to finalise this in the near future when his schedule allows.
- The Clerk asked council if it was possible to add an item to the agenda – something like “any other business” **It was RESOLVED** that the Clerk should investigate if this is possible, in keeping with Standing Orders.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

The following letters to council were **NOTED**.

- A letter was received from Sion Nicholls asking council if they required his services to look after the flowers and greenery in the area for May – September 2024. The cost is unchanged from last year - **IT WAS RESOLVED** to engage Sion Nicholls to provide the service.

## 10. TO CONSIDER: Town and Country Planning Applications

No planning applications

## 11. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS A. ELLIS AND P. EVANS

Cllr P Evans presented the Borough Councillors report verbally.

- It was pointed out that Cllrs P Evans and A Ellis will meet with Jessica Haines from Welsh Water on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - however, in an email to the councillors they were informed that every effort has been undertaken to protect wild life and the environment while they undertake the work at Cwm Clydach Reservoir. The Welsh Water representative said that Welsh Water are hoping to make the lake into a nature reserve for public use and the current efforts and consultations with local authorities are working towards this. The company feel this will be beneficial to the local community.
- Cllr Evans informed council that after discussions with Simon Pritchard they have been informed that the bridge to Coed-y-Cwm will be resurfaced completely, if funding can be acquired, in the meantime the potholes will be filled in.
- A new protective fence has also been installed behind the bus station in Coed-y-Cwm, but it was felt that the fence should be extended. The Borough Councillors will follow up on this.

## 12. TO ACCEPT PAYMENT FOR ACCOUNTS

Accounts accepted as correct.

Expenditure			
SUPPLIER			
1	EE	9.82	OFFICE PHONE
2	LASER FIRE & SECURITY	396.00	OFFICE RENT
3	CLERK'S SALARY	893.44	SALARY FOR MARCH
4	HMRC	80.00	TAX AND NI
5	CLLR P EVANS	148.32	MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION TO MICROSOFT FOR MARCH AWAITING DEBIT CARD
6	FANHAULOG	200.00	CHRISTMAS TREE AT COED Y CWM 2023
7	PROCUT TREE SERVICES	70.00	ASSESSMENT OF TREES AT COED Y CWM FOR ZURICH INSURANCE
8	BLUESTONE	1500.00	GWYL FESTIVAL GRANT
9	ENTHUSIAM EVENTS	453.60	GWYL FESTIVAL GRANT
10	ROCKET SECURITY LTD	1891.80	GWYL FESTIVAL GRANT
11	HMRC	63.51	BACK PAYMENT FOR NI AND TAX
12	REFUND A BEVAN EDWARDS	2.50	BOUGHT FILE DIVIDERS FOR OFFICE
13	REFUND A BEVAN EDWARDS	74.90	BOUGHT PRINTER INK FOR OFFICE
14	SLCC	450.00	CICLA TRAINING FOR CLERK
15	REFUND A BEVAN EDWARDS	3.45	PAID FOR RECORDED DELIVERY OF VAT RETURN FOR 2023/2024
TOTAL		6237.34	
TO BE PAID			
1	RCT	3204.00	INVOICE FOR ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
TOTAL		3204.00	
INCOME			

1	LLOYDS BANK INTEREST	66.24
	TOTAL	66.24

### 13. TO CONSIDER ITEMS BROUGHT TO AGENDA BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

13.1 **PROPOSED BY CLLR G HAINES:** Cllr Haines proposed the installation of a barrier at the gate of Butcher’s Field to prevent children running straight out onto the busy road. Cllr P Evans informed council that Cllr A Ellis had discussed this with Simon Pritchard from the Highways Department of RCT. **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** Ynysybwl & Coed -y-Cwm Community Council will contribute to the installation of this barrier to the maximum amount of £2000. Cllr P Evans will follow this up with Simon Pritchard.

13.2 **PROPOSED BY CLLR G HAINES:** voiced concern about the speed at which vehicles are entering the village at the point at which the speed limit goes from 50mph to 20mph and suggested funding a speed indicator. A discussion took place among councillors about the best options to help prevent vehicles speeding and the negative effects of speeding at this junction. **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:** this issue requires further investigation and Cllr G Haines will speak to Dylan Kelleher about the options available to the council.

13.3 **PROPOSED BY CLLR B WILLIAMS:** pointed out that residents have complained about motor cross motor bikes using the Lady Windsor Trail inappropriately and speeding. A discussion among councillors revealed that this is happening a lot and that access to the trail has been encouraged because of the removal of a chicane which had previously helped to prevent vehicles from accessing the path. **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** that the Clerk will contact PSCO Liam Jones to ask if the Off-Road Biking Unit could visit the site to assess it. And Cllr P Evans will contact Ross Williams to seek advice.

### 15. COMMUNITY COUNCIL MAINTAINED, DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE

**IT WAS REPORTED BY CLLR G HAINES** that all defibrillators are in working order.

### 16. BUDGET

**IT WAS RESOLVED TO:** accept the final audit file presented to council by the Clerk.

### 17. NEXT MEETING

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the next Community Council Meeting be on Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Ynysybwl Community Centre – the time will be 18:45pm.