**CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS CROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th June 2022 at YHY

Members present –Gareth Jones, Alison Parkes, Phil Simpson (Chair), Lynne Upsdell, Keith Battrick, Fiona Cooper, Harriet Pemberton, Huw Murphy from Pembrokeshire County Council

Apologies – Tanya Horwood, Eric Nicholas

The Meeting started with a presentation of the fire pit gift to out-going Pembrokeshire County Councillor Bob Kilminster. Lynne Upsdell gave a moving speech to thank Bob very much for all his work over the past 14 years and on the whole Council’s behalf said that he will be very much missed.

Bob thanked the council very, very much for the gift, and he was incredibly touched by it. It was really appreciated.

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

Before the meeting started Phil thanked everyone involved in helipng out with the June 4th event which went very well. He gave particular thanks to Tony Pemberton for his help and loan of the gazebo and to the ladies who helped Lynne with teas and coffees.

**Matters Arising.**

**Cwm Yr Eglwys Moorings** – Discussions are ongoing between Eric Nicholas, Joes Thomas and Gare Meopham. Eric will get a copy of contract that Newport Moorings use and they will develop from here. The aim is to get something working from 2023.

**Easter market** Tom has rolled back the Field and all has been put right.

**Playing Fields usage**. Keith Battrick will contact Ian Harris solicitors to see what the Playing Fields could be used for. Elin will also ask Clive Mathias.

**Playing Fields’ Equipment**. An independent inspection has taken place. The report was good, and the play area can be opened this week – 8th June 2022. Additionally, the swings will be completed next week. Dragon play equipment firm have confirmed that the independent inspection is sufficient to open the area because it is new equipment. The Council agreed that our understanding is that there is no need now for a Pembrokeshire County Council SLA and inspection because that referred to the old equipment. Elin will confirm this with Neil McCarthy.

**The wood on benches** in playing field needed to be replaced with steel, Elin spoke with Eifion who has completed two.

**Happy Bench** – there will be one new Happy Bench arriving for the playing field through a community grant. This is a bench on which the community can meet, and chat, and provide company for each other. The bench is arriving Thursday 9th June 2022. Phil will help position it in the field.

**Pwll Gwaelod** – contact from the solicitor has been via email. We are still waiting for this meeting to be set up.

**Bwlch Mawr** – road repairs – nothing has been done as yet. Huw Murphy will chase this work.

**Wales & West Housing** – Grant received for approx. £15,000 to pay for the remainder of play equipment. This should have been sent to the Playing Fields Committee by now. Elin to meet up with Rhiannon and discuss remembrance plaque for Will George.

**June 4th Jubilee Event**. This went very well and several Council members had received good feedback. The Band, Bouncy Castle, burger van (from Tom) and the strawberries and cream went well. All profits made from this event and the horticultural show would go to Paul Sartori

**More events**? There was a general discussion about feedback and that people want more events. There remain questions about who will set the events up in the future, even with Council support. A flyer will be created to ask for volunteers e.g. for an Entertainments Committee separate to any existing organisation, to see if there is local appetite to do the work to organise events.

From last month’s AOB. Tanya had been speaking with Rhod Gilbert and he would be happy to do a fundraiser for the playing Fields. Needs to be discussed in more detail, dates, venues etc.

**Horticutural Show 20 August 2022**. Phil and Harriet are working with Maria and Bob of Cae Bach to organise. A poster has been released to advertise the date. The second planning meeting will be on Thursday 9 June.

**Gaddam Cup**. This was presented to David Pugh at the Jubilee event on 4th June 2022, together with the £100 prize money. Everyone agreed it was very well deserved.

**Elections** – seven Councillors applied and we needed to co-opt two more. Fiona Cooper and Tanya Horwood have agreed to step forward and take these Councillor places.

**Playing Fields money from last month’s AOB**. Tanya had also been in touch with Fishguard Bay Caravan Park who originally agreed to pledge approx. £10,000 towards the Playing Fields. A reply has been received confirming this was still the case. Ongoing.

**The School – damaged wall.** There was some discussion about the danger posed by the crumbling wall between the school and the playing fields. Elin will write a letter to enquire what the intention is for its future repair or replacement. There was some concern about the risk to children when the new play area is opened.

**Correspondence. None.**

**Audit Report** – The amounts now need updating. Deposit Account £15,948.16 Current Account £872.67

Completed Audit for 2020/21 has been returned all ok. Elin has posted the notice. A new 2021/22 Audit has now been sent for completion.

The 2020/2021 Accounts, prepared by JD Jones, were presented at the meeting and Phil and Elin signed them off.

**Invoices**

**Paid this month**: PCC SLA agreement - £615.00 Zurich insurance – £396.66

**To be paid**: £296.00 for JD Jones for the Accounts.

P**lanning Applications (these were previously emailed to Council members for comment)**

There were three this month:

1. Bethany – alteration to the house. No objections
2. Glan y Mor – Extension to first floor. No objections
3. Nant Yr Ynys in Cwm Yr Eglwys.

There was some discussion about number 3. Nant Yr Eglwys. There was concern about the proposals being out of character with the other properties and village. Elin will write to Pembrokeshire Coast National Parks about the Council’s view that this current application should be opposed.

**Matters arising**

**Age Concern.** This has been disbanded, however there is an organisation called Age Cymru that might fill the gap. Elin will confirm that a meeting has been set up with Vanessa Johns where Lynne Upsdell and Phil would attend. Phil has had a discussion with Bryn about a transfer of money from Age Concern in the region of £1,500. There will be am update at the next meeting.

**AOB**

**Alison Parkes:** A dangerous rock is in the hedge and destroyed at least two different cars’ tyres – by Maes y Llan. Keith Battrick confirmed it is dangerous but it is buried at the bottom of the hedge and hard to see – we can’t even paint it white. Huw Murphy agreed to raise with Highways to see if it can be looked at.

**Huw Murphy**:

David Pugh has mentioned applying for a grant for another hive.

Selwyn Harris has died and the funeral is on 22 June 2022, 11.30 at Narberth.

West Wales Housing – Huw met them in Newcastle Emlyn recently. Confirmed their criteria for development is local links. They plan to head North with next developments, towards Newport area. They also own the land behind the current Dinas development and may build more houses here. The current housing will be completed in the New Year 2023. You have to be on the waiting list to be able to bid for a house once all works have been completed.

Speed restrictions: Huw will campaign to the Pembs County Council for a 30 MPH throughout Dinas, with 20 in the narrow section (which is currently at 30). This was welcomed by all. There is also a suggestion of a 50mph from Dinas to Newport, and possibly a pelican crossing up by the new housing estate in the future.

**Date of the next meeting Tuesday 5th July 2022 6pm at YHY**