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YNYSYBWL & COED-Y-CWM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MONTHLY meeting of the Ynysybwl & Coed-y-Cwm Community Council Held

At

YNYSYBWL COMMUNITY CENTRE on Tuesday 1st June 2021

at 6.45pm

Clerk.....

PRESENT:- Councillors Mrs A Ellis, Mrs C Banwell, A Burnell, G Haines, RC Evans, C Jones, R Davies

1. DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Cllr C Jones – item 13.1, Planning Application for Gelli Road

Cllr A Burnell – item 13.5, Gwyl Festival

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs M Jones, D Baish and H Osborne

3. PUBLIC BREAK

There was no public break.

4. POLICE

4.1 No police report had been received

5. TO APPROVE MINUTES

5.1 Cllr C Jones moved to approve the minutes and Cllr Haines seconded. However, Cllr RC Evans disagreed with item 9.1. He stated that, in the vote for deciding whether Cllr Haines would remain as the defib regulator, 6 people voted for and not 5 as stated in the minutes, and 1 against. Cllr RC Evans would like to be named as the 1 person against.

He also informed members that parts of a discussion between himself and Cllr Haines were missing and would like them included. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes with the following amendments.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 **To receive the report of the Community Warden.**

Cllr C Jones was unhappy about being given a written report at the meeting (the reports had been sent out earlier that day by email). The second item on the list, fly tipping, stated that waste had been reported and no evidence found. He requested that, in future, this should state ‘no evidence found as to who dumped the waste’. Cllr C Jones believes that the Community Council should employ their own warden rather than paying RCTCBC. The Chair reminded Cllr C Jones that this was voted on some time ago and it was resolved to pay RCTCBC for their services. It was agreed that the Community Warden does a good job and anything that is reported to him is actioned. Cllr Haines enquired as to whether the Warden controls the

cameras that are placed around the village but this does not fall under his duties. Cllr Banwell requested that the dog fouling team patrol either early in the morning or late afternoon at the Recreation Ground.

6.2 Monthly defibrillator update from Cllr Haines

The pads at the Heol y Mynach defib have been changed and are now good until 2023. Cllr C Jones thanked Cllr Haines for his work with the defibs.

6.3 NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers Day - update

Cllr Haines has contacted several outlets including Sainsburys, Tesco and the Co-op and they are willing to donate cakes, tea and coffee if the event should go ahead. Cllr Burnell told members that he had been trying to contact RCTCBC with regards to the festival and had not yet heard anything about whether they will allow an event to be held on RCT land. An entertainment licence from the local authority must be obtained prior to the event taking place and we cannot proceed any further with this until we know whether this will be granted. It was suggested that we could use another venue rather than the Recreation Ground and Butchers Pool was suggested. Cllr Burnell pointed out that this was also RCT land. Cllr Davies believed that approval could be granted for Butchers Pool as this would already have track and trace in place ready for opening in the summer. Cllr RC Evans has informed Huw James of the Ynysybwl Branch of the Royal British Legion that there will be a NHS flag raised outside the United Services Inn on 5th July. He asked if it would be possible to leave the flag there for the duration of the pandemic. The Clerk informed Cllr RC Evans that it was to stay for 7 days anyway. It was **RESOLVED** to defer this to an Extraordinary Meeting to be held on Tuesday 8th June.

6.4 Tesco Community Grants – update from Cllr Burnell

Cllr Burnell had contacted Tesco but a project would need to be in place before applying for the grant. He asked if we could use it for the nature reserve, but as a quick turnaround was required and it is not our land this would not have been possible this year.

6.5 Code of Conduct training - update

RCTCBC have confirmed that they will still be providing free Code of Conduct training and will be in touch in the near future.

6.6 Lady Windsor picnic area/nature reserve - update

The Chair has spoken with Carl Davies and he is agreeable to taking down the trees that were identified as dangerous in the tree surgeons report. He will also remove the trees from the river. The tree condition survey and the RCT report have been sent to Carl. Cllr Banwell commented that this land was used by a large family group on the Bank Holiday weekend.

7. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

7.1 Butchers Pool

Friends of Butchers Pool had contacted the Community Council with regards to funding for two weeks during the summer. They are opening on 24th July and will received four weeks funding from RCTCBC but require extra funding to keep it open for a further two weeks. The Chair has asked for Friends of Butchers Pool for costings. Cllr Davies pointed out that there extra costs may be incurred this year due to Covid.

7.2 Resignation of the Clerk

The Chair had received a letter of resignation from the Clerk with a leaving date of 31st August. The Chair thanked the Clerk for her work over the past four years. An advertisement for a new Clerk would need to be drawn up by 1st July and the HR Committee would need to meet to discuss this. It was **RESOLVED** to defer this item to the Extraordinary Meeting to be held on 8th June.

8. CLERKS REPORT

8.1 Audit update

The audit paperwork is currently with the Internal Auditor. It was **RESOLVED** to defer the agreement of the paperwork until the Extraordinary Meeting to be held on 8th June.

8.2 Annual leave/lieu time – Thursday 24th June

It was **RESOLVED** to allow the Clerk to use lieu time accumulated for Thursday 24th June.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 No correspondence received

10. TO CONSIDER:

Town & Country Planning Applications

Planning application: 21/0652/10

Proposed double storey rear extension including demolition of existing single storey rear extension.
There were no objections

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

An extra £50 was added to the accounts for payment. In the last meeting it was agreed to award a £50 donation to Tenovus Cancer Care but their BACS details came through after the Clerk had sent out the accounts for payment for June. The accounts for payment was amended, from £1370.27 to £1420.27.

Cllr C Jones moved to accept accounts for payment, Cllr Banwell seconded. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the accounts for payment.

12. GRANT AID (S137)

No applications had been received.

13. TO CONSIDER (Items brought to the Agenda by members of the Council)

13.1 Development currently in progress at the land at the end of Gelli Road, lying adjacent to Glynmynach Street

Ms Susan Burnett, a resident of Gelli Road, attended the meeting as a spokesperson for other residents and those of Glynmynach Street. She informed council that work has commenced, without planning

permission, by Cllr C Jones, on establishing a storage yard with plans for 12 containers. Two containers were already in place. The Chair enquired as to whether the residents have objected to the plans. No objections have been lodged as yet as the plans were only made public last week but there are many residents who wish to object. Ms Burnett pointed out that there were several factual errors in the application and that the residents were very concerned about access as Gelli Road is very narrow. The owners are requesting 24 hour access and also intend to develop the site further with access down Glynmynach Street. This would be horrific for the community with increased traffic and lorries driving down Glyn Street, where the Meithrin is located. The right of way through the site is historic but not established, but the residents intend to apply for this. The affected residents have started leafleting the area and a recent Facebook post had no support for the plans. There was a fear that, as planning permission has not been granted as yet, public liability insurance would be undermined.

The Chair stated that planning permission is not needed for levelling the ground, which has happened so far, or for a temporary structure ie. containers. Ms Burnett told members that their group had spoken to the Planning Officer and were told that planning permission was needed. The Chair explained that the Community Council is not allowed to have pre-determination, which is why they have not yet responded. The application was only received today and no councillor had seen it prior to the meeting. The Chair also brought up the fact that Cllr Baish has been mentioned in the letter sent to YCC by the group and that the remarks made regarding him were felt to be offensive. Cllr Baish is a friend of Cllr C Jones and was helping him. Ms Burnett told members that Cllr Baish knew that the work was being carried out without planning permission and the group felt that both he and Cllr C Jones had breached Code of Conduct.

The Chair asked Cllr C Jones for some clarification on the matter. Cllr C Jones informed members that the land cannot be used commercially until the end of August due to the contract in place with Western Power. The land has always been for commercial use and the sub station has 24 hour access. No commercial activity has taken place other than installing the two units that are currently empty. The intention has always been to obtain planning permission. Cllr C Jones was asked if he had seen the planning application to which he replied 'No' as it had been completed by an outside agency. No consultation has taken place with the residents as Cllr C Jones intended to hold a public meeting but this was stopped by Covid.

Ms Burnett commented that no resident of Gelli Road had been informed about the plans and that it is factually untrue that the land has always been for commercial use. A previous application for commercial use was rescinded by RCTCBC due to the same issues as now. Western Power does have 24 hour access but the sub station is rarely used outside normal working hours and access to it is a necessity. They also inform residents when they are coming in order that vehicles can be moved. The group are unaware if the units are currently empty, but the site has already been advertised as a commercial enterprise.

The Chair stated that no one is negative against the plans but due diligence will have to be followed and the Community Council must be unbiased. She informed Ms Burnett that the plans will be discussed and that the Clerk would relay news of any developments to her via email. Ms Burnett stated that she, and possibly another neighbour, would like to attend the next meeting if the plans are on the agenda.

It was **RESOLVED** to hold an Extraordinary meeting to discuss the plans further as this would give members time to look at the plans in detail before making any decisions. It was **RESOLVED** to hold the meeting on Tuesday 8th June.

13.2 Lady Windsor Development – residents are enquiring about future plans for the site

The Chair informed members that no feedback had been received from RCTCBC on this. The Chair contacted Dave Powell of RCT who was instructed to look at the decision again. The land is not out for market at the moment and different options for its use are being looked at. The public's opinions will have to be taken on board. The Chair suggested writing to the person who is dealing with it and if no answers are forthcoming, we will need to rouse the community into action. Cllr Davies stated that it was disgusting to sell the land to Persimmon without consulting the public. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to RCTCBC for more information on any future plans.

13.3 Request to invite the three new Senedd members – Rhys Ap Bowen, Joel James and Heledd Fychan – to a future Community Council meeting.

Cllr C Jones has spoken to two of the members and they are prepared to come along. Cllr C Jones moved to formally invite them, seconded by Cllr Burnell. Cllr Davies enquired as to why they were being invited and what questions would be asked. The Chair recommended that members send questions to the Clerk and it can be decided in a meeting what questions from those that we would put to them. It was **RESOLVED** to do this. Cllr Davies suggested the Lady Windsor site, schools reorganisation and the 2020 floods. Cllr C Jones proposed asking about the possibility of a park and ride at Glyncoch which, in 2014, was going to be installed with parking for up to 200 cars. Cllr Burnell believed that public transport should be discussed. Cllr C Jones proposed employing a consultant with regards to transport.

13.4 Future youth activities in the community – update from Cllr Burnell

There will be a Fit and Fed session at the Recreation Ground tomorrow (2nd June), catering for 30 with a skateboard session in the afternoon. Due to the popularity of these sessions, Cllr Burnell proposed further sessions during the summer holidays and asked if the Community Council would be able to fund these activities. Cllr Burnell has liaised with the Co-op who are prepared to provide the packed lunches free of charge. Cllr C Jones requested properly costed reports which Cllr Burnell agreed to compile and send out to members prior to the next meeting.

13.5 Gwyl Festival 2021 – update on progress from Cllr Burnell

Cllr Burnell has had no information from RCTCBC as yet and it is doubtful as to whether the festival will take place this year. No decision can be made until the next Welsh Assembly Government announcement. Cllr C Jones stated that if the festival goes ahead we will need to employ properly trained people to activate a track and trace system. Cllr Burnell informed members that, if the festival does not take place, he may approach the Community Council for funding for smaller events.

13.6 The intention to install CCTV in Robert Street – update

The Chair has spoken to Robert Grant of Neighbourhood Watch and he informed her that Laser Security are currently looking at costings. The Community Council previously agreed to make up the funding for the YRP camera. As for New Road and Dan y Cribyn, the cameras have to link and be in the same line of sight. This cannot be done in New Road due to the brow of the hill. The camera can be erected on a post but it cannot be wooden, therefore a pole would need to be put up but costings are needed for this. It was **RESOLVED** to keep this item on the agenda.

13.7 Railway and bus link at Glyncoch – update

Discussed

14. BUDGET

14.1 Cllr C Jones expressed the need for tourism in the village. Cllr Burnell reminded members that the nature reserve will be up and running in the next two months which will hopefully attract more families, walkers and cyclists to the village. Cllr Davies suggested that, as the festival and other events would probably not be going ahead, could we give extra monies for other things and at the same time, make people aware of what the Community Council actually do in the village. Cllr Burnell stated that Children in Need funding is being used to produce a short animation on road safety with the children of Trerobart School. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the budget.

15. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

15.1 An extraordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th June at 6.45pm.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th July at 6.45pm.

Closure of official business of the council

Verbal report of the Community Councillors

Cllr Haines informed members that he has spoken to Go Safe regarding training for Community Speedwatch and only one person needs to undertake this. Cllr Haines will be participating in training next week. A risk assessment will be needed to ensure a safe place for volunteers to work in.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed: Date.....