

DRAFT MINUTES.

Ynysybwl & Coed-y-Cwm Community Council

Minutes of the Council meeting held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 11th January 2022

Meeting held at the Community Centre, Ynysybwl.

The Chair expressed the good wishes of Council Members to Cllr Marianne Jones on her speedy recovery from her recent operation.

1. In attendance & apologies

- 1.1 In attendance; Cllr Burnell, Evans, Haines, Binks, C Jones, O'Donovan & Osbourne.
- 1.2 Apologies; Cllr Ellis, M Jones, Davies, Banwell & Baish.

2. Disclosures of interest.

- 2.1 Cllr Burnell registered an interest in Trerobart school.

3. Police report.

Chair read through the Police Report circulated by the Chair.

- 1 anti-social behaviour reported
- 1 damage to property reported.
- 1 Damage reported, under investigation.
- No drug offences reported this month.

4 To approve minutes of meeting on 7th December 2021

5 Matters arising from minutes of 7th December.

5.1 Bus shelter discussions ongoing.

5.2 Ref 10.1 refuse lorries driving over pavements & parking blocking entrances. The Clerk has spoken to the supervisor in the relevant department who explained that he has previously spoken to drivers but would do so again. Concern was expressed by councillors over what action could be taken as some of the concerns were of a legal nature. It was decided that the Clerk would liaise with residents over the need for more detailed information, photos, videos etc. and possibly residents need to keep a log.

5.3 Ref 10.4 Feedback will be provided by Heledd Fychan at the end of the meeting.

5.4 Ref 12 accounts. The new card & card reader have arrived and outstanding invoices paid. Both accounts can now be accessed on line by the Clerk.

5.5 Covered in item 12.1

5.6 Ref New Defib & cabinet – Cllr Haines gave feedback & everything now arranged.

6. Report from the Chair.

6.1 Queens jubilee in June 2022. Plant a tree initiative. Funding for planting a tree was available but we need people to come forward with more ideas if we wish to do something more than planting a tree. Cllrs Haines, Osbourne and Evans agree. Also gave an explanation of carbon capture.

Cllr Jones stated he would not support any initiative as he doesn't support the royal family.

6.2 Crash barriers, New Road Straight. Chair explained situation that has existed for some considerable time & that RCT had looked at the situation but very difficult & expensive to fix. Cllr Binks was concerned that they need replacing as current situation gave no safety support to an accident, decision should be safety not cost. & we need to talk to RCT about it. Cllr C Jones explained that the fencing is in Pontypridd not Ynysybwl so it was suggested we open a dialogue with them to work together to seek a solution. Clerk to contact Pontypridd Town Council. Up date letter sent to Mayor on 25/01/2022

6.3 Speed Camera up date. Camera should be delivered early February, Chair & Clerk to maintain pressure on RCT to replace current unit. Cllr Haines asked if existing sign could be moved to a new location in Ynysybwl when new batteries were available.

6.4 Chair provided brief update on changing room situation.

7. Clerks report.

7.1, Card & reader working (after considerable frustration, all invoices paid to date & Clerk will ensure no outstanding invoices when he goes on holiday.

7.2 The Clerk had circulated a brief paper suggesting the Council revises the financial reporting. Monthly provide a list of expenditure in that month & check what, if any problems moving to a single bank account would create. The Clerk will produce a motion for the March meeting covering options for banking procedures, changes required to Standing Orders, 2nd person Mandate etc. Cllr C Jones proposed a single bank account, seconded by Cllr Osbourne & members voted to approve. The Clerk will discuss with Lloyds in Pontypridd on his return from holiday to ensure smooth transit.

7.3 Precept tax band – emailed to Councillors on 04/01/22. Currently Ynysybwl & Coed-y-Cwm has the 2nd lowest rate in RCT and 3rd lowest in Wales. Clerk explained the options & possible implications. Standstill rate proposed by Cllr C Jones, seconded by Cllr Haines. Councillors approved new rate.

7.4 Indicative budget for 2022/23. The Clerk had circulated a draft budget for the year 2022/23 to assist Councillors with forming a view on level of Precept. A more detailed budget will be prepared for the March meeting to decide/confirm spend in the 2022/23 financial year.

8. Correspondence received.

8.1 Letter from Wales Council for Deaf People (WCDP) had been circulated & 2 venues had expressed an interest in hosting courses.

8.2 Email from One Voice Wales requesting support for Cricieth who have been short listed for the 2021 Creative Lives Award. Members could vote as individuals.

8.3 Draft Statutory Guidance for Communities & Town Councils. The document was circulated on 21st December & Councillors need to decide how to respond. The consultation closes on Thursday 17th March. Individuals can respond. Contact is LGPartnership@gov.wales

9 To consider.

Relevant planning applications. No relevant ones received but response sent to the appeal regarding the quarry.

10 Accounts.

The problems with on line banking have been resolved and all outstanding invoices have been paid on line. We are now able to access bank statements so a more detailed set of financial information will be provided for the March meeting.

11 Grant Aid (s137) and Well Being.

10.1 A request has been received from Trerobant School for financial support to fund the creation of additional bike rack space and supporting equipment. The total request was for £167.81. They require the support as, due to the pandemic, their ability to secure addition support from their normal routes was blocked.

Approval proposed by Cllr Haines, seconded by Cllr Evans. Members voted to support.

12 To consider items brought to the agenda by Members of the Council

12.1 It was agreed that a Defib up date would be part of future agendas.

12.2 It was agree that the Clerk would write, on behalf of the Council, to all those who have supported the roll out of Defibs by hosting the heated units on their premises.

12.3 Suggested that the Council purchases plates to fit on Defib cabinets detailing whose they are. It was also proposed that the Council purchase a further defibrillator if our bid for one does not succeed together with a heated cabinet. The Council may wish to check if any current defibrillators need heated cabinets.

Proposed Cllr Burnell, seconded Cllr Haines, proposal agreed by members.

Cllr Haines asked if the Council could write to RCT Heart Heroes requesting they stop putting stickers on cabinets. Clerk to investigate.

Presentation by Councillor Jones on his current plans.

Cllr Jones gave a fairly detailed overview of his current plans which include providing a secure parking facility accessible with CCTV etc. He confirmed that there were no plans for a traveller site and that the parking proposal did not include provision for lorries to park or be worked on. One side of the site would be allocated to Western Power

Cllr Jones also gave some details of his proposed bus service (due to start on 4th February) subject to certain items being agreed. He has been given a number of operators licences and the buses will be 27 seaters to cope with some of the narrow and twisty roads in the area. He will employ a number of staff including an experienced customer service manager,

He has arranged a public consultation event at the Conservative Club for mid day on Sunday 9th January.

Members of the public were asked to leave the room as the final item was to be held 'in camera'.

Feedback from Heledd Fychan MS regarding Clydach Terrace

Meeting ended 9.15pm

Next meeting is Tuesday 2nd February at 6.30. Venue is the Community Centre, assuming it is open.

Signed

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