

CYNGOR CYMUNED
YNYSYBWL & COED-Y-CWM COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF YNYSYBWL & COED-Y-CWM COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD AT YNYSYBWL COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2024 @ 18:45PM
CLERK ANNEMARIE BEVAN EDWARDS

PRESENT: Chair Cllr P Evans

Councillors Mrs E Leach, Mr Elliot Wigfall, Mr Barri Williams, Mr Gus Haines,
Mr Robert Davies

1. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Mrs E Leach and Mrs P Evans declared and signed personal interest disclosure as members/volunteers of the Gwyl Festival Group.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C Evans, Cllr A Ellis (due to illness), Cllr C Binks (due to illness), Cllr C Banwell (personal reasons), Cllr C Jones (vacation), Cllr M Jones (due to illness).

3. PUBLIC BREAK

The Ynysybwl Enterprise Programme Ltd (YEP), working group provided a presentation to Ynysybwl & Coed-y-Cwm Community Council regarding an application to the council for funding to support the provision of a festival in August 2024. The presentation included details of attendance statistics, what the group propose to include in the festival and an explanation of financial requirements and constraints. Ms Rachel Bedgood provided a detailed outline of the benefits for the community for providing the festival and pointed out the feedback from last year's festival was excellent. The presenter explained that costings are rising and the group are making every effort to secure funding from many different sources, not just the community council. There was a 60% increase in footfall to the festival last year from previous years and of the 1500 people who attended 40% of these were children (there is no charge for entry for children). An explanation was given as to why the Gwyl Festival is not VAT registered/exempt.

The group requested a £15 000 contribution toward funding the festival from the Ynysybwl & Coed-y-Cwm community council.

In the Q&A that followed the presentation, Cllr B Williams asked if the individuals providing the entertainment would require payment or would they consider providing entertainment for the event for free. It was reported that this was not possible, given the quality of the entertainment, but council were informed that there are quite a few alternative contributors who provide events for free especially for the children e.g. the petting farm.

Cllr P Evans explained that in 2017 the council had agreed that the financial contribution the council provided toward the festival would be reduced each year and that the YRP group/committee would secure alternative funding. However, with the pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis, it was understood that these events had changed the ability for the festival group to do this. The festival did not take place for two years during the pandemic.

Cllr G Haines and P Evans asked about the vendors, advertising options and whether the group could secure sponsorship. Rachel Bedgood explained that some funding is secured from sponsorship but these contributions are not high.

Cllr R Davies asked for clarification on the costings and requested a balance sheet of costings be provided to the council for decision making purposes. Cllr R Davies also asked about the long-term

planning of the festival committee to become self-funding and about grant application processes. Rachel Bedgood explained that she had made 25 grant applications and that 19 had replied to say they do not fund single one-off events. The group are reviewing the structure of the Ynysybwll Enterprise Programme and looking to provide year-round events, hopefully this will secure grants for funding projects which benefit the community.

It was agreed that all costings have increased, especially items such as liability insurance. Work is underway to develop a plan for sustainability of festival and to determine community needs through public engagement efforts.

The Chair of the meeting Cllr P Evans explained that the council would need to discuss this application further, but did explain that the request for £15000 would be difficult to achieve.

Following further discussion by the community council regarding funding for the festival and the time constraints for funding the event – given that it is to take place in six months, Cllr G Haines **PROPOSED** an Extraordinary Meeting be convened.

It was RESOLVED that an Extraordinary Meeting be convened for Tuesday 13th February 2024, at 18:45pm to be held at Ynysybwll Community Centre.

4. POLICE AND ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

Unfortunately, a police report was not submitted to the Clerk to present to council.

A verbal report from the Enforcement Officer highlighted the only issue related to fly tipping in Clydach Terrace. This was removed at the end of January.

5. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD:

Monthly meeting minutes for Tuesday 9th January 2024 were approved and deemed correct.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no matters arising from minutes for Tuesday 9th January 2024.

7. CHAIR PERSON'S REPORT

Cllr P Evans highlighted that the RCT LDP is currently under review, and questioned whether The Lady Windsor Colliery site might be proposed for development. Cllr G Haines and Cllr Elliott Wigfall cited that if this site is to be developed then the infrastructure needs to be in place to support this. Cllr E Leach explained that this is a site of exceptional biodiversity and said that she feels there will be opposition to development on this site because of this. Cllr B Williams questioned the percentage of new housing proposed for public housing. Finally, Cllr P Evans asked if councillors would kindly review the RCT LDP plan when it is available.

Cllr P Evans outlined the points brought up in the last meeting about the closure of Taff Vales surgery. The closure is said not to be a foregone conclusion as yet and a final decision is being made in May 2024. There was some discussion following a question by Cllr B Williams as to whether the building could be repurposed. However, a decision has not been made on the fate of the building.

Cllr P Evans also explained that in their role as councillors, it is expected that councillors only provide information on social media and do not comment on items.

8. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerks confirmed with council that a formal application has been sent to RCT to increase precept. The Clerk informed council that RCT has provided communication about a complaint from the public about the trees which are found on a piece of land in Coed-y-Cwm which is owned by the Community Council (this issue will be expanded in items proposed by councillors).

The Clerk also provided council with follow up on the installation of Microsoft Business and on the Webpage repair work currently being undertaken.

The Clerk drew council attention to a Welsh Government consultation process Martin's Law.

The Clerk also requested financial support to undertake a SLCC qualification for the purpose of undertaking audit. **It was RESOLVED** to support the Clerk in undertaking this qualification which costs £120 + VAT.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Emma Dyer and Kelly Thomas was noted.

It was resolved to provide a £50 charitable donation to Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal

10. TO CONSIDER: Town and Country Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should email RCT planning department with comments on ACOLAIDE

11. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS A. ELLIS AND P. EVANS

Cllr P Evans presented the Borough Councillor report

12. TO ACCEPT PAYMENT FOR ACCOUNTS

12.1

INVOICE PAID	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
1 Sion Nicholls	£3240.00	Community Flowers 09/23
2. D Williams	£ 300.00	Auditor
3. Laser Fire & Ins	£ 396.00	Office rent and ins
4. Clydach Newstream	£ 2400.00	Grant 2024
5. EE	£ 9.82	Office Phone
6. CRV	£ 13.30	Computer ins
7. AMBE BACS	£ 10.00	Paid to Clerk for stamps
8. AMBE BACS	£ 7.35	Paid to Clerk for reg post
9. AMBE BACS	£ 64.71	Paid to Clerk for defib pads
10. YCC Community Centre	£ 30.00	Rental of hall
11. Cllr P Evans	£ 148.32	Paid Microsoft sub
12. AMBE BACS	£ 1172.80	Clerk's salary
13. HMRC	£ 113.66	NI and Tax
INCOME		
1. HMRC	£6768.88	VAT returned
2. Bank Int	£ 59.30	
3. Xmas ticket sales	£ 120.00	

It was resolved to review invoice from Enthusiasm for £453.60 at the extraordinary meeting tabled for 13/02/24 as part of the discussions for funding for the Gwyl Festival. The other invoices to be paid were accepted these included :

£933 to Wales Audit

£350 to Procut Trees

£4,752.00 to Centregreat

13. GRANT AID (137)

There were no grant applications

14. TO CONSIDER ITEMS BROUGHT TO AGENDA BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

14.1 Proposed by Cllr R Davies informed council that he has been investigating what other councils are doing to fund raise for the 2024 Eisteddfod. He explained that funds are being raised through a variety of activities. As an example, Cllr Davies explained that Pontypridd Community Council and other councils have made to pay for awards made to groups or individuals as part of their participation in the Eisteddfod e.g. choirs etc. There was an information sharing Q&A and council members made some suggestions to council about how YCC CC could support fund raising efforts for the Eisteddfod. **It was RESOLVED** that YCC will support the suggestion by Cllr E Wigfall that an award(s) to the total of £1000 will be pledged for awards given to Welsh Learners. The Clerk is to email Eisteddfod organisers to obtain a list of awards which are available to support with pledges. **It was also RESOLVED** that YCC community council members will be invited to events and represent the council. **It was also RESOLVED** to support Cllr E Leach's idea that the council provide a bus service to transport individuals from the community to and from the Eisteddfod and in turn this bus can provided transport for visitors to the area. It was also RESOLVED to organise another fund-raising quiz night, to be held on Tuesday March 5th at Ynysybwl Rugby Club.

14.2 Proposed by Cllr R Davies – clarification on the land owned by YCC CC in Coed-y-Cwm. The Clerk provided communication from RCT confirming which piece of land is owned by YCC CC. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk check the council liability insurance for tree damaged etc.

14.3 Proposed by Cllr B Williams – a discussion took place about the trees which are situated on the small piece of land in Coed-y-Cwm owned by Ynysybwl & Coed-y-Cwm community council. One tree has already been removed because it was deemed unsafe by the tree surgeon. **It was RESOLVED** that the Clerk will secure the services of the tree surgeon to determine the health of the two remaining trees and bring this information back to council. Following on from this discussion Cllr E Wigfall highlighted that some trees in Heol y Mynach and Pleasant View also need to be assessed as branches have broken off. **It was RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact RCT to ask them to assess these trees.

14.4 Proposed by Cllr G Haines – the Clerk be given a key to the Community Centre. **It was RESOLVED** that the Clerk be given a key to the Community Centre. Cllr G Haines also asked that the wording in the agenda for items brought to council by councillors be more thorough. **This point was noted by the Clerk.**

15. DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE

Cllr G Haines fed back that new pads have been secured for one defibrillator – there was nothing else to report.

16. BUDGET

It was RESOLVED to accept the budget with the addition of monies to be spent on the Eisteddfod. It was proposed by Cllr G Haines and seconded by Cllr R Davies that the allocation of Long-Term Project funding be reviewed at the next council meeting and also that an update be presented with regard to the work being undertaken in the community centre.

17. NEXT MEETING

It was RESOLVED that the next Community Council Meeting be on Tuesday March 5th at Ynysybw Community Centre but it was suggested it start at the slightly earlier time of 18:30 in order to allow people to attend the funding raising quiz night.