

CYNGOR CYMUNED
YNYSYBWL & COED-Y-CWM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Cefnodion Cyfarfod y Cyngor

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

on Tuesday 8th January 2019

at 6:45 pm

Clerk.....

PRESENT:- Councillors Mrs A Ellis, C Banwell, Messrs A Burnell, RC Evans, D Baish, C Jones, H Osborne

1. DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no disclosures of personal interest.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs M Jones, Messrs A Holloway and R Isaac.

3. PUBLIC BREAK

There was no public break.

4. POLICE

4 domestic incidents

3 theft & handling (thefts from the Co-op)

1 RTC near Co-op, 1 female sustained an injury to wrist. The driver has been charged for driving with no licence or insurance.

5 road related incidents – reports of persons on scramblers in Buarth y Capel driving around the estate. Persons are unknown at present.

1 report of vehicle overturned – vehicle recovered, no further action

3 intelligence reports in relation to vehicles

3 highway disruption – reports of garages/driveways being blocked in Dan y Cribyn and New Road

12 concern for safety

11 violence against a person

3 suspicious incidents

1 public safety welfare

1 crime related incident

2 damage – windows on High Street, damage possibly made by an air gun. No persons identified at present.

For information – this month (January), copper piping was stolen from a commercial vehicle in Coed y Cwm. There were also reports of males seen a few weeks ago in Coed y Cwm at 4am taking photos of vans on driveways. Although there has only been one report of theft, there may be people driving around the area targeting work vans in the early hours for tools etc. The public should be vigilant and report anything suspicious.

5. TO APPROVE MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from December.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Community Warden Report

Update for Enforcement attendance and actions required for YNYSYBWL – December 2018

Waste issues – Total of 30 letters have been sent to properties regarding bins out on the highway after collection. A second letter will be sent to those that have not complied this week commencing 6/1/19.

Fly-tipping – All sites where there has been fly-tipping including the dumped waste have now been cleared by the Waste Buster team and these areas are currently being monitored by myself and the fly-tipping officer.

Abandoned vehicles – x 3 reported in Dan Y Cribyn all vehicle investigated have now been moved, so no further action required.

Dog fouling – The dog fouling team patrolled the area, on the 5/12/18 and 13/12/18. No incidents to report at this time

Fly-posting – No reports of any at this time.

Enforcement – Patrols have been carried out, and I have called to numerous properties with waste outside some have remove the waste immediately and those that have not complied will be issued with a Section 46 notice and possible fixed penalty notice will be issued if they have not complied after 48 hours.

A member of the public informed the council that they had contacted RCT regarding green waste collection and was informed that this service had been suspended between the dates of 22nd December and 14th January.

Nick Palmer was unable to attend tonight's meeting but is happy to attend further meetings if possible. It was agreed that this was a good start for the Community Warden.

6.2 Roll of Honour

The Clerk has spoken to MST Events who will update the board this month. The Clerk will forward the remaining names to be added. It was **RESOLVED** that any further nominations would be discussed thoroughly and added on merit.

6.3 Dog Signs

The banner has been made and is ready to be erected on the recreation ground. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact RCTCBC to inform them that is being put up. The printer spoke to the Clerk and Cllr Burnell and has offered to make 50 hard backed dog signs at a cost of £50 (£1 each) if they could add their company details to each one. It was **RESOLVED** to approach the printer for an official quote for this before a decision is made.

6.4 Planning Applications

An email was received from RCTCBC with regards to the deadlines for planning applications. The letters are sent at the time of the application being made valid, and cannot be sent any earlier. A statutory period of 21 days is allowed for consultation and 56 days to determine an application so all stages of the application are carried out at the earliest opportunity. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk send out applications on receipt giving councilors the chance to object or make observations within the time scale.

6.5 Coed-y-Cwm Issues

The hardstand for the bus shelter has been installed with the shelter due to be erected very soon.

6.6 Windfarm Meeting to Discuss Improvements to the Rec

The majority of organisations contacted have replied and will be sending a representative. An external facilitator will be attending. This meeting will be about 'going forward' and will be followed in the near future by a public consultation.

6.7 Section 145 Grants

The S145 grants are specifically for entertainment and dancing. A Section 137 grant application was previously received from a licensed premises in the village but was refused. They have now reapplied under Section 145 in order to supplement the monthly band nights held there. Unfortunately, the low attendance on these evenings does not justify giving a grant. If this grant is issued, the Community Council will be required to fund other licensed premises and businesses in the village. One Voice Wales are holding their quarterly meeting at the end of January and S145 grants are being discussed, therefore it was suggested that a council member attend. A vote was held to determine

the outcome of the application, In Favour – 1, Against – 4, Abstain – 1. It was **RESOLVED** not to award the grant.

6.8 Mobile Library Update

The Clerk had approached Mr Ron Davies at the Roberttown Hotel and enquired as to whether he would be amenable to the mobile library parking in the pub car park. Mr Davies agreed to this and the Clerk will forward the timetable to Mr Davies as soon as it has been compiled by RCTCBC.

6.9 Flowers, Watering & Maintenance for 2019

A quote has been received from Boverton Nurseries for plants for 2019 and from Sion's Lawns for watering and maintenance. In total this amounts to £4605, to include the 6 new planters on the Cenotaph site. The Community Council received very favourable comments about the flowers in 2018, with many saying they were the best they'd seen. A vote was held to determine whether the Community Council go ahead again this year. In Favour – 6, Abstain – 1. It was **RESOLVED** to continue with the flowers, watering and maintenance for 2019 using the above two companies.

7. CHAIRMANS REPORT

7.1 Charter Meeting

The Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk met with Councillor Maureen Webber, Deputy Leader, and Christian Hanigan at The Pavilions to discuss the Charter. RCTCBC are keen for the Community Council to sign up to this and will post a liaison officer specific to us which will be a great help as any problems can be directed to them. We need to work together to benefit the community. Christian Hanigan is open to attending one of the Community Council meetings and has put himself forward as an alternative contact to the liaison officer if we have any problems, copying in Councillor Sue Pickering so that she is also aware. Local authorities have been dismissive of Community Councils in the past but both Councillor Webber and Christian Hanigan agreed that they are the grass roots of communities.

8. CLERKS REPORT

8.1 Condition of Notice Boards

The Clerk has recently inspected all the notice boards and, with the exception of the new board in Coed-y-Cwm, all are in bad condition with the back boards rotting and notices being ruined by bad weather. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk look at replacing two of the boards, similar to the Coed-y-Cwm board but with sliding doors that can be accessed by all.

8.2 Website Security

The Clerk has contacted GWD Solutions with regards to enhancing the security on the website. A quote of £171.99 was received, it was **RESOLVED** to go ahead with this.

8.3 Defib Update

In the last meeting we spoke about problems with the Rugby Club's and Chris Jeffreys defibs not being powered 24 hours a day. A letter was sent to the rugby club regarding this but no reply has been forthcoming. The Clerk has spoken to Chris and checked the defibrillator and there is definitely a constant power source there.

The defib cabinet at Heol y Mynach has been changed over from an unheated one to a heated one. However, MDC Electricals, who installed it, pointed out that after fitting it he carried out some electrical tests and the earth readings were way too high to provide a certificate. He believes that the earth isn't connected at the house end of the supply. It was **RESOLVED** to contact MDC Electricals to enquire how much it would cost to correct this. The unheated cabinet is now in the Bomb with Councillor Evans until it can be used.

The Clerk has spoken with David Healy of Welsh Hearts and he is keen to come back and do some further training with us, we need to put some dates together and get back to him.

The newsletter will be distributed shortly and a request for someone to house a defib in Coed-y-Cwm will be included in it.

8.4 Interim Audit

Jason Morgan carried out the interim audit on 19th December. He was extremely pleased with the improvements that have been made since he was last with us. The only issue was the land asset at Coed-y-Cwm for which the monetary value does not appear in the Asset Register. With the exception of the land, which needs to be re-valued, the evidence supports the Internal Audit opinion that effective controls are in place.

8.5 Draft Budget

The Policy & Resources Committee had met beforehand to discuss the precept and budget for next year.

In the May 2018 meeting, it was agreed to reduce the Gwyl funding by £1000 each year until it becomes self sufficient. However, the Chair proposed that the funding for Gwyl 2019 remain at £5600 (the same as 2018) as the festival has become an integral part of village life and also attracts visitors from outside the immediate area. This proposal was

accepted by council members. It was suggested by a member of the public that the Community Council utilize the Gwyl to let people know of their involvement in this and other activities that occur in Ynysybwl and Coed-y-Cwm.

It was **RESOLVED** to continue with the firework display this year, increasing the budget to £4500. It was agreed to contact RCTCBC to see whether it could be held on the top pitch of the Recreation ground in the event of bad weather. Help will be needed for co-ordinating the event and other organisations in the village will be approached for this.

Other budgets agreed for 2019:-

Flowers	£5000
Royal British Legion	£500
Notice Boards	£1500
Christmas Decorations	£5000
Defibrillators (Maintenance)	£1000
S137 grants	£4000
Election	£4000
Paddling Pool	can now be removed from budget
Community Warden	£8200

A separate heading will not be needed for the Youth Club as grants can be awarded under Section 137 or Wellbeing. It was suggested that a Youth Liaison Community Officer attend future meetings. This is to be added to the agenda for February.

With expenditure of approximately £70,000 and an estimated carry forward balance of £41,000, it was **RESOLVED** to increase the precept to £41,405 (currently at £40164). This equates to £28 on a Band D scale, a total 3% increase on 2018.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 NALC 2019-2020 National Pay Agreement – noted

9.2 Response from RCTCBC regarding School Governors

There is no representative from the County Borough Council on the Board of Governors at Pontypridd High School or any voice from Ynysybwl or Coed-y-Cwm. It was **RESOLVED** to enquire as to when the current membership ends.

9.3 Thank you letter and receipt from Royal British Legion – noted

9.4 One Voice Wales – Maximising Social Value Toolkit - noted

10. TO CONSIDER:

Town & Country Planning Applications

Planning Application Number: 18/1289/10 (Resubmission)

Two storey and single storey rear extensions

No objections

Planning Application Number: 18/1298/10

Proposed two storey extension at rear of property

No objections

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was **RESOLVED** to accept accounts for payment as presented of £2208.96

An invoice was received from Just Win Marketing (distribution of newsletter) for £100 and GWD Solutions (website maintenance) for £200, after sending out the initial accounts. These have been added below.

All Wales Ambulance Service (medical event cover – fireworks)	564.00
One Voice Wales (Code of Conduct training CB/AH)	80.00
Mr R Grant (Christmas Crackers for Senior Citizens Christmas Dinners)	41.86
Ynysybwl Community Centre (Hire of hall for Busy Bees x 13)	260.00
MDC Electricals (removal of unheated defib cabinet & install heated)	100.00
Salary December (466.40), Office Accom (66.66)	533.06
HMRC	116.40
Postage	4.02
MA Elis (translation of newsletter)	209.62
Just Win Marketing (distribution of newsletter)	100.00
GWD Solutions (website maintenance)	200.00

12. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM: County Borough Councillor Sue Pickering

There was no report from Councillor Sue Pickering. Councillor Pickering has responded to queries from the previous meeting. The planned cemetery in Dan-y-Cribyn is still an issue and more information is needed on this.

13. GRANT AID (S137)

There were no grant applications.

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

14.1 Schools Re-organisation

Reference was made to the ‘21st Century Schools’ brochure made available by Cllr C Jones and published by RCTCBC in order to “seek the views of a wide range of stakeholders” on the proposals regarding schools in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk complete the Consultation Response Pro-forma on behalf of the Community Council and submit by the deadline of 31st January 2019.

14.2 Co-option of new councillor

The closing date for applications is 15th January. One application has been received and another sent out but not received back. If only one application is received, it was proposed that this is accepted and the applicant be invited to the next meeting in February. The proposal was accepted.

14.3 Durham Miners Gala 2019

It was **RESOLVED** to write to the organisers and inform them of the attendance of the Vice Chair. Councillor Burnell will provide the Clerk with the contact details.

14.4 Public Pathways

The Western Mail has reported that certain public pathways in the community are to be closed. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact RCTCBC for confirmation of closure dates.

14.5 Disabled access space outside 153 Robert Street

The occupant is disabled and unable to get out. It was **RESOLVED** to send an RCTCBC application form to the occupant.

14.6 Notice of motion

- Publication of documents on YCC website
Financial Regulations, Standing Orders and Policy of the Council are displayed on the website
- Clerk’s working hours
These are currently displayed on the website
- Council notes and welcomes Daerwynno Junior Day & Caterpillar Club
This is a great initiative for younger children and is welcomed in the village
- RCTCBC funding of the Muni Arts Centre prior to closure/limit on funding for Gwyl

Funding was given to the Muni Arts Centre in November giving no indication of closure. The Community Council needs to know the status of the Muni, however, as it is in the hands of the receiver at the moment there is no one to ask about future intentions.

14.7 Guidance to school governing bodies on school uniform and appearance policies

Welsh Government has introduced legislation that makes it easier for parents to buy uniforms. They will no longer be restricted to one store and will be able to buy from multiple stores for the best price and choice. The Community Council needs to support this initiative.

14.8 High Street Park

RCTCBC are happy to fix the walls but need permission from Welsh Water who own part of the land. As Ynysybwl Regeneration Partnership are taking the lead on the park developments, it was **RESOLVED** to let them pursue this and offer our help and support if and when needed.

14.9 Precept

Proposed in Policy & Resources meeting and agreed by council members. Precept for 2019 will be £41,405.

15. BUDGET

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the budget.

16. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the next meeting would take place at Ynysybwl Community Centre on Tuesday 5th February 2019 at 6:45pm.

Closure of official business of the council

Verbal report of the Community Councillors

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Signed: Date.....