**CYNGOR CYMUNED CILGERRAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**

**MONDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2022**

Present: Cllrs M Lloyd, M Clarke J Wimhurst, P Bottom, M Dellar, C Stone, I Thomas, M Jones, E Thomas

Apologies: Cllrs J Davies, H Tomos

Not Present: Cllr N Evans

729 Minutes of the meeting held 24th October 2022, proposed as correct by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Wimhurst.

730 PCSO Caryl Griffiths and colleague attended the meeting, following Cllr Davies’ request to update Councillors on tasks undertaken. PCSO Griffiths listed the calls and types of situations that they had dealt with within the month of November in Cilgerran and the surrounding area. A few issues were discussed for Cilgerran which will be followed up. Cllr Lloyd thanked both and it was agreed that further updates would be welcome at future meetings.

**731 Matters Arising**

731.1 Bus Shelter – The matter remains ongoing with the need to consider further work on an hourly basis.

731.2 Community Chat Bench – The bench has not yet been placed at Dolbadau, but a suggestion was made to place it opposite the village hall. Cllr Lloyd, Bottom and Dellar will meet to establish the best position.

731.3 Dislodged Stones – Due to the recent wet weather, this job remains outstanding.

731.4 Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grants - A quotation has been received from Evan Pritchard Contractors for repairs to the river platform. Members discussed it at length and have left the option open to see if anything else can be done.

731.5 Interpretation Board - Cllr Lloyd reported that the narrative on the boards have been finalised by Cllrs Jones and Dellar. Awaiting final check from Cllr Davies before it gets made.

731.6 OVO Energy – The Clerk reported that £88.14 has been refunded to the account. The complaint remains open as a further refund has been requested for a site visit charge.

731.7 Parc Y Dre – The Clerk reported that signs have been ordered from Boomerang, awaiting their completion.

731.8 Llechryd Senior FC – The club have requested permission to place a shelter/dug out on the pitch side at the half way line. A photo of the shelter was shown to members, who decided unanimously to proceed and give permission. It was agreed that Cllrs Lloyd & Stone would meet up to establish the exact siting.

731.9 Defibrillator - Cllr Lloyd confirmed that the hall will not be available until late February (14th, 21st and 28th). Cllr Davies will liaise with first responders to establish a convenient time to carry out the training.

731.10 Warm Welcome Spaces - The Clerk reported that the grant was not applied for due to the time scales involved and not having a proper plan. Cllr Wimhurst and Lloyd proposed that the Community Council make funds available for hot drinks and soup at Adele’s Cafe. Cllr Clarke agreed and would see what the response would be for the 3 weeks leading up to Christmas. All in favour.

**732 Correspondence**

732.1 Complaint from resident. Seen and noted.

732.2 Welsh Government – Appropriate Sum under Section 137 (4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for Community and Town Councils in Wales – section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2023-24 is £9.93. Seen and noted.

732.3 PAVS – Offer to attend Community Council meeting to talk about Preseli Cares Launch. Members asked the Clerk to arrange for PAVS to attend the next meeting.

732.4 Pembs C/C – Welsh Water proposed road closure consultation on High Street, Cilgerran, from its junction with the C3068 Rhoshill to Cilgerran road west to its junction with Rhiw Dolbadau. In a written report County Councillor Davies confirmed that he has objected to this proposal and has asked that the work be carried out at night or on a Sunday. Cllr Lloyd reported that he had sent an objection letter on behalf of the Community Council.

732.5 NALC – New Salary Scales for Clerks and Report from Independent Remuneration Panel of Wales. Seen and noted.

732.6 Welsh Government – Letter from Deputy Minister for Climate Change regarding setting exceptions to the 20mph default speed limit for restricted roads. In a written report Cllr Davies confirmed that from October 2023, the whole of Cilgerran will become a 20mph zone along with Cilgerran Road at Penybryn. The Llwyncelyn Road from Glanteifi through to Pontrhydyceirt has been excluded due to not meeting criteria. However, he has made representations for it to be included and is awaiting response from Pembs C/C.

732.7 Ceredigion Citizens Advice - extra support for communities. Will be in Cilgerran on 27th January 2023. The Clerk was asked to find out more information regarding the visit.

732.8 Hywel Dda Community Health Council – ‘Is the NHS getting better living with COVID?’. Report on website. Seen and noted.

732.9 Welsh Government – Copies of CPAG handbooks referenced during the tackling poverty summit. Can be viewed on website. Cllr Clarke agreed to share the links on the FB Community page.

732.10 One Voice Wales – Bullying and Harassment in Councils. Guide available on website. Seen and noted.

732.11 OVW & SLCC – Updated Finance & Governance Toolkit for Community & Town Councils available on website. Seen and noted.

732.12 Keep Wales Tidy – Local Places for Nature. Starter packages are remaining and they would like to see them installed at bus stops, cycle stops and public toilets. Seen and noted.

732.13 PAVS – Keep Warm, Keep Well in Pembrokeshire. See website for list of places. Seen and noted.

732.14 Welsh Government – Consultation on Draft Regulations to amend Class 6 of the exceptions to the council tax premiums for second homes, on website. Seen and noted.

732.15 Welsh Government – The Commission for Welsh-speaking communities’ consultation can be completed on website. Seen and noted.

**733 Development Control**

**Planning Applications:**

733.1 Glynhenllan Uchaf, Rhoshill, Cardigan – Agricultural Barn for storage of equipment – 22/0559/AG. Unconditionally Approved. Seen and noted.

733.2 13 Golwg Y Preseli, Cilgerran – Tree Felling – 22/0498/TF. Conditionally Approved. Seen and noted.

733.3 Delfryn, C3004 Junction, Parc Y Ddraig Farm to Cemaes Street, Cilgerran – Replacement single storey rear extension – 22/0714/PA. No objections.

**734 Finance**

Balance as at close of meeting 24/10/2022 Current Account £10,991.26

Reserve Account £15,142.80

Total £26,134.06

**Payments**

734.1 V Varney (Oct Salary) £322 .44

734.2 J Firth £106.08

734.3 OVO Energy £15.98

Total Payments £444.50

**Income**

734.3 Bank Interest £4.94

Total Income £4.94

Balance as at close of meeting 28/11/2022 Current Account £10,546.76

Reserve Account £15,147.74

Total £25,694.50

734.4 The above payments were proposed as correct by Cllr I Thomas and seconded by Cllr Jones.

734.5 The Clerk presented Projected Income and Expenditure from April 2023 to March 2024 for the precept. Councillors could see that the annual expenditure would exceed the annual income, but given that there was a reasonable reserve, Cllr Bottom proposed that the precept for the coming year should remain at the same level of £15,000. Seconded by Cllr Lloyd and all in favour.

**735 County Councillor’s Report**

735.1 Cllr Davies was not present at the meeting but sent a written report.

735.2 Proposed Temporary Road Closure as above (732.4)

735.3 20mph zones in villages as above (732.6)

735.4 Winter Maintenance – Cllr Davies co-ordinated the temporary clearing of a privately owned culvert which impacted the highway near Dog Food Dave. A long-term issue still remains and the riparian owners are responsible for repairing the culvert. The gully emptier has cleared most of the drains in the village of Cilgerran and a request put in to clear drains from Penybryn to Cilgerran. A request has been made for the road sweeper to sweep the country roads where fallen leave have covered the grates.

735.5 The carriageway repairs to the A478 from Rhoshill to Penybryn has almost been completed. Further work will be carried out in January & February, including extensive tarmacking of two sections.

735.6 A scheme for opening up the former Cardi Bach railway route, is making good progress. It will be a combined walking and cycling route which will bring all kinds of benefit to the surrounding communities. The plan is that it will attract the levelling up fund from Westminster. Any objections from landowners (so far not many) will most likely lead to a Compulsory Purchase Order being applied.

**736 Any Other Business**

736.1 Cllr Bottom reported that the tarmac on the layby on the Penrallt Draw Road at Cwm needed some attention as it is wearing away. Refer to Cllr Davies.

736.2 Cllr Bottom reported the street lights on the high street needed checking as they come on at 5am. He will liaise with Cllr Davies.

736.3 Cllr E Thomas reported that there are blocked drains on the Rhoshill to Cilgerran road.

Date of next meeting: 23rd January 2023

Meeting closed at 9pm

Signed……………………………………………….. Date……………………. Chairperson

Signed……………………………………………….. Date……………………..

Clerk