

CYNGOR CYMUNED

YNYSYBWL & COED-Y-CWM COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF YNYSYBWL & COED-Y-CWM COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Held at YNYSYBWL COMMUNITY CENTRE on Tuesday 3rd October 2023 @ 18:45pm

Clerk Annemarie Bevan Edwards

PRESENT: - Chair Mrs A Ellis
Vice Chair Mrs P Evans
Councillors Mrs E Leach, Messrs G Haines, R Davies, RC Evans, E Wigfall

Cllr Evans queried whether the meeting would be recorded for the Clerk's benefit, however the Clerk explained that recording minutes previously had not proved beneficial. It was **RESOLVED not to** record the meeting.

1. DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Disclosures of Personal Interest were obtained from Mrs E Leach, Messrs G Haines, R Davies, RC Evans and E Wigfall

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs M Jones (due to illness), Cllr C Jones (due to illness) and Mr B Williams (due to illness) and Mr C Binks (due to work commitments)

3. PUBLIC BREAK

There was no public break

4. POLICE

4.1 Cllr A Ellis presented a report from PCSO Liam Jones. There was no report from Community Officers.

Crime

Theft x 2, Property damage x 2, Assault x 1

Non-Crime

ASB x4, Off road bike x 1, Potential gas leak x 1

Cllr Ellis commented that she thought the report was not detailed enough and made it difficult for Council Members to comment on. It was **RESOLVED that** the Clerk will ask PCSO Jones for more detailed reports.

Cllr Leach confirmed that PCSO Jones has been attending local youth group activities and that there was good communication between the participants and PCSO Jones.

Cllr Haines confirmed that PCSO Jones also attended a youth Games Night in the village.

Cllr A Ellis voiced concern about the lack of waste disposal services in the village and said that this problem has increased since RCT has moved to 3 weekly waste collection services. She has been informed that the reduction in waste collection should improve very shortly. Cllr Ellis informed

council that a new lock has been fitted to the bin at Lady Windsor pit and this will enable the bin to be emptied.

5. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd September 2023 with no amendments.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

6.1 It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Ellis would contact Emma from RCT and ask her to initiate implementation of the Microsoft Business Package

6.2 Cllr Ellis explained that the IT support given by Gareth Williams will no longer be available after November and Gareth suggested moving the IT support for the website to Ionos. It was **RESOLVED** to accommodate the cost of this transfer which is £110 for set up and approx. £95 annual cost with Ionos.

6.3 Cllr Ellis reviewed the previous discussion regarding the use of body cameras in the village and explained that PCSO Jones had informed her that no disclaimer was required. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Haines would bring the cameras back to the Community Council Office.

7. CHAIRPERSON 'S REPORT

7.1 Chairperson Ellis welcomed new council members and new members of staff.

7.2 Cllr Ellis disclosed that it is necessary for her to have surgery in the near future – date not yet confirmed. She explained that the expected recovery period is 6 weeks, during which time she will not be working or attending meetings etc. Council Members wished her well.

8. CLERK'S REPORT

8.1 Eisteddfod Update

Despite a letter being sent out to suggested contacts by the Clerk after the last meeting - Cllr Ellis explained that no replies had been received. Cllr R Davies suggested that a group should be convened to lead on the Eisteddfod work and that it could begin with an open meeting to the community. The purpose of the meeting would be to gather information and suggestions for fund raising activities. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr R Davies would lead on this as Cllr Ellis may not be available. Cllr Davies will propose a date/venue etc for the meeting with the group and this information can be shared on social media platforms to inform the public.

Cllr Haines voiced concerns that little information was available concerning traffic management during the Eisteddfod and expressed concern about the impact the Eisteddfod could have on local traffic. Cllr Davies explained that he has been to several meetings in different areas and as yet there is no information being shared about traffic management plans. It was **RESOLVED** to contact RCT for an update on possible traffic management around the area during the Eisteddfod. Cllr E Wigfall offered to join the group to look at events etc.

8.2 Christmas meals for over 65-year-olds

Cllr Ellis stated that only two caterers had made contact about providing the dinners for over 65-year-olds. K-D events had requested more information and this was provided to them. Emma has confirmed that she is willing to undertake the catering for this event.

Cllr RC Evans voiced concern about the capacity of the kitchen in the Community Centre to cater for this event. And asked that this issue be worked out with any caterer engaged to provide this service. A discussion took place regarding the kitchen capacity to enable Emma to provide this service. It was agreed to contact RCT to their agreement that 30 dinners a day could be provided in this kitchen.

Cllr Davies cited that he would support Emma having first refusal to provide this service because she already does such a lot of work in the Community Centre. This was supported by Cllr Haines. It was also pointed out by Cllr Ellis that the event would require volunteers to help with the preparation and distribution for the event.

It was **RESOLVED** that RCT would be contacted and Cllr Ellis will discuss the matter further with Emma and await further information from KD Events and this information will be brought back to full council in November for a decision.

8.3 Cllr A Ellis informed council that a new office PC has been purchased and paid for and is now up and running.

8.4 Cllr Ellis read out an application from Lead Volunteer Rebecca Seldon for the Parent/Baby group Tiddlywinks. The letter was a request for financial support for this group, which is run by volunteers and offers parents an opportunity to meet and interact with other parents and for their children to interact with other children. It was **RESOLVED** that a donation of £1250 be given to the group to pay for their rent and provision of necessities such as drinks/food and craft items. £936 will be paid to Zion Church for rent and remaining funds are to be accessed via VISION as required.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Thank you letter from Cerebral Palsy Charitable Donation

Cerebral Palsy Cymru have written a letter to the Community Council thanking them for their continued support.

9.2 Letter received from Samantha Parsons regarding Allotments

Cllr A Ellis presented a letter from a Newstream magazine requesting information on contact details for community members who wish to use allotments. It was **RESOLVED** that our website currently shows contact for this purpose. It was **RESOLVED** to contact RCT to determine their contact details for information about allotments in the village.

10. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

10.1 Acolaid Case #23/095/10 The use of Land at Ffordd y Bedol Coed-y-Cwm for building 20 dwellings.

This planning application was discussed at length and it was **RESOLVED** that a letter should be written to the planning department at RCT with the following objections:

- Insufficient water drainage to support further housing
- Building houses here will remove the "safe route to school" for children in the area
- The term "dwelling" is ambiguous and needs further information and explanation
- Reassurance that the bridge into Coed-y-Cwm is able to bear the increases in capacity

11. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Ellis read out the Borough Councillors report with information on the following items: -

11.1 Ynysybwł Community Centre Refurbishment

These plans are underway – storage cupboards have already been built and there are plans to refurbish both male and female toilets. The plans also include redecorating the centre, getting new ceiling and light fixtures and the front of the centre will receive a face lift. Once this work has been completed it is hoped there will be a centre relaunch and this will encourage people to use the centre for a variety of activities to benefit all members of the community.

11.2 Cricket and Rugby Pitches

Cllr Ellis informed the members that RCT have agreed to improve the cricket pitch and would re-establish a mini and junior rugby pitch for members of the community to use. Major refurbishment of the stand is required and Cllrs Ellis and Evans have been assured that this work has been included in the RCT capitol budget for consideration next year

11.3 Traffic Issues

Cllrs A Ellis informed council that the issues with traffic flow through the village remain a priority and that this was an ongoing concern for Borough Councillors. So far there is some agreement about the placement of bollards and guard rails in areas of risk from traffic accidents further discussions are required for this.

Cllr Haines requested guard rails be placed in the area around Butchers Pool due to safety issues.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Ellis and Cllr Evans will continue to pursue this issue with the relevant authorities.

11.4 Safe Housing in YCC

Cllrs Ellis and Evans explained that they have had meetings with NACRO about the siting of supported housing in the community without appropriate consultation. Cllr Ellis and Evans have made it clear that this type of property is inappropriate in the village. Residents of Robert St were also in attendance and expressed their concerns. NACRO confirmed that they had not contacting the Community Council or Borough Councillors regarding the opening of this property. As far as this house was concerned no current or past Community Council Members were aware of its proposed use and are concerned that due diligence processes were not adhered to. It was recommended that this property is discontinued for its current purpose. All in attendance at this meeting agreed. NACRO will keep Councillors informed.

12. TO ACCEPT ACCOUNTS

12.1 Bank Statements and access to account information

Cllr A Ellis informed the council members that the issues with access to bank accounts have now been resolved and presented the bank statements to Council. It was **RESOLVED** to accept payments to accounts with the addition of

• Office Computer and printer (DD)	£	1220.00
• Office sundries and postage A Bevan Edwards (DD)	£	9.27
• The Print Shop (Dog fouling posters) BACS	£	67.50
• J W Joinery (South Wales) Ltd BACS	£	3936.00

It was **RESOLVED** to accept account for payment with the addition of:

• Clerks Salary	£1028.16
Total	£ 6260.93

13. GRANT AID (S137)

There are no grant applications

14. TO CONSIDER: ITEMS BROUGHT TO COUNCIL-BY-COUNCIL MEMBERS

CAVEAT – wording of proposals from Cllr G Haines have been reinstated

14. .1

Proposed by Cllr Haines, that the council write to Pritchards, and the various bus and coach companies, asking them to respect the 20mph limit through our village and to remind their drivers of the speed limit change. It was **RESOLVED** to write to Pritchards and other bus companies regarding speed limit.

14.2

Proposed by Cllr Haines, the Council and the Ynysybwl Branch of the RBL get together to finalise arrangements for Remembrance as time is running short. And that an extraordinary meeting be called, if necessary, to ensure that the remembrance parade goes ahead.

It was **RESOLVED** that a sum not exceeding £800 be set aside for administration of Remembrance Day activities. Before this is assigned council requests the following clarification from the British Legion:

- List of costs the British Legion is asking the Community Council to pay for
- Catering for cadets is to be within the overall budget of £800
- Cllr Davies offered to provide printed material e.g. Order of Service
- Clarification over who will liaison with police services and organisation of road closure

14.3

Proposed by Mr B Williams, purchase of new notice board for Coed-y-Cwm, as original one damaged in RTA.

Cllr RC Evans queried whether a larger board could be bought?

Cllrs Davies and Haines advised contacting Zurich Insurance to determine if a claim can be made It was **RESOLVED** to contact Greenbarns for a quote.

14.4

Cllr P Evans – wanted Council to know that she has contacted YEP to confirm the date of Santa's Journey. The Christmas lights switch on is scheduled for 1st December.

15 Defibrillators

Discussion about placement of defibrillator at Brynffynon Hotel – the hotel is currently up for sale. It was **RESOLVED** to make contact with new owners about placement of Defibrillator. It was also resolved to make contact with St Gwynno’s Church regarding placement of defibrillator.

15. BUDGET

It was **RESOLVED** to accept budget as presented.

16. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 18:45pm at the Ynysybwl Community Centre.

**Closure of official business of the Council
Verbal report to Community Councillors: Meeting Closed at 20:50 hours.**

Signed  8/11/23 Date