

DRAFT MINUTES

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YNYSYBWL & COED-Y-CWM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council

Held at Ynysybwl Community Centre on

Tuesday 7th June at 6.45 pm.

1 Attendance & Apologies

1.1 in attendance Cllrs Burnell, P Evans, C Evans, Banwell, O'Donovan, Haines, Maier (Leach).

1.2 Apologies from Cllrs Ellis, M Jones, Osbourne, Baish, C Jones

2 Disclosures of interest.

There were no disclosures of interest.

3 Presentation by Dylan Kelleher (RCT) regarding the speed indicator.

The data he provided was up to 4/4/2022. He pointed out that the speed indicator recorded speed & time but did not have a camera recording device. Any enforcement action was down to the police, not the local authority. The average speed overall was 32 mph. Of the 100% of speeds indicated the top 15% are discounted. The unit is normally kept in place for between 3 & 6 months & the current location has been used for around 6 months. The indicator has been allocated to Ynysybwl for 12 months and the Council can relocate it for 2 more 3 month periods the cost of relocating the indicator will depend on their being a suitable post to mount it on, if no post is available there is a cost to installing a new post.

As Mr Kelleher was at the meeting it was agreed to extend this section to include Members views on alternative locations. Members suggested several alternatives (Clydach Terrace & Dan yr Criben) & it was agreed that Mr Kelleher, the Vice Chair & the Clerk would walk the suggested sites to evaluate the potential as locations. He suggested that if a post was not available it would be 3 to 4 weeks approx. to instal a post. If a post was available, it would be a shorter period. He also explained that the cost of an indicator was around £4k with an additional £1k for the solar panel plus post costs.

Mr Kelleher explained that Welsh Government were implementing a Wales wide change to speed limits, reducing 30 mph limits to 20 mph.

The discussion then covered concerns over walking to school routes & what action could be taken to improve safety. Suggestions included increased road marking, rumble strip and speed humps. These options would be looked at during the proposed walk round the area. There was a concern regarding rumble strips etc due to noise pollution impacts. One problem was that the main problems were from 'local' residents. Previous funding options from Welsh

Government were not available as the funding was to be used for the 20 mph initiative. It was suggested that the Vice Chair & Chair would discuss the situation to decide the option to take forward.

The road behind the Co-op had been looked at but costs would be astronomical so not happening this year. Implementation would be subject to budget & other influences. They will carry out an assessment then programme the work subject to the above.

Bus stop locations were discussed & it was agreed that this would be included in the walk round the area. The Clerk will check with Mr Kelleher the situation regarding the previous stop outside the pharmacy.

The Chair of the meeting thanked Mr Kelleher for his attendance and the Clerk was instructed to write a letter of thanks.

4 Police report.

The monthly report had been circulated to Members. The report included;
Damage to a door in Robert Street. No CCTV or witnesses so no further lines of enquiry

Damage to a vehicle in Clydach Terrace under investigation

Youths in school (Buarth-y-Capel) so regular patrols have been increased

Glanffrwd Terrace – youth in garden dealt with by resident.

Robert Street – youths kicking doors =being investigated

Heol pen y park – egg thrown at property reassurance that patrols carried out & visit to be arranged

Report of cannabis plants being burnt.

Llanwonno Road – off road bike seized.

The PCSO again asked that people report any incidents via 101 or swp101@south-wales.police.uk to ensure all incidents are recorded.

5 Enforcement officers report.

The monthly report had been circulated to Members The report included;

Waste issues @ Dan Y Cribyn no suitable evidence found to progress

Fly tipping @ Lanwonno & Jam Pot, bags searched but no evidence found

Abandoned vehicle on Robert Street – removed by owner

Dog fouling – the dog fouling team patrolled the area On 4th, 20th & 26th May, nothing to report. Cleansing will replace broken bins as soon as possible

Enforcement – Fridge on Robert Street – occupant spoken to & said collection had been booked.

If there are any issues please let him know. Issues can be reported to the Clerk as well & if not in Nicks remit he will forward to fellow relevant officers in RCT.

6 To approve minutes of meeting on 5th April.

Proposed minutes accepted by Cllr Haines, seconded by Cllr Banwell. Members voted to approve.

7 Matters arising from meeting on 5th April.

Cllr C Evans raised an issue regarding 13.3 but accepted minutes when the Clerk explained that the requested addition had been made and the existing minutes on the web site would be removed & replaced with minutes containing the addition.

8 Report from the Chair.

8.1 Covered in the item with Mr Kelleher.

9 Clerks report.

9.1 Problems loading articles on web site resolved, some further work being undertaken

9.2 Cleaning PC etc. Now resolved. The main problem was very low download speed, being resolved.

9.3 Appeal reference Quarry. Relevant papers had been circulated & the enquiry had been sent previous objections from the Community Council.

9.4 Npower bill. Discussion took place as Clerk explained that the invoice covered the same period as the previous year (both invoices identical except cost). It was thought that this was part on the costs from Centregate. Clerk to check & report back.

9.5 Orders placed for flowers & watering. 2 brackets missing so unused baskets used to replace baskets that look tiered. New brackets being pursued by the Clerk.

9.6 Approval sought to accept new rent level for the office. The Clerk explained the variance & lack of alternative locations. Proposed by Cllr Haines that new level is agreed, seconded by Cllr P Evans. Members voted to approve.

10 Correspondence received.

10.1 Email from Siliviculture circulated to Members for information.

10.2 Email regarding Local Places for Nature circulated to Members for information.

10.3 Request for financial support from Mr Ross James for a drama club for kids 4 years & older. Cllr Burnell has held conversations with Mr James to assist in progressing the initiative. Cllr P Evans has experience in this area & also offered assistance. Mr James, subject to providing relevant information will be invited to the next meeting to give a presentation on what he is doing & proposed funding support sought.

10.4 Cllr Haines asked for this item to be removed.

11 To consider planning applications.

11.1 The Clerk had brought to the meeting a planning document due to the time scales for any responses. The Council would not be making any response.

12 Accounts

12.1 Expenditure for April circulated to Members prior to meeting. Cllr P Evans asked that details of individual expenses be included in future. Clerk to action.

12.2 There is a need to review Financial Regulations. All Members have been sent a copy of the current document. The Clerk explained that the regulations needed to be amended to reflect the requirements & operation of the Council. After a brief discussion the Clerk was asked to put together a list of proposed changes to make the document more relevant to the Council & put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

13 Grant aid & Wellbeing

No requests were submitted.

14 To consider items brought to the Council by Members.

13.1 Cllr Burnell congratulated all those involved in events over the weekend, particularly those volunteers who assisted in making the weekend so successful. The RBL event was a great success with residents of all ages. Members agreed that it was a good community event that had boosted contact & interaction with the community. There has been positive comment from residents related to events round the town & surrounding area.

13.2 Update on work carried out to secure a covered bus stop at Roberstown Hotel. The email from Tony Richardson, RCT, explained the problems why locating a bus stop here was not a viable location. He did state the ITU (Integrated Traffic Unit) were open to discussion about formalising/part funding a bus stop/shelter at a different location. This will form part of the walk round with Mr Kelleher.

13.3 Up date on Coed-y-Cwm neighbourhood watch by Cllr O'Donovan. Another meeting has been planned, location to be agreed. Cllr O'Donovan will up date after that meeting.

13.4 It was agreed that discussions on Standing Orders would be moved to the next meeting. Prior to that it was agreed that Members would review the document themselves & prepare any comments (can be forwarded to the Clerk) to provide a guide at the meeting.

Defibrillator update, Cllrs Haines & C Evans

The unit that is covered by Cllr Evans is reported OK. Cllr Haines has not had time to check all the units he is responsible for due to work pressures but will be completed. The Clerk explained that we have heard nothing regarding the free unit we applied for & that the unit we placed an order for was not in stock. We remain on the list to purchase one when available. Cllr Haines to review other suppliers to enable us to purchase unit. The Clerk is the second contact to Cllr Haines who pointed out that the Clerk needed to respond to the unit to confirm his position. Clerk to up date & report back.

There were no questions from the public.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be on the 12th July to ensure 3 clear days between issue of the agenda & the meeting. The meeting will be at 6.45pm on Tuesday 12th July at the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.