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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 9TH JANUARY 2024 @ 18:45PM
Clerk Annemarie Bevan Edwards

PRESENT: Chair Cllr A Ellis
Councillors Mrs E Leach, Mrs C Banwell, Mrs P Evans, Mr E Wigfall

1. DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no disclosures of personal interest made.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr G. Haines (work commitments), Cllr R. Davies (illness), Cllr M. Jones (illness) Cllr C Evans (other commitments), Cllr C. Jones (illness), Cllr C Binks (other commitments), Cllr B Williams (annual leave).

3. PUBLIC BREAK

The Editorial Team from Clydach News Stream provided a presentation to YCC Community Council regarding an application they want to make for funding to secure ongoing publication of the Clydach Newstream. The Clydach Newstream is a hard copy, bi-annual publication which focuses totally on current affairs in the local area of Ynysybwl & Coed-y-Cwm. The team explained that the publication is well received, is sent to all corners of the globe for ex residents to read and is currently in held in the Pontypridd Archive and seen in the Senedd.

Cllr E Leach asked about the advertising income and whether options and feedback from advertisers had been sought.

Cllr E Wigfall confirmed that he thought getting stats on revenue achieved by companies advertising in the publication would be helpful. However, the editorial team explained that requests from companies to advertise had greatly diminished – now only two local companies advertising regularly. And also explained that seeking support from companies further afield e.g. Mountain Ash might be difficult as these companies are not based in area served by publication. Cllr Wigfall also asked if the publication had any support from the local CO-OP store. But to date this has not been the case.

Cllr C Banwell asked if it might help income if the team had a subscription/membership facility. Further to this point, Cllr P Evans relayed that she had been contacted by a resident who had said they would make regular financial contributions if a system was in place. But it was felt by the team, that this would be difficult and costly to administer and that the normal donation route is better. The publication provides all contact details in the publication.

Cllr A Ellis thanked the editorial team for the presentation and asked council if there were any questions. At which point the editorial team left the meeting.

It was RESOLVED that YCC Community Council would provide a sum of £2400 for this year's two publications. And the editorial team would be asked to provide a financial and administrative review and update council with this at this time next year, at which point any further support can be determined.

4.0 POLICE AND ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

4.1 No community police officer report was received; **it was RESOLVED** that Cllr Ellis would follow up on this.

4.2 A report was received from Enforcement Officer N Palmer (the day of the meeting) councillors reviewed the report and it was determined that the most concerning current issue in the area is fly tipping.

Cllr C Banwell informed council that a large amount of fly tipping has taken place to the right and bottom of the football pitch, **it was RESOLVED** that the Clerk will contact N Palmer and inform him of this issue.

5. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD:

Monthly meeting on Tuesday 5th December 2023 were approved and correct.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no matters arising from minutes

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

7.1 2022/2023 AUDIT – Cllr Ellis thanked Cllr P Evans for all her hard work putting the audit for 2022/2023 together and council thanked Cllr Evans also. The Audit report is currently with the external auditor and council is waiting for this report.

Cllr C Banwell asked if measures need to be in place to ensure the next audit is produced effectively and in a timely manner. **It was RESOLVED** that a Policy & Resources meeting be convened so that audit processes can be reviewed.

7.2 Christmas dinners for over 65-year-old residents. Cllr Ellis informed council that this event had been very successful and that there has been excellent feedback.

7.3 Taff Vale Surgery Closure – the next meeting is scheduled for 23/01/24 at the Ynysybwll Community Centre and all parties have been invited.

Cllr Ellis highlighted concerns with the questionnaire that this currently being delivered to patients of Taff Vale surgery, particular concerns include the fact that there is only one questionnaire per house hold – not one per patient. And that the questionnaire is addressed to "the head of the household". Council found this terminology to be outdated and not appropriate. **It was RESOLVED** the Clerk email Taff Vale surgery to inform them of the council's concerns.

Cllr Banwell asked if this issue should be taken to news outlets. A discussion took place and Cllr Evans pointed out that the surgery could be used for other services when not used as a GP surgery.

7.4 Microsoft Office Installation – this is underway, a domain IP address has been secured. The RCT Team was meeting with Cllrs Ellis, Evans and A Bevan Edwards next week to progress installation.

8. CLERKS REPORT

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1. Letter from vet in Ammanford - **It was RESOLVED** that Clerk email vet and inform them that the council would allow an advert on our Facebook page.

9.2 Thank you letter from Royal British Legion -noted.

9.3 Thank you letter from Wales Air Ambulance – noted

9.4 Inquiry from Choirs for Good - **It was RESOLVED** that The Clerk email contact from choir and advise them to contact Richard Flowerdew from YRP.

10. TO CONSIDER TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

10.1 REF 23/1438/10 application to convert care home on Mill Road, Ynysybwll – **It was RESOLVED** – there were no objections to this planning application.

11. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

11.1 Cllr Evans – councillors are awaiting further information on the planning application for new homes in Coed-y-Cwm.

11.2 Taff Vale surgery closure had already been discussed.

11.3 There are ongoing discussions between Borough Councillors and RCT road maintenance about the traffic lights and bollards on the road into Ynysybwll as more information is made available, this will be brought to council.

11.4 It is important that the community is informed about the proposed Berw Road closure for resurfacing. **It was RESOLVED** that the council information sharing platforms will be used to disseminate this information.

12. TO ACCEPT ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

12.1 Accounts for payment December 2023

INVOICES PAID	AMOUNT	COMMENTS	
1	One Voice Wales	38.00	Cllr Training – B Williams
2	News-stream ad page	200.00	Advert in publication
3	Kelly Thomas	85.60	Invoice for sundries for Children's Christmas party
4	TR Solutions	120.00	For setting up computer in office
5	Cllr P Evans	10.19	Postage and receipts book
6	Emma Dyer	100.00	Emma pd £100 - Graham for entertainment 11/12



7	AMBE	63.97	Invoice for printer ink
8	Cllr P Evans	100.00	Cllr Evans paid G Hicks - entertainer
9	Christmas Dinners	719.00	Invoice for total payment for catering etc
10	Clerks Salary	937.44	Paid by BACS 29/12/2023
TOTAL		£ 2410.20	

12.2 Amounts to be paid and amounts received
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INVOICES TO BE PAID		AMOUNT	COMMENTS
1	Invoice from auditor	300.00	Payment for work done on audit 2022/2023
2	Postage for AMBE	7.35	Postage incurred for sending VAT documents
TOTAL		£ 307.35	

AMOUNTS RECEIVED		AMOUNT	COMMENTS
1	RCT	1640.00	RCT'S half of joinery work done in community cnt
2	XMAS DINNER MONEY	120.00	Cash deposited by Cllr P Evans
TOTAL		£ 1760.00	

13. GRANT AID (137)

There were no grant applications.

14. To CONSIDER; ITEMS BROUGHT TO THE AGENDA BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

14.1 **Proposed by Cllr R Davies** – as Cllr Davies is absent from council due to illness this item is rescheduled for meeting in February. However, Cllr E Leach informed council that committee members of Vision YRP expressed a wish to collaborate with YCC Community Council for the Eisteddfod. **It was RESOLVED** that Cllr Wigfall would update Cllr Davies on this proposal.

14.2 **Proposed by Cllr E Wigfall** – to discuss:

- Concerns about the Taff Trail and work being undertaken there – an email was received from DeePlant 1 raising concerns about this issue as they feel they always clear up after any work they do. **It was RESOLVED** that Deeplant 1 be contacted for further information by the Clerk
- Concerns are being expressed by residents about the availability of dog waste bags. Cllr Ellis explained that this is an ongoing issue, and that currently the dog waste bags are only available for collection from the Ynysybwll Community Centre. Council discussed this issue and possible alternatives and **It was RESOLVED** that Cllr Leach reach out to RCT and make inquiries about any future developments/plans /improvements for waste disposal collection.
- Cllr Wigfall expressed an interest in facilitating outreach programmes for activities/education etc within the community centre. He said he feels the centre would be used for providing sessions for things like helping local children fill out UCAS forms etc. **It was RESOLVED** that Cllr Wigfall put a proposal together for a programme of public engagement which can be reviewed and considered by council.

15 DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE FROM CLLRS G. HAINES AND R.C. EVANS

No update at this meeting

16. BUDGET

The draft budget for 2024/2025 was reviewed by council. And a thorough discussion took place about what the council can do in the next financial year to ease the continued financial pressures being experienced by residents. The council agreed that appropriate funding would be needed support local residents.

It came to light that there were additional items to be considered, which had only recently been secured e.g., annual cost of Microsoft Business application to RCT and potential cost for developing community centre. **It was RESOLVED** that the draft budget would be amended to take these items into consideration and that it would be presented at the meeting in February.

Council members discussed the issue of pre-cept at length and it was agreed that the previous discussion about the budget and how the council plans to help the local community would require a rise in precept. It was noted that precept has not been increased by Ynysybwl & Coed-y-Cwm council since the beginning of the pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis. It was considered prudent to request an increase now rather than the risk of having to make a more substantial raise in precept in the future. **It was RESOLVED** to request an increase in precept for the financial year 204-2025 by an additional £5.41 per month per resident in council tax bracket Band D. This will be less for residents in lower bands, and equates to a £1.56 increase per month rise for residents in Tax Band D. **It was RESOLVED** to accept the increase in precept.

16. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was RESOLVED that the next meeting of Ynysybwl & Coed-y-Cwm Community Council should be held on Tuesday February 6th 2024 @ 18:45 hours in the Ynysybwl Community Centre.

