# **CYNGOR CYMUNED CILGERRAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**

**MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2023**

Present: Cllrs M Lloyd, J Wimhurst, P Bottom, H Tomos, N Evans, C Stone, E Thomas, M Jones

Apologies: Cllrs J Davies, M Dellar, M Clarke

Not Present: Cllr I Thomas

794 Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th October 2023, proposed as correct by Cllr Stone and seconded by Cllr Tomos.

**795 Matters Arising**

795.1 Parc Y Dre Toilets – Cllr Lloyd reported that the isolation valve has been installed in the toilet block but we are still awaiting the invoice.

795.2 Traffic Lights at Troedyrhiw – Following the site meeting and meeting with Ben Lake MP with Community Councillors where concerns were aired. In a written report Cllr Davies reported that Ben Lake has had a meeting with the Chief Executive of Ceredigion County Council, Eifion Evans, who has promised to come back to him.

795.3 Waste Bin at Parc Y Dre – In a written report Cllr Davies confirmed that the bin has been reinstated. Cllr Lloyd reported that Mr John Curran of Llechryd Football Club has agreed to empty it on a weekly basis.

795.4 Boundary Commission Review – As discussed in the last meeting and as per Cllr Davies’ written report, a revised boundary plan was presented to members for consideration, which would include bidding for Pontrhydyceirt and area up to Llechryd bridge. Cllr Lloyd proposed that the Community Councillors support the bid which would be submitted to the Boundary Commission for Wales for review. Seconded by Cllr Bottom and all in favour.

795.5 Audit Completion for the year ending 31st March 2023. The Clerk had forwarded the Audit reply to Councillors prior to the meeting. The audit has been certified and completed but there are a few matters that need to be addressed. This was discussed in detail and the Clerk and Chair will make the necessary changes in time for the next audit return. Members agreed unanimously that plenary powers be given to the Chair in between monthly meetings in order that invoices could be paid on time.

795.6 Additional Community School Governor – Cllr Lloyd reported that he has spoken to the education department who confirmed that he is n.ow registered as Additional Community Governor for Cilgerran School.

**796 Correspondence**

796.1 Pembs C/C – 8-week consultation for Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales to review the community arrangements of Pembrokeshire. The Clerk was asked to submit proposals for consideration as per Minute Number 795.4 above.

796.2 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Draft Annual Report - February 2024, consultation taking place until 8.12.2023. Seen and noted. Members decided unanimously that the mandatory payment to Councillors should be included in the Projected Expenditure for precept.

796.3 Pembs C/C – Working Better Together seminar on 28th November at 7.30 on Microsoft Teams. Seen and noted.

796.4 Letter Jim Bowen. Members decided unanimously that members of the public could obtain information from the Corwg press release.

796.5 Letter from Ysgol Cilgerran requesting a donation towards the purchase of materials to develop sewing skills. Cllr Tomos declared an interest and left the room. Cllr Bottom proposed that a donation of £200 be given to the school, seconded by Cllr Jones and all in favour.

796.6 OVO Energy – going paperless and setting up direct debit. Members decided unanimously not to set up a direct debit and gave their agreement for the Clerk to pay the monthly electric bills.

796.7 Letter of thanks from Paul Sartori. Seen and noted.

796.8 Letter of thanks from Wales Air Ambulance. Seen and noted.

796.9 Welsh Government – Review of Democratic Health in the Community and Town Council Sector. Survey to be completed. Seen and noted.

796.10 Hywel Dda Health Board – Strategic Equality Plan 2024-2028. Survey to completed. Seen and noted.

796.11 Welsh Government – Road Safety Strategy Consultation. Seen and noted.

796.12 Welsh Government – Notification of appropriate sum for purposes of Section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for Community and Town Councils in Wales for the financial year 2024-25 is £10.81. Seen and noted.

796.13 Pembs C/C – Temporary Road Closure – Class II (B4332) Boncath to Eglwyswrw road, nr. Boncath – from its junction with the Unclassified (U3171) road, west to its junction with the Unclassified (U3172) road leading to Rhoshill on Wednesday 29th November for 1 day. Seen and noted.

796.13 Welsh Government – Asbestos Management. Seen and noted.

**797 Development Control**

**Planning Applications:**

797.1 Cwmbrock, Bridell, Cardigan – Alterations and extension – 23/0585/PA. No objections.

797.2 Maenordy, Penllyn, Cilgerran, Cardigan – Conversion of existing annex shed into dwelling – 23/0546/PA. No objections.

797.3 Trefigin Farm, Monington, Cardigan – Extension to existing implement storage agricultural shed – 23/0584/PA. Seen and noted.

797.4 Land at Tomlen Stables, South of Bridell, Cardigan – Provision for 2 family member pitches with communal day room and attached home office, relocation of approved stable block under 21/0473/PA, ecological & drainage enhancements. Conditionally approved. Cllr Davies attached the decision notice and officer’s report leading to the decision. Seen and noted.

797.5 Llysgwyn, Penybryn, Cardigan – Extensions of existing house – 23/0674/PA. No objections.

797.6 Dymani, Penybryn, Cardigan – Replacement dwelling – 23/0686/PA. No objections.

797.7 Maesgwyn, Blaenffos, Boncath – Demolition and replacement of existing dwelling, erection of storage building – 23/0699/PA. Seen and noted.

**798 Finance**

Balance as at close of meeting 16/10/2023 Current Account £7,930.45

Reserve Account £15,294.38

Total £23,224.83

**Payments**

798.1 V Varney (Oct Salary) £446.40

798.2 HMRC (Tax) £3.60

798.3 OVO Energy £24.56

798.4 J Firth (Sept) £116.00

798.5 Glenhurst Doors £390.00

798.6 McAfee Anti Virus £115.99

798.7 D McDonald £306.25

798.8 J Firth (Oct) £85.00

798.9 Welsh Air Ambulance £150.00

798.10 Paul Sartori £150.00

798.11 Amazon (ink/paper) £54.99

Total Payments £1,842.79

**Income**

798.12 Bank Interest £19.44

Total Income £19.44

Balance as at close of meeting 27/11/2023 Current Account £6,087.66

Reserve Account £15,313.82

Total £21,401.48

798.13 The above payments were proposed as correct by Cllr Tomos and seconded by Cllr Bottom.

798.14 Projected Income & Expenditure from April 2024 to March 2025 for precept. After lengthy discussions, Members decided unanimously to increase the Precept to £20,000.

**799 County Councillor’s Report**

799.1 Cllr Davies was not present at the meeting.

**800 Any Other Business**

800.1 Cllr Lloyd has received a request from St Llawddog Church asking if the Community Council would like to participate in the Christmas Tree Festival. It involves purchasing a tree, decorating it, and placing it in the Church for all to see. Members agreed to support this festival and Cllr Clarke agreed to arrange it all on behalf of the Community Council. Cllr Lloyd thanked Cllr Clarke.

800.2 Cllr Stone asked if there was any further ‘Warm Place’ funding available for this winter.

800.3 Cllr Bottom asked if anything could be done to improve access for a young local lad with a walking aid to get to the village shop as at present it is an impossible task due to the pavements. Cllr Lloyd agreed to speak to Cllr Davies and meet with Cllr Bottom to establish if access could be gained from another route, leading to the back of the shop.

800.4 Cllr Wimhurst asked if the Community Council meetings could be reverted to the third Monday of the month as was the case previously. Members were all in favour.

Date of next meeting: 15th January 2024

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

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

Chairperson

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

Clerk