

**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 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**at 6:45 pm**

**Clerk.....**

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

**1. DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of personal interest.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs M Jones, C Banwell, R Isaac

**3. PUBLIC BREAK**

There was no public break.

**4. POLICE**

3 Damage  
3 Domestic incidents  
3 Concern for Safety  
1 Animal/Welfare - 10 dogs reported up the colliery site loose with 1 dog walker, none on leads. This was a dog walking company from Taffs Well area who have been suitably advised.  
3 Highway disruption - Vehicles obstructing garages in Dan Y Cribyn, 1 obstruction in Archer Street and 1 at Llanwonno  
3 Road related Incidents - damage to wing mirrors (isolated incidents)  
19 Violence against a person  
2 Anti-Social Behaviour Calls - one was a report of a motor bike riding on the pavement in Dan Y Cribyn for which a warning notice has been issued.  
6 - Public Safety/ Welfare  
2 Suspicious incidents - BT continue to be calling members of the public telling them that their internet will be cut off if they do not log on their computer and follow instructions stated by the caller. Please report to ACTION FRAUD if you receive these calls.  
1 Crime Related  
1 Theft at Llanwonno - theft of diesel and tools

A company called Branching Out have been leafleting Ynysybwl – several members of the public contacted this company for work in their gardens last summer having received the flyer through their door, and were ripped off for thousands of pounds. Money is usually requested in cash and upfront. Once the job has been started the workmen fail to return without completing the job and they will decline any phone calls made to the numbers they have provided.

Trading standards are aware of this company, however, we have not managed to catch who is delivering the leaflets, or the current vehicle being used. Previously there was a white van with green writing on (Branching Out), if sighted please report on 101. Currently these flyers have been circulated in the Rhydyfelin area. However, previously Coed Y Cwm and Maesycod were also targeted.

The Clerk has posted this information on the YCC Facebook page and through this, a telephone call was received yesterday from the distribution company. They claim they were unaware of the work practices of Branching Out and have since ceased trading with them. They requested that the Community Council and the public be made aware of this. The contact details of the distribution company have been passed to the PCSO.

The Chair had questioned with our PCSO if the incidents all related to the Ynysybwl & Coed-y-Cwm area or the whole of RCT as previously thought. The PCSO confirmed that they related to just to the Ynysybwl & Coed-y-Cwm area. The crime report has become worse since the police station closed some years ago. It was agreed that we need to work together to help ourselves. It was suggested that the Clerk contact PCSO Vbranch's superiors to see if her rota can be changed to include a Tuesday, possibly once a quarter, for half an hour. It was **RESOLVED** to contact PCSO Vbranch prior to sending a letter.

## **5. TO APPROVE MINUTES**

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

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

### **6.1 Community Warden Report**

Update for Enforcement attendance and actions required for YNYSYBWL

#### **February 2019**

**Waste issues** – Total of 4 letters have been sent to properties regarding black bags 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 and Enforcement teams.

Dan y Cribyn, rear of 137 car park, seems to be waste dumped there weekly and is currently being monitored by myself .

Fly tipping was reported on the road leading to the motocross track at Llanwonno, no evidence found and waste was removed.

The road to Pentwyn Uchaf Farm with evidence found and is under investigation.

We are currently investigating a property in Ynysybwl that is Fly tipping waste around the village, I have found evidence of this person twice, and believe more bags I checked belonged to them, no address found but other signs to link them to the waste.

**Abandoned vehicles** – I have placed 2 no abandon vehicle notices on vehicles in Robert Street. One is parked on private land to the side of 182 that we are looking in to and the other is on the main road.

**Dog fouling** – The Dog fouling team patrolled the area on the 6th, 13th and 22nd of Feb 19. One fixed penalty notice was issued to a resident in Dan Y Cribyn for dog fouling this month. I have carried out a letter drop to Thompson Street and Crawshay Street and had the cleansing team to remove fouling and jet around the School, hoping that we get more information to the dog owner . We have placed dog fouling signs around the School as a deterrent.

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

**Enforcement** – Patrols have been carried out and I have called to a property with waste outside. Enforcement notices posted to one property in Windsor Place and the waste was removed. I spoke to 1 person in Robert Street who had a black bag out after collection which 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 Community Warden works closely with PCSO Vbranch throughout the community. Parking problems are getting worse, however the Warden does not have the powers to issue notices. Civil enforcement currently patrol the village in the day when between 5pm and 7pm would be a better time.

The dog fouling team start their shift earlier in the summer months, 6am instead of 7am.

Several complaints have been made about a house in Dan-y-Cribyn where motorbikes and other items left at the front of the property were discussed with the householder. He informed the Warden that Cllr Burnell had given him permission to store slabs in front of the house, which was untrue.

Council asked the Warden for clarification on the powers he holds:-

- Vehicles untaxed or in a bad state – an abandoned vehicle notice is issued. If not claimed in 14 days, they are given a 24 hour notice. If not claimed in this time the vehicle is taken away. In these cases the owner usually claims the vehicle. Proof of ownership (V5) now has to be shown or the vehicle will be held. A vehicle

that has been complained about in Robert Street is on private land, but RCT are in talks with their legal department to see if it can be taken away.

- Dog fouling – this incurs an immediate penalty of £100. A case was reported outside the Premier shop on Robert Street this week and the dog fouling team are hoping to look at the CCTV located at the shop to pinpoint the dog owner. It was enquired as to whether DNA testing for dogs could be an option as this has been practiced in other councils in the UK. However, it was felt that this would not be cost effective.
- Fly tipping – there are currently some cases under investigation. Bags were found relating to one person in several places and it was being looked into whether this person could be interviewed. The Chair informed the Warden that this person has now moved so the new tenant may be responsible for the dumping. Llanwonno is currently a ‘hot spot’. The fixed penalty for fly tipping is £300 and this can also be applied to people who have, unwittingly, paid a rogue company to dispose of their waste. It was **RESOLVED** to put a post on our website and Facebook page informing the community of this.
- Bins – the Warden can letter drop every property to homes leaving bins out. After 3 letters, the bins can be taken away and to buy another would cost the householder £25. Tenants cannot be fined and the bin left at the property. The Warden asked for thoughts on this. It was pointed out that this is, in reality, a RCTCBC decision, but it was felt that the opinion of the Community Council was valuable. This could be a Catch 22 situation where those who’s bins are removed resort to fly tipping. It was proposed that the Warden knock the doors of offenders and discuss with the householder and this matter be revisited in a few months.

It was requested that when the road sweepers are due to be in the village that residents are informed so that they can move their cars beforehand.

## 6.2 Litter Pick

The Clerk has contacted Mrs Buckle at Trerobart Primary School, and PCSO Vbranch who are available for 19<sup>th</sup> March. However, Keep Wales Tidy are not able to attend on that date. The Community Warden suggested contacting Fly Tipping Action Wales to see if they would be able to come along instead as they can also provide litter pickers for the day and can publicise the event on their social media pages.

## 6.3 Windfarm Meeting

The report completed by Liz Court has been sent out to everyone who participated in the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk now contact Ms Court to request that she compile a questionnaire to be distributed among the community. The Clerk will contact everyone again to inform them of this next step. It was also suggested that a steering group be set up for this project.

## **6.4 Traffic Management**

Some good points came out of the last meeting and some not so good. The acting Chair explained that the plans outlined in the newsletter were only drafts. The proposals were given to Cllr Pickering last October to present to RCTCBC officers. It was suggested that Liz Court act as a facilitator for a future public meeting. Public consultation is needed first, possibly in the form of a basic questionnaire. It is believed that yellow lines are a priority, it has been 14 months since RCTCBC proposed plans for these but nothing has been done. It was **RESOLVED** to take ideas from the public, cost them and lay out the advantages/disadvantages.

## **6.5 Gazebo Purchase**

The Clerk has obtained 3 prices for this, for sizes of 6m x 3m and 6m x 4m, ranging from £129.99 to £899.99, with and without sides.

It was felt that this would be beneficial for the Community Council for events such as the Firework Display and the Festival and could be hired out to other organisations for events. However, it was questioned where this would be kept and also how much extra would be required for insurance purposes. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact Zurich to enquire about this.

## **6.6 Resignation of Cllr B Evans**

Cllr Evans was in attendance at the meeting and informed council that he has now retracted his resignation letter.

## **7. CHAIRMANS REPORT**

### **7.1 Bus Shelters**

A request has been made for a bus shelter to be erected at the bottom of New Road. The Clerk has contacted RCTCBC and, if we provide the bus shelter, they will maintain it. The location will first need to undergo a site analysis, it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact RCTCBC to arrange this.

### **7.2 Dog Bins**

RCTCBC are hoping to provide 2 dog bins which have been requested in Glanfrwdd Terrace and at the top of Ynysybwl.

### **7.3 Community Liaison Committee**

The Chair and Vice Chair attended the Community Liaison Committee and were informed that there is a possibility of the Community Infrastructure Levy being reviewed.

Public toilets were under discussion.

Consultation on social care – RCTCBC may close all residential care homes in RCT, replacing them with a 24 hour security service where a warden is on site. At the moment,

this is a suggestion only, and RCTCBC will be waiting to see what comes out of the public consultation. The managed housing is up and running and other properties are being built.

#### **7.4 Visions Report**

The Visions group have provided a report on the progress so far of the projects that are currently underway. All monies received must be spent on those projects. The funds are coming in small amounts and being spent as they are received. Cllr C Jones questioned the amount of funding for employees, the Chair categorically stated that the money spent on staff is not the business of the Community Council. Cllr C Jones was concerned that when all of the capital is spent that the revenue costs will be ‘dumped’ on the Community Council, as has happened in other areas, and that Ynysybwl Regeneration Partnership should be far more active with the community. The Chair stated that YRP and the Visions group consult on a regular basis with the public. A member of the public present, who is also a Visions/YRP member, informed council that there are 5/6 projects already going on in the village including the Lean, Green & Healthy initiative which incorporates several walking groups and the Men’s Sheds group. Cllr C Jones stated that the capital fund covers a number of years but there are no plans for year 7 and that we need to see these. The Chair again stated that the Community Council should not be looking into this as the Lottery Board has happily signed off on the plans. It was agreed by other councilors that it was better to have the projects provided by this group than nothing at all. Cllr C Jones wished to see a long term strategy for the projects. Cllr Burnell informed council that Ynysybwl Enterprise Project, in conjunction with Ynysybwl Regeneration Partnership, had secured a £10,000 grant.

High Street Park plans are still ongoing.

Butcher’s Pool – The lease is now in place. The grant from the lottery is capital only, the Butcher’s Pool group still needs to look at sustaining the facility. Further funding from the Community Council will help with lifeguards, water and electricity. Fundraising plans are underway and it is hoped that this will help with providing a small coffee shop. The lifeguards trained last year will work at the pool again this year and their training will be ongoing plus they will be paid a wage. It was suggested that RCTCBC be challenged with regards to the extensive training required for the pool and Cllr Haines has agreed to look into this. Three quotes have been received for the refurbishment of the toilet block, pumphouse and pool and work should be starting in April. The Community Council will only be able to fund the pool for the next 3 years.

Visitor Centre at Daerwonno – Cllr C Jones felt that opening a ‘Starbucks’ at Daerwonno was unacceptable due to the Brynffynnon offering similar facilities. Also, as a charity, Daerwonno would not pay tax. The Chair and other councilors felt that healthy competition would be good.

## **8. CLERKS REPORT**

### **8.1 Roll of Honour**

MST Events had visited the Community Centre and updated the Roll of Honour board. The Clerk had requested an invoice but, due to the small amount of work involved and the inexpense, they did this free of charge. It was **RESOLVED** to write to MST and thank them.

### **8.2 Annual Leave**

The Clerk has a total of 13.5 hours of annual leave left and requested that this be carried over to the new leave year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. The Clerk has also requested annual leave in June, July, August and October/November.

### **8.3 Dog signs/posters/distribution of doggy bags**

50 hard backed signs have been received from the printer. Council requested that the Warden enquire as to whether RCTCBC are agreeable to erecting these through the village. A number of posters have also been distributed throughout the village, in shops and businesses, and are available for householders to collect from the Clerk, the YRP office or the Community Centre. Doggy bags are available from the Community Centre and Siop y Bwl and the YRP office and TC's Hairdressers have also requested them. The Warden informed council of a scheme set up in Brynna where doggy bags kept in a plastic bone shaped holder were attached to posts for people to take. It was **RESOLVED** that the Warden pass this on to the Clerk for the attention of the council.

### **8.4 Notice Boards**

It was agreed that the notice board at the Old Bwl bus terminus be replaced but the Clerk informed council that the Dan-y-Cribyn board was in just as bad condition. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact Greenbarnes to enquire if we would be eligible for a discount if more than one board were ordered.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**9.1** Friends of Butcher's Pool – the group are requesting further funding for the next 6 years at an annual contribution of £3000. It was **RESOLVED** to commit for the next 3 years.

**9.2** One Voice Wales – renewal of membership. It was **RESOLVED** to renew membership for another year.

**9.3** Councillor Sue Pickering – attendance at YCC meetings. An email has been received from Cllr Pickering stating that she will not be attending any Community Council meetings for the foreseeable future. The Chair was concerned about this as it was felt that Cllr Pickering and the Community Council should work closely together. Cllr C Jones stated that he was angry because Cllr Pickering is not able to answer the questions

he puts forward in the meetings. He also cited the last report received from Cllr Pickering which outlined her personal achievements instead of concentrating on, what he felt, were more important issues concerning the village. The Chair challenged Cllr C Jones on the recent email sent to councilors and Cllr Pickering, which was derogatory, with the terminology being extremely personal and had a bullying tone. Cllr C Jones felt that with the community paying almost 3 million pounds to RCTCBC per year that we are not getting anything back and there is nothing positive in the village. He also stated that he was doing nothing behind Cllr Pickering's back. It was felt that Cllr C Jones' tone was far too aggressive. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to Cllr Pickering, informing her that the Community Council are saddened by her decision and give her the opportunity to suggest how we go forward with this.

- 9.4** Independent Remuneration for Wales – Annual Report 2019/20 – Any councilor requiring expenses will be paid £150 in May. For those who do not require expenses, a personal letter or email to the Clerk will be needed.

#### **10. TO CONSIDER:**

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

Planning Application Number: 19/0208/10

Proposed detached garage

Planning Application Number: 19/0181/09

Convert garage in to a granny annexe

There were no objections.

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

It was **RESOLVED** to accept accounts for payment as presented of £4850.20

Four extra payments were added (and included in this total)

Ynysybwl Community Project (February playscheme)	£150
RCTCBC (Community Warden – February)	£640
The Print Shop (Dog banner and signs)	£120
Ynysybwl Community Centre (Hall hire – Aug 18 to Mar 19)	£360

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

There was no report from Councillor Pickering

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

There were no grant applications.

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

##### **14.1 Firework Display- tenders**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Firework committee reconvene with a slight change of personnel. Cllr Baish is unable to attend due to work and family commitments so the committee will now comprise of Cllr Ellis, Cllr Burnell, Cllr Haines and the Clerk. Due to the bad weather last year, the Rec was put forward as an alternative venue. It was **RESOLVED** that Sian Bolton at Health & Safety be contacted to see if this would be feasible.

##### **14.2 Durham Miner's Gala**

Cllr Burnell has spoken to Alan from the Durham Miners and it has been agreed that the delegation from Ynysybwl will be greeted as VIP guests. Confirmation to be forwarded.

##### **14.3 Glenside printing invoice for newsletter**

The invoice was very expensive and nowhere near the cost that Cllr C Jones was led to believe. An extra 1080 copies of the newsletter were printed due to the distribution company not delivering to some areas of the village. The Chair requested that, in future, a quote is put in writing before accepting. It was noted that a lot of feedback was received from the newsletter.

##### **14.4 Felling of trees at New Road**

The felling of trees has now stopped.

#### **15. BUDGET**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the budget. The new budget will be set at April's meeting.

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

It was **RESOLVED** that the next meeting would take place at Ynysybwl Community Centre on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 at 6:45pm.

**Closure of official business of the council**

**Verbal report of the Community Councillors**

**Meeting closed at 8.50 pm**

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