

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 4th September 2018

at 6:45 pm

Clerk.....

PRESENT:- Councillors Mrs A Ellis, M Jones, C Banwell, Messrs A Burnell, A James, RC Evans, B Evans, D Baish, C Jones, R Isaac

1. DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

A disclosure of personal interest was received from Cllr C Jones in relation to minute 9.5.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received for Cllr A Holloway. No apologies were received from Cllr H Osborne. It was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies.

3. PUBLIC BREAK

A representative of the Friends of Butcher's Pool was present and thanked the Community Council for the grant of £3250 they received this year, without which the pool would not have remained open. The money was used to train 2 young adults to become fully qualified lifeguards. Over 3000 people attended this year. £1500 has been raised in the community which will be used to keep the pool open for a further 2 weeks in 2019. The Chair congratulated the Friends of Butcher's Pool for the hard work and dedication to keeping the pool open and stated that they will have the support of the Community Council for as long as possible.

4. POLICE

PCSO Vbranch was in attendance.

3 damage complaints – children going onto school premises during holidays and damaging pots

8 missing children – returned within a few hours

2 fraud – HMRC and Barclays telephone calls, reported to Action Fraud

1 damage to vehicle – RTC

1 obstruction

- 10 concerns for safety
- 2 thefts from the Co-op
- 1 theft from a van
- 3 ASB – neighbor disputes
- 3 traffic offences
- 4 domestic
- 1 civil disturbance
- 1 attempted burglary

There has been no progress with Go Safe as there have not been enough speeding offences to warrant their presence. PCSO Vbranch will continue to monitor.

As yet nothing further has come out of the RTC at Coed-y-Cwm prior to the summer holidays. It was noted that the overgrowth has become a problem at the junction. It was **RESOLVED** to write an urgent letter to the Highways department requesting that the overgrowth be cut down.

The RCT Enforcement Team have recently been checking parking in Robert Street and in the vicinity of Trerobart School.

A question was raised about speed signs and whether they count the number of times a car is speeding but the answer to this was not known.

It was suggested to look into the cost of signs at the beginning and end of the village. It was **RESOLVED** to agenda this for October's meeting.

5. TO APPROVE MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the previous minutes following one change - Standing orders have been revised not changed.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 One Way System

This is still in its infancy and consultation is needed with RCTCBC and the police. There is one issue with the direction of traffic in Augustus Street as this is the bus route. The new system would mean the bus going up High Street and down Augustus Street. It was **RESOLVED** to contact RCT Highways with a view to going public and include the plans with the next newsletter.

6.2 Parking Issues

Plans for parking restrictions have been with RCT since the second week of January but the Community Council have not been consulted. The brow of the hill in New Road is a problem but it was unsure how to address this. The plans can be uploaded to our Facebook page and our website with a note for the public to contact RCTCBC if they have any concerns. Residents of New Road it is believed have already been contacted but this needs to be clarified. It was **RESOLVED** to chase up any feedback that may have been received by RCTCBC on their behalf and to include the plans with the next newsletter as residents may have concerns about accessible parking if yellow lines are put in place from the corner of Gower Davies to the top of New Road.

6.3 Community Warden

The Chair and the Clerk met with the Highways and Streetcare department of RCTCBC in June with regards to employing a Community Warden. There are 14 enforcement officers and 2 dog wardens currently in place in several areas throughout the borough who are employed by RCT. To utilize these employees, YCC would need to buy the services from RCT to guarantee an enforcement officer visits the village on a weekly basis. A Service Level Agreement would need to be in place with the local authority. A further option is to employ a community warden directly but this would mean there are no enforcement powers. It was agreed that the Community Warden is a good concept but not if they have no powers. It was **RESOLVED** to invite a representative from the RCT Highways and Streetcare division. to the next meeting on 2nd October. Before taking on board, it was suggested that this would be an ideal subject for a Community Engagement event as it was felt that the council should be providing this service anyway.

6.4 Defibrillator

A representative from Welsh Hearts was present to speak to members regarding the defibrillators that have been purchased by YCC for the community and also the work of the charity in general. The aim of Welsh Hearts is to site defibs in communities across RCT. Mayor Steve Powderhill is fully supportive of these aims. Most defibs across the borough are in locked cabinets. YCC contacted South Wales Police prior to purchasing cabinets regarding crime figures for locked versus unlocked. Only 3 incidents have been reported since 2007, therefore it had been agreed to purchase unlocked due to the time saved in an emergency. Most people understand the importance of the defibs and hopefully will not deface or steal them. Welsh Hearts offer a 10 year warranty which covers damage and repairs, other suppliers offer only 5 and a few 7 years. The defibs will be serviced annually and replacement batteries and pads provided free of charge. Welsh Hearts will undertake training with the community free of charge and primary school children and it was thought that this would be a good idea to broach with Trerobart school. The Chair acknowledged the work that had gone into raising the monies for the current 3 defibs that are in place in the village and thanked the members of the public present that were responsible.

7. CHAIRMANS REPORT

- 7.1 The Chair announced to council that her husband has been diagnosed with a serious illness and there may be times in the future that she will need to take leave of absence. It was **RESOLVED** to accept leave of absence from the Chair if needed.
- 7.2 Standing Orders – there have been no legislation changes as yet. It was **RESOLVED** to accept Standing Orders
- 7.3 It was **RESOLVED** to adopt and approve the Financial Regulations and to update the documents on the website.
- 7.4 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Financial Risk Assessment.

8. CLERKS REPORT

- 8.1 The Basic CPR and Defib training by Welsh Hearts has been advertised on the Facebook page and website and posters have been displayed on all notice boards. It was **RESOLVED** to display further posters in the Co-op and other shops in the village.
- 8.2 YRP have been contacted with regards to a YCC representative to sit in on their meetings. This has not been decided yet but is on a list of carried forward items for future action by YRP.
- 8.3 Following a request to look into dog prohibitive signs in the last meeting, 2 companies were found online with similar prices. Before acquiring any, it was **RESOLVED** to contact the printer responsible for the Gwyl literature to see if they could produce similar signs at a competitive price.
- 8.4 The World War 1 life size silhouettes from ‘There But Not There’ had been costed at a price of £750 each. It was **RESOLVED** not to go ahead as there could be other ways that this money could be spent in the village. However, it was agreed to look at other means of commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- 9.1 Llyfrau Llafur Cymru/Talking Books – it was agreed that people in Ynysybwl might greatly benefit from talking books. It was **RESOLVED** to provide £50 from the Wellbeing fund.
- 9.2 Pensions Regulator – acknowledgement of re-declaration of compliance

Noted

9.3 Lloyds Bank – text alert service

Noted

9.4 Bobath Cymru – thank you letter for £50 from Wellbeing

Noted

9.5 Ynysybwl Constitutional Club – letter requesting funding. S137 grant form provided, will be submitted prior to October meeting.

9.6 Nightlife Fireworks – expression of interest to tender for 2019. It was **RESOLVED** to reply stating that the interest had been noted and requesting to re-apply next year.

9.7 Forces Fitness – This appeared to be from a commercial company asking to put on fitness classes in the community free of charge. It was **RESOLVED** to ask a representative to a meeting to discuss further.

10. TO CONSIDER:

Town & Country Planning Applications

Planning Application Number: 18/0827/10

24 Hafan Heulog, Ynysybwl – Double storey extension to side of property with additional off street parking

There were no objections

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was **RESOLVED** to accept accounts for payment as presented of £4794.95

Tip Top Toilets (Gwyl)	540.00
One Voice Wales Training – Community Engagement (AE/CB)	80.00
SMS Audio (Gwyl Stage, Lighting & PA)	2670.00
Playscheme	750.00
Salary (August)	530.80
Office Accomodation (August)	66.66
Postage	7.90

HMRC	132.60
Internet Ink	16.99

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

There was no report from Councillor Sue 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 Planters

The wooden tubs that were on the Cenotaph have been removed by RCT following intervention from Councillor Sue Pickering. It was agreed that these should be replaced with something more fitting to the area, to show respect and also to stop people parking there. A quote has been received from Amberol with regards to 6 plastic planters that will have the name of the council on one side. The planters are guaranteed to last for 20 years. The Clerk has contacted Boverton nurseries regarding filling them with plants that would take us through from autumn to spring and a quote of £816 was received. It was **RESOLVED** to order the planters so that they would arrive in time for Remembrance weekend.

14.2 Senior Citizens Christmas Dinners

These will be held on 11th/12th/13th December. Last year the attendees totaled 180, 60 per day. It was **RESOLVED** to agenda the float for the next meeting.

14.3 Coed-y-Cwm – Issues from residents

Several issues were brought to the attention of the council including overgrown trees, crumbling walls and lack of bus shelters. All complainants were visited by a councilor and some of the issues were referred to Councillor Sue Pickering. With regards to the bus shelters, RCT will not site them where YCC want them situated. It was **RESOLVED** to write to the transportation manager regarding this matter. Council thanked Councillor A Holloway for his efforts in trying to resolve the issues. It was also suggested that perhaps some councilors could take a walk around Coed-y-Cwm and talk to residents about any concerns they may have.

14.4 Festival Feedback

A representative of Ynysybwl Enterprise Project was present and thanked the community council for their financial support yet again, without which the festival would not be able

to continue. Despite the appalling weather, it was felt that this was the most successful of the festivals, due to the amount of people who turned up to support the event. A letter is to follow thanking YCC and thanks was also issued to all the volunteers who helped out before, during and after the festival. The Chair offered thanks to all those involved for an excellent day. Appreciation for Mark Goodman was also expressed, for stepping in as official photographer when the original photographer was unable to attend. The Chair of the Community Centre also thanked the YEP group for returning the borrowed tables in the same condition as when taken.

14.5 Christmas Lights

Three lights need to be replaced before December at a cost of £250 each. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase 3 lights.

14.6 Boundary Commission

There was a meeting at RCT yesterday to see how wards would be split. There may be a move from one borough councilor to two. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would contact the Boundary Commission offering our support of 2 members at the next election.

14.7 Notices of Motion

- Aberdare Festival – Noted that RCTCBC has refused to provide information on the attendance at the festival for the past 3 years. RCTCBC has provided a total of £56644.99 (net) financial backing for the festival
- Dog Fouling Fines & Prosecutions in Ynysybwl & Coed-y-Cwm – Noted that only 1 recorded fine and no prosecutions in the past 6 years. This has now been referred to the Information Commission for Wales by Cllr C Jones
- Ynysybwl Library Closure – Noted that RCTCBC refuse to provide details of any correspondence in respect of the closure
- Notices of Motion regarding Ynysybwl & Coed-y-Cwm – Noted that there had been no notices of motions placed by RCT members from Ynysybwl & Coed-y-Cwm and Glyncoch over the past 6 years
- Recreation ground – Noted that RCTCBC has refused to disclose any expenditure at the Rec. Cllr C Jones has appealed to the Information Commission for Wales to ensure this information is publicly available.
- Pontypridd Lido – Noted that after receiving confirmation of the net loss at the lido it was agreed to write to RCTCBC requesting the facility should be fully funded by Welsh government. This is due to the lido being subsidized by RCTCBC whilst the funding for Butchers Pool has been withdrawn
- Safe Routes in Communities Scheme – Noted that confirmation of the application for funding had been made to RCTCBC requesting they include New Road to Thompson Street/Thompson Villas and extend the Lady Windsor Trail to Old Ynysybwl. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact RCT Highways to provide further information for community consultation

14.8 Trivallis – inspection of sites

The Chair contacted Trivallis regarding complaints from Buarth-y-Capel residents, no report has come back from them. Several issues have been highlighted:-

- Cars in Dan-y-Cribyn
- Crumbling walls in Dan-y-Cribyn
- Dumped cars in Buarth-y-Capel
- Fly tipping

It was **RESOLVED** to make an official complaint from the Community Council

14.9 Planning Application Number 18/0877/10 – Wind turbines at Llwyncelyn Farm

An email was received from RCT regarding this planning application stating that it is not currently valid and the formal consultation process has not yet started. Our concerns have been noted and we have been assured that we will be formally consulted at the appropriate time. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact RCTCBC for further details on this project and to monitor the situation regarding this application.

15. BUDGET

The budget needs to be updated to reflect the purchase and ongoing maintenance of the defibrillators. This is to be added to the agenda for October.

16. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the next meeting would take place at Ynysybwl Community Centre on Tuesday 2nd October 2018 at 6:45pm.

Before closing the meeting, the Chair asked if there were any questions or comments from members of the public and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. No other member of the public present at the meeting wished to speak or ask questions.

Closure of official business of the council

Verbal report of the Community Councillors

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed: Date.....