**CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS CROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday January 9th 2024, YHY 6pm**

Members present –Eric Nicholas, Keith Battrick, Lynne Upsdell, Harriet Pemberton, Phil Simpson

Apologies – Alison Parkes, Fiona Cooper, Gareth Jones, Huw Murphy (County Councillor)

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed and proposed by Lynne Upsdell and 2nd by Harriet Pemberton

Sarah Starr Cwmsafe and Suzie James CYE Car and Boat Park attended the meeting to discuss the CYE toilets. Before discussions began Elin advised those present that 20 minute prior to the meeting she had received a phone call and email from Huw Murphy. Huw’s advice would be that PCC retain ownership with financial support from CYE he was quite confident that if CYE could find 50% i.e. £2500.00 to part fund the toilets, then PCC would fund the other 50%, meaning they would retain/maintain/insure the toilet block. It was unknown for how long at this stage. Suzie said that they were looking at crowdfunding as a possible way of fundraising for the future. Sarah gave an overview of Cwmsafe financial position and that they were not able to fund the toilet block but some support would be available. Huw Murphy would be present at the next meeting to discuss in more details. Elin suggested that it may be useful to invite Katie Daly to the next meeting for advice etc. Joe Thomas and a representative from Cwmsafe to attend next CC meeting on Tuesday 6th February.

**Matters Arising**

WWH and Sewerage infrastructure – Kelly Jordan and a colleague from WW to attend the next CC meeting via zoom at 5pm. Elin to set up zoom link.

**Playing Fields**– Elin has submitted an expression of interest form for EPF for £15,000 phase 3 drainage of playing field and is awaiting a reply. There is concern over management of the Playing Fields. As holding trustees Phil asked if it would be a possibility for the CC to take over the Playing Fields. The Playing Fields are a registered charity and a check would need to be made with the charity commission as to what can and can’t happen. It was also discussed that perhaps YHY as a registered charity might be a better organisation to take the Playing Fields on if feasible. Initially it was decided that Phil and Harriet have an informal chat with Brendan Patchell Chair of Trustees at YHY. It would also be important to try and get the existing Playing Fields committee around the table for a chat.

**Correspondence -**

None

**Audit Report** – £143.93 current account, £25,860.08 Deposit account

Mal Garmon 3 x notice boards repairs - £360.00 paid

Sam cleaning of 4 x bus shelters - £240.00

Elin had received emails from some Council members re allowances and has been informed that others were sending them.

Elin had received the precept nomination form for 2024/25 it was agreed by all councillors present to keep the precept at the same amount £25,000.00 Keith proposed and Phil 2nd. 2024/25 Budget planning planned for February meeting

P**lanning Applications - None**

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Brynawel – Elin had written to PCNP no reply as yet chase

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Barony owned land at Pwllgwaelod –Gareth was not present at this meeting but had prepared a report for Elin to read out. Gareth had previously sent an email reply from Edward Perkins out to all CC members on December 12th re CC questions. Please see other attachment for Gareth’s report.

After discussion all the points the Council decided not to pursue this matter any further. This was put to a vote and all councillors voted unanimously.

Elin pointed that the CC were not in a financial position to purchase/lease the land and its ongoing costs and commitment.

Bus shelter at Maes Y Ffynnon – Panels are smashed and need to be replace/repaired – Huw to look at this needs chasing Huw not present at this meeting but shelter still needs repairing. All bus shelters have been cleaned.

Pencwnc finger board/footpath sign Elin had emailed Richard Vaughan ranger.

Huw to send a photo of the notice board he has that could possibly be erected at the new housing development Huw not present at this meeting. All notice boards have been repaired, re corked and painted etc. The current notice boards are not waterproof Elin to look at cost of weatherproof/waterproof notice boards.

Allotments what is happening with them, it was thought that they were all occupied. Huw to find out from PCC, Huw not present at this meeting.

Monday 11th December Will Bramble Chief Executive of PCC doing a walk through in Newport and Dinas. A good meeting was held at YHY in the Warm Room.

Aberbach sign has gone Huw to sort with PCC. Huw not present at this meeting

Harriet pointed out that the road to Pwllgwaelod had a number of large potholes and the passing area sign is broken. Huw to speak with highways and also enquire about possibility of double yellows on the road down to Pwllgwaelod as they have done to CYE. Huw not present at this meeting but there is a sign on the Pwllgwaelod road to ay it’s closed 25th January.

The Gaddam Cup it seems is a very valuable item. Need to get a proper valuation done and go from there, Keith to ask John Harvey if he could help with this.

AOB

Elin asked the Council if it would be possible to purchase a new laptop for 2024. All council members were in agreements Harriet proposed and Keith 2nd to purchase a new laptop cost approx. £500 -£600 via Lee.

**Date of the next meeting Tuesday 6th February 2024, 6pm at YHY. NB (Zoom meeting at 5pm with WW)**