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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 7th November 2023 @ 18:45pm

Clerk Annemarie Bevan Edwards

PRESENT: - Chair Mrs P Evans

Councillors Mrs E Leach, Mrs C Banwell, Messrs G Haines, R Davies, RC Evans, E Wigfall and B Williams

Cllr RC Evans for a second time, queried the requirement to record the meeting. There was a discussion about the statutory requirement to record the council meeting. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk make further inquiries about the recording of the meetings.

1. DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no Disclosures of Personal Interest made.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs M Jones (due to illness), Cllr C Jones (due to illness), Mrs A Ellis (due to illness) and Mr C Binks (due to a recent bereavement)

3. PUBLIC BREAK

There was no public break.

4. POLICE

4.1 Cllr P Evans presented a report from PCSO Liam Jones. Cllr P Evans also informed council that "Cuppa with a Copper" took place at the Community Centre on Saturday 4th November, there was no report from the event to date. No further comments were made on the police report.

Crime

Theft x 3, Property damage x 3, Assault x 1, Online threat x1

Non-

Crime

ASB

x5, loose dog x 1, report of fire x 1, suspicious vehicle x1 (reported to trading standards)

4.2 There was no report from Community Officers. It was **RESOLVED** that a follow up contact will be sent to the Community Officers to request reports for the meeting in December.

Cllr C Banwell voiced concern about the lack of waste disposal at the recreation grounds at the sports pitch. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact the environmental officer for help in removing this waste.

Cllr R Davies reminded council of the issues with the dog faeces bins, which need to be replaced and reported, that the environmental officers are aware of this and that it has been reported. Cllr C Banwell asked about the availability of extra dog faeces bins to be placed at the end of the sports pitch at Llewelyn Terrace. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact RCT about the feasibility of providing this extra bin.

5. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd October 2023 with two minor amendments to point 8.3 (change initial of councillor) and 14.4 (change wording of comment by Cllr P Evans)

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

6.1 It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk recontact haulage companies re speed limits of public transport and lorries travelling through the village, as the council only received one reply to previous letter of concern about this matter.

7. CHAIRPERSON 'S REPORT

The Chair for this meeting was Vice Chairperson Cllr P Evans – as Cllr A Ellis is on sick leave.

7.1 Cllr P Evans confirmed that the Christmas lights will be switched on – on the 1st December 2023 - and that Santa's journey will take place on the 6th December 2023. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr P Evans will post a notice on FB and the YCC website. It was **RESOLVED** the Clerk will put up posters in the public bulletin boards.

7.2 Cllr C Banwell asked if a Christmas tree had been organised as yet. The Clerk fed back that she was waiting for confirmation as to the availability of a tree but had not had confirmation despite three emails. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Banwell will follow this up and report back to the council.

7.3 Cllr P Evans confirmed that Emma is willing to undertake the catering for the provision of Christmas dinners for individuals in the community who are over 65 years of age. Mike Cude of RCT has supported the use of the community centre in Ynysybwl for this provision.

Cllr RC Evans wished that it be minuted that he objected to the provision of the Christmas dinners being prepared and provided at the Community centre. Cllr RC Evans stated that his objections were based on information contained in a handbook of food hygiene standards (Level 3) and he recommended that the population of over 65year old individuals receive boxed dinners for the event.

Cllrs R Davies, G Haines, P Evans, E Wigfall, B Williams, E Maier, and C Banwell requested an explanation of the objections be given. They asked Cllr R C Evans repeatedly to provide the specific objections he was considering and asked if they could then address his concerns. All Cllrs except Cllr RC Evans referred to the fact that the caterers have all necessary certification for providing this service, that the community centre has been awarded a Level 5 (top rating) from the Food Hygiene Standards Agency and that the RCT manager of the community centre has agreed to the event. The other fact remains that dinners are already provided in the community centre for the elderly population. Cllrs C Banwell and G Haines were very concerned that a delay in making a decision would mean the event would not take place.

Cllrs E Maier asked RC Evans if he has spoken directly to the individuals providing catering services already available at the community centre – which she thought would be the most appropriate way of addressing concerns. However, Cllr RC Evans was not willing to do this.

Cllr B Williams asked if there has ever been an issue with the provision of meals at the centre e.g. people becoming ill or having poor inspection results. It was confirmed by council that there have never been any issues of this nature at the community centre.

However, Cllr RC Evans would not agree to this decision, but he also refused to disclose the reasons for his objection.

The provision of Christmas dinners for individuals over the age of 65 was proposed by Cllr R Davies, seconded by Cllr G Haines and the motion passed by all Cllrs except Cllr RC Evans. It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the provision of Christmas dinners for members of the community over the age of 65 years will be undertaken at the Community Centre and Emma will be the caterer.

7.4 Cllr P Evans explained that the refurbishment of the community centre is taking place from the end of November. It will also now be managed by the Community Council and asked that a subcommittee be convened to oversee the running of the community centre.

Cllrs R Davies, G Haines, Cllr C Banwell and E Wigfall volunteered to be on the subcommittee as a temporary measure. As Cllr A Ellis was unable to attend the meeting due to illness, the subcommittee will be reviewed on her return to council. Cllr P Evans will deputise for Cllr A Ellis in the interim period. Cllr R Davies asked that there be service user representatives on the subcommittee also. It was **RESOLVED** that service user representatives be recruited.

POSTSCRIPT – Cllr A Ellis will also be part of the subcommittee for the community centre management on her return to council following her recuperation. Her intentions were noted after the meeting on 09/11/23.

7.5 Cllr P Evans outlined that an application for the community centre to be used as “Warm Hub” has been submitted to Lisa Stanger at RCT and that the application has been accepted, however the deadline for applications is November 10th, 2023, and the outcome will not be known until after this date.

7.6 Cllr P Evans highlighted that the road closures for the Remembrance Day Celebrations have been confirmed.

8. CLERK’S REPORT

8.1 The Clerk to the Council pointed out the procedure for providing minutes of previous meetings, she explained that she would post ratified minutes on the website and a hard copy in the notice board in Augustus Street.

8.2 The Clerk read out the response from the Zurich insurance company about claiming for the replacement notice boards in Coed-y-Cwm. There is a £100 deductible cost and no guarantee that premiums will not be increased if a claim is made. The cost of replacing the notice board has been quoted as £791.

Cllr B Williams asked if any money could be recuperated from the individuals who have demolished the notice board in the collision. He also suggested contacting the Pontypridd Men’s Shed for help in restoring/siting the new notice boards. It was **RESOLVED** that new notice boards would be ordered, and that the Zurich insurance company will be contacted about a claim. It was also **RESOLVED that** Cllr B Williams will contact the Pontypridd Men’s Shed for advice and PCSO Liam Jones about the possibility of seeking compensation.

8.3 A request has been made by the British Royal Legion for extra catering to be provided for individuals attending the Remembrance Day Celebrations – this cost being covered by money already allocated to the Remembrance Day Celebrations. The catering would be provided for the cadets and the mayor and service men from the local 203 Field Hospital. It was **RESOLVED** to support this, and Cllr P Evans will ask Rhian Howells of Cresci’s Cafe if she is willing to provide the extra catering.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 A letter has been received from an association in the Netherlands who is trying to locate WW2 soldiers buried on the battlefields in their country. It was **RESOLVED that** Arfon Williams be contacted for help with this issue.

9.2 A letter was received from Boverton nurseries about tackling knotweed invasion. It was **RESOLVED** that the poster be placed on social media feeds and the website.

9.3 A letter has been received from Emma Dyer requesting funding of £400 to cover the provision of Christmas events for children in the community. It was **RESOLVED to** support this event, with the caveat that money be paid to suppliers / in response to invoices paid and not directly into an individual’s bank account.

9.4 A letter has been received requesting a charitable donation be paid to the Welsh Air Ambulance Service – it was **RESOLVED to** make a donation of £50 to this charity.

10. TO CONSIDER TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No objections to the planning applications on record were made. It was **RESOLVED** that planning applications be forwarded to council members contemporaneously to ensure any objections/comments can be made within the correct time frame.

11. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

11.1 Cllr P Evans outlined the current plans for replacing the barriers on Ynysybwll Road with marker posts. This work was to have started at the end of November but may be delayed because of emerging issues with the road itself. It was proposed that Cllr Evans will seek clarification on this matter.

11.2 Cllr P Evans summarised the public meeting that took place on the 26th of October 2023, about the closure of Taff Vale Surgery – there was a very good turnout of concerned citizens and many valid objections were brought to the attention of the council and Heledd Fychan, MS. There is another meeting proposed on the 13th of November 2023, however Cllr P Evans explained that contacts within Cwm Taff Health Board have said they will not be able to send representation. Cllr R Davies advised that the 2nd meeting should go ahead and that cross-party working should be encouraged. Cllr G Haines suggested inviting the practice managers and ambulance service representatives as these services are likely to be affected by any closure of GP services. Cllr C Banwell reiterated the issues with transport already in existence. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr P Evans contact David Edwards of the Ambulance Service to invite him to the meeting.

11.3 Clydach Terrace and flooding – Cllr P Evans informed council that she was present at a meeting between representatives of the residents of Clydach Terrace and the NRW. The outcome of the meeting was that two options were available,

- 1) build a 3m wall across the road from the housing – but this was not guaranteed to work
- 2) demolishing the houses

Cllr E Wigfall asked if the river was still being dredged annually and there was collective concern among the councillors about issues such as loss of community, insurance premiums and traffic issues if the roads are blocked in order to build the wall. It was also pointed out that RCT are not involved in this issue. Cllr RC Evans asked if a disaster plan was still in place and Cllr P Evans replied this was under review. A further meeting is scheduled for November 30th, 2023, 6pm at the Conservative Club, Ynysybwll.

12. TO ACCEPT ACCOUNTS

12.1 Bank Statements and access to account information

• Centre Great Ltd (lights etc)	£	270.00
• Sion Nicholls Plant Hire	£ 3	240.00
• Clerks Pay	£	909.44
• Greenbarns (New Notice Board)	£	791.00
• ILCA training	£	140.00
• Sound PA hire for Remembrance Day Celebrations	£	180.00
• Wel Medical (defib pads)	£	79.08
• Office Stamps (AMBE)	£	10.00
• Eisteddfod Planning Group – hire of community centre	£	30.00
TOTAL	£ 5	649.52

It was **RESOLVED** to accept account for payment.

13. GRANT AID (S137)

There were no grant applications

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

14. .1

Proposed by Cllr G Haines “ any money that he would be entitled to claim as expenses as a community councillor, is instead donated to the Friends of Butchers Pool to help the pool open every year for the local children” This issue was discussed at length and advice taken from councillors that this is not in fact allowed and that if Cllr G Haines wished to make a donation to the Friends of Butchers Pool it would best be made as a Gift Aid.

14.2 The item **Proposed by Cllr P Evans**, regarding the closure of Taff Vale Surgery has been covered previously in the Borough Councillors report and was therefore not revisited.

14.3 Proposed by Cllr E Wigfall – regarding the feasibility and possibility of increasing bus services to the area. After a thorough discussion about options and possibilities it was **RESOLVED** to contact Transport Wales for stats on efficiency, what is the current public transport obligation to the area and are these obligations being met.

14.3 This item was an update on planning for the Eisteddfod **Proposed by Cllr R Davies**. Cllr R Davies summarised the planning meeting that took place on the 24th of October. The meeting was to coordinate and generate ideas/ planning/contacts for fund raising for the Eisteddfod. Issues such as how much money Ynysybwl was expected to raise (the proposed target is £6500), whether the council should sponsor prizes for the Eisteddfod and should events be held in venues such as schools to raise awareness of the Eisteddfod. It was **RESOLVED** that another meeting should take place. That in the first instance, for fund raising Cllr P Evans ask regular attendees of the rugby club quiz if a quiz night in the rugby club could be dedicated to fund raising for the Eisteddfod. It was also **RESOLVED** to have a coordinate mail shot to businesses, individuals etc in the area who might be able to support/donate to the fund raising.

Cllr E Wigfall explained that he had no further information regarding the plans for transportation during the Eisteddfod as these had not been released by the Eisteddfod planning committee for transport. He explained that ideas were being investigated at least until January 2024.

14.4 This item regarding Christmas meal provision for over 65-year-olds had already been discussed at length and was therefore not revisited.

15 Defibrillators

Cllr G Haines said the defibrillator had been deployed twice in recent weeks and that he had received the replacement pad.

No issues from Cllr RC Evans

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 5th December 2023 at 18:45pm at Venue tba.

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

Signed **Date**