

CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL TIERS CROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes for the Meeting held at Tiers Cross Schoolroom.

Thursday 1st December 2022 – 7:30pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllrs. Dave Procter (Chair), Lenny Rees, Phil Newman, Louise Cleaver, Claire George and Eirian Jones. County Councillor Reg Owens and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES

None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

ADOPT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING ON 7TH NOVEMBER 2022

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting from 7th November 2022. Proposed by Cllr Procter and seconded by Cllr George. Cllr Procter to sign the document in person at the next meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

Capestone

Cllr Procter reported that following the avian flu outbreak, Capestone are hoping to start production in January with activity around the fields and sheds seen in recent days. Capestone ensured that future updates will be communicated to the Community Council.

Community Energy Wales

The Clerk to invite Benedict Ferguson from Community Energy Wales to the next Community Council meeting in January to discuss the possibility of a community energy project. Cllr Procter to gather information regarding the potential of making use of ponds / water in the area.

AGENDA

Eco Park update

Cllr Procter and the Clerk attended a meeting at County Hall to discuss the new proposed Eco Park development. A document containing the questions raised and answers by PCC has been sent to all Cllrs. This document can be shared with the public. PCC hope to start a community stakeholder group as a communication tool.

Cllr Cleaver raised concerns regarding the noise due to additional traffic (approx. 75 lorries per day) and how it will impact Tiers Cross. Cllr Cleaver asked if additional planting could be added to the Bulford Road, Tiers Cross area to help manage/reduce the noise. The Clerk to enquire.

Cllr Owens expressed concerns over smell.

PCC are in the process of tendering the work, however hope to start developing the site in early 2023. There may be some preparation work on site prior to this by Dwr Cymru.

Traffic calming measures update; DreenHill and Thornton

All agreed that Cllr Newman would liaise with PCC regarding position of speed awareness signs as finding a suitable location Eastbound in DreenHill has been challenging to date. Cllr Newman to also liaise with supplier and ensure that the signs purchased can monitor and record speed data. County Cllr Owens advised against a 'smiley face' speed awareness sign.

No update on the work in Thornton to date. County Cllr Owens will enquire about progress of the virtual path down through the village and safe crossing.

PLANNING MATTERS

22/0732/PA – No objections

CORRESPONDENCE

- Ukraine social gatherings – noted. The Clerk to contact for details on how to support.
- Resourceful Communities; Towards a Wellbeing Economy event – noted.
- OVW Finance and Governance Toolkit – noted.
- OVW Bullying and Harassment Toolkit – noted.
- Welsh Government – Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4)(a) – noted.
- 20mph National Rollout Programme – noted.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- Invoices for approval
 - Clerks Salary
- Precept

After a discussion on an appropriate amount to charge it was proposed by Cllr Newman and Seconded by Cllr George to hold the precept at £5200 for the 2023/2024 year. Based on forecasting calculations by the Clerk, that were circulated prior to the meeting, it may result in using up to £500 from the main account to cover costs however it was agreed that following a period of little spend due to Covid that this would be acceptable.

The main account has a greater reserve than in previous years therefore it was suggested by Cllr George that this money is redistributed in 2023 via possible lunch activities, warm spaces etc. This to be revisited in future.

MEMBERS REQUESTS

Cllr George was approached by a member of the public regarding water on the road (Summer Hill to Dreen Hill). This has been reported to PCC.

Cllr George raised concerns regarding the height of the hedges surrounding Bolton Hill Quarry, resulting in lorries exiting towards Tiers Cross, travelling into the middle of the road as a way of avoiding the trees. Cllr Cleaver explained that tree height is inspected regularly and if taller than 5.2 meters they will be cut.

Sharon from TyCroes contacted Cllr George regarding supporting with community work in the local area. It was suggested that improving the footpath to the cemetery could be beneficial. No decision on next steps were made at this time.

Due to overgrown hedge ways the public path to the cemetery in Tiers Cross is currently restricted. County Cllr Owens to contact Emrys Llewellyn for advice on the matter as there is a statutory requirement to maintain hedge ways on public paths.

Due to the Memorial Garden meeting changing to by-monthly, the Clerk asked if the final invoice of £40 could be paid to Tim Brookes and explained that as discussed previously they would not be continuing with the service in 2023. The contract has been given to BuzzCuts (starting end of January 2023).

The Clerk to contact Grayham from Neyland Men's Shed regarding repairing the benches in the memorial Garden as an alternative to purchasing new for £336 (as quoted by Marmax Products Ltd).

MEETING CLOSED – 21:10

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 5TH JANUARY 2023