**CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS CROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting and AGM held on Tuesday 2nd April 2023, YHY 6pm**

Members present –Phil Simpson (Chair), Harriet Pemberton, Eric Nicholas, Keith Battrick, Lynne Upsdell, Huw Murphy, Alison Parkes

Ed and Emilia

Apologies – Fiona Cooper, Tanya Horwood

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed and proposed by Lynne Upsdell and 2nd by Alison Parkes

Rhiannon Ling and Glenda Bowen attended the meeting from Wales and the West Housing re new development in Dinas Cross.

Glenda Bowen gave an overview of how allocation of homes was done, criteria, banding etc. Glenda would email over to Elin an email to explain all this. Elin to circulate to all councillors. All homes had now been allocated with residents moving in week of the 8th May. 14 of the new home residents have direct links with Dinas and 3 have a connection to Newport and St Dogmaels. There are 15 additional homes planned in phase 2. Dinas Community Council will have the opportunity to be more involved in the selection process on the next phase again this will be explained in the email from Glenda. There were concerns on social issues both Glenda and Rhiannon had met all new residents and didn’t think this would be a problem there was also a housing officer to deal with any problems that may arise. There was also a concern from councillors on the sewerage system Glenda and Rhiannon to check.

AGM

Both Lynne Upsdell Vice Chair and Phil Simpson Chair stood down from their roles. There was much discussion around the roles. Elin pointed out that Dinas Cross would be doing a full audit in 2023/34 and would need the full support of the Chair for this

Phil would be happy to stay in post for another year, Alison Parkes proposed Phil as Chair for another year this was put to a vote and all councillors voted unanimously in favour. Lynne proposed Harriet Pemberton as Vice Chari and all councillors voted unanimously in favour.

The monthly meeting then continued.

**Matters Arising.**

**Playing Fields**– Phil had spoken with Dyfan Evans who has also spoken with Dai JCB re drainage as yet there is no news as he is very busy. Phil to meet with Simon about setting up a meeting re new committee to move things forward. Elin to check on EPG.

**Action Request**: Claiming VAT back this can only be done on rescue and Lifesaving equipment. Elin had looked into this when purchasing the play equipment. VAT was claimed back on AEDs for the village.

Wood benches in village more wood has been ordered via NP to maintain others.

**Dog bins** – Laminated signs to be done for dog bins we now have a laminator and Elin to produce signs – Done

**Happy Bench** – Securing of base in hand with Eifion in progress – Elin to chase.

**Pwll Gwaelod** – All painting of disabled bays has been done by Keith and Eric. Thank you very much

**Wales & West Housing (WWH)** See notes at the beginning.

**Toilets at Cwm Yr Eglwys (CYE) and Pwll Gwaelod** (PG) – A petition set up had over 2000 signatures to date.

**Action Request**: Elin: please can we obtain a breakdown from Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) of the costs for running the toilets, for each location, covering: Elin had written to Katie Daly PCC and was still awaiting costs. There was no appeal process in place. No reply from NP. Elin to contact Gary Meopham NP. Huw informed the council that a Scrutiny meeting was taking place on the 9th May at PCC where they were calling for the toilets to remain open until 2025 in order to give a longer lead time in to making alternative arrangements. Huw suggested Elin write to Councillor Beynon Chair PCC and Sue Sanders Democratic Services PCC before this meeting date.

* Water
* Electric
* Cleaning
* Rates
* Insurance; Public Liability etc.
* Anything else

With regards the toilet block beside the playing Field. Gareth had spoken with Vicky Rees from Edward Perkins. Awaiting an update from Edward Perkins and solicitors who will take this to the barony following the CC registering an interest in the toilet block. Still awaiting a reply from the above – Gareth had spoken again with Isabelle Davies from Edward Perkins who was awaiting a reply from the Barony, Gareth to chase up.

**SWTRA** – It looks likely that the 40mph through the village would remain.

**King’s coronation Monday 8th May 4-8pm** – BBQ meats and rolls etc ordered using Paul the butchers BBQ will need to collect on Saturday 6th May, Phil and Gareth to collect. Bouncy Castle booked, Band Sundogs booked, Kings and Queens trail being organised and toys/games for the children have been sorted. Tea/Coffee etc sorted. Commemorative mugs will be given to all children in the village under 18, bilingual. 150 mugs have been ordered and delivered.

YHY would be given free for the day.

**Correspondence**

Thank you letter from Paul Sartori

**Audit Report** – £214.16 current account, £22,838.13 Deposit account

£200.00 invoice Welsh audit for accounts 2021/22

£628.00 PCC SLA annual invoice for play area

Lynne proposed and Keith 2nd to pay both invoices

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

**Application NP**/3/0183/FUL – Replacement of existing 15 metre monopole. Green Lea Dinas Cross – no objections

**NP/23/0202/CLE**

Certificate of lawfulness Perci Penrhiw, re new of certificate – no objections

**AOB**

Norman Thomas is 90 in May – it was agreed to buy a card and small gift from Eifion the Blacksmith – Elin to organise

Room bookings at YHY were becoming increasingly more difficult with Elin having to book each independently and pay for each one each time which would make accounting difficult. Talk to new trustees in June.

**Date of the next meeting Wednesday 7th June 2023, 6pm at YHY, meeting could take place on every Wednesday of each month from now on.**

Apologies in advance from Harriet Pemberton

**AOB for next Meeting**

Post-meeting note. Harriet was asked by a villager if we could start a petition and put leaflets through everyone’s doors so that the local community are fully aware of what is going on. Facebook page was mentioned. To follow up at the next meeting. This is the petition re toilets that was mentioned earlier.