

CYNWYL ELFED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on 20.05.2024
at Cynwyl Elfed Community Hall

Present: Councillor: Amy Evans (Chair.), Cllr. Bryan Davies, Cllr. Elfed Davies, Cllr. Julian Evans,
Clerk: Enid Davies

Translator: Hefin Jones

Apologies: Cllr. Elsbeth Page, Cllr. Cai Phillips, Cllr. Delme Phillips, Cllr Robin Bowen and Cllr. Eifion Jones.

Personal Matters: Having learnt that Cllr. Elsbeth Page was unable to attend the meeting due to ill health and being in Hospital, the Council agreed that a card should be sent to her conveying its best wishes for a speedy recovery.

1. Declaration of Personal Interest

Nil

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of 15.04.2024

Minutes of the meeting held on 15.04.2024 were agreed to be a correct copy proposed by Cllr. Julian Evans and seconded by Cllr. Amy Evans.

3. Matters Arising From the Minutes

a. Cynwyl Elfed Community Council Notice Board - The noticeboard has been fixed to the wall of Cynwyl Elfed Community Hall by Cllr. Julian Evans. A key is held by the Council Clerk and also by Cllr. Julian Evans. There are two spare keys held in the Council's locked cupboard.

c. Ger y Duad - Absence of street lights - Response received TJ Evans, County Council Transport department -SRIC (Safe Routes in Communities) application pack received in Welsh and English. Cllr. Amy Evans will liaise with the local schools and organisations in order to commence the application process. Closing date is 19.07.2024.

d. Ramblers Cymru/Cyngor Sir Gâr - Councillors met with Caroline Ferguson and Alex Morgan on 29th April, see notes relating to the meeting following the April meeting. Cllrs. Julian Evans and Elfed Davies expressed an interest to volunteer to survey paths in the Cynwyl Elfed area.

e. Highway matters: see under Highway Matters.

4. Correspondence

Copies of relevant correspondence received is circulated to members via e-mail.

- Bws Bach y Wlad - timetables.-it was suggested that the timetables are posted on the Cynwyl Elfed Facebook page - clerk will find out how to do this.
- One voice Wales - Carmarthen Area Committee Minutes - next meeting 17.07.24 St Peter's Hall, Carmarthen. - *Cllr. B Davies and Cllr. Amy Evans to attend.
- One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Conference 3/7/2024 - Llanelwedd - Cost is £65 per attendee. It was decided that * Cllr. Bryan Davies and one other Cllr. is to attend.
- Sylvia Davies-Morris PCSO - meeting on Teams 31.05.24 at 14:30 - noted.
- Carmarthenshire County Council-Request for data regarding Code of Conduct training. Clerk has responded. Clerk is to arrange for Cllr. Julian Evans attend training. All other members attended training last year.

5. Planning

PL/07686 - Erection of a Nutrient Store - Maeniwan, Trelech, Caerfyrddin SA33 6TD

The above planning application was discussed and the Council decided unanimously to support this application.

PL/07701 - Cattle shed with below ground nutrient storage store to comply with The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution)(Wales) Regulations 2021 - Nantyfen, Cwmdudal, Caerfyrddin SA33 6XB. The above planning application was discussed and the Council decided unanimously to support this application.

6. Payments and Finances

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| • ME Davies, Clerk's salary 04/24 | - | £ 260.08 |
| • ME Davies Clerk's salary 05/24 | - | £ 259.88 |

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- H.M.R.C. DD - 1/4 (4) 2023/24 £ 194.80
- Clay Shaw Butler Payroll £ 540.00

The Council decided to pay the above listed invoices/payments.

- E.D.F. energy - electricity public conveniences Cynwyl Elfed - £ 138.63
DD 23.04.24, Invoice period: 01.04.24-30.04.24

On inspection of the invoice the standing charge has increased from £0.232961 to £3.3345 per day. Clerk has written to EDF energy and is waiting for their response, in the meantime the Direct Debit has been paid.

- Dŵr Cymru/Welsh Water DD. period 24.10.23 - 17.04.24 £271.23
- Zurich Municipal Insurance £635.30
- A credit of £6,132.86 was received on 24th April in respect of the 1st payment of the precept for 2024/2025.

Annual Accounts - Internal Auditor.- Governance & Financial Management.

In the April meeting Council decided to appoint Heather Doody of Bevan Buckland LLP to carry out the annual Internal Audit and this should be completed by the June meeting.

7.Highway Matters:

see Highway matters reported 25.03.24 and 15.04.24:

e-mail received from Highways Department dated 15.04.24, informing the Council that there is a new Highways Inspector covering this area and asking us to bear with them whilst they work through the issues reported.

Highway Matters Reported 15.04.2024

- A484-Esgair -Cynwyl Elfed- 50/30 mph sign has flipped-wrong way round - showing 50 mph where it should be 30 mph - *this has been corrected.*
- All roads within the Parish of Cynwyl Elfed - Cleaner required on all roads-*road sweeper has been through some roads in the area but there is an issue with scree and loose stones in some areas running on to the road being an ongoing problem.*

Highway matters reported 20.05.2024

The Council decided that the County Council had ample time to carry out some of the repair work by now and clerk is to contact Samuel Kurtz MS for his support in getting the County Council to do the work of improving road conditions and also take measures to improve road safety in the Community of Cynwyl Elfed.

- Blue Bell - Cynwyl Elfed Church - reported 25.3.24 not repaired. This is now urgent.
- Bryn Eryl-Vicerage Road- last reported 15.04.24 This is now urgent.
- Esgair - Bend at Ffynnon Henry - very deep hole in the road.
- Just after Golan/FronHyder - New tarmac on left hand side as you travel up towards is breaking up.

Footpaths

- Footpath towards Beili - Large heavy trees fallen accross footpath.

8. Reports from Sub-Committees - Cynwyl Elfed Public Conveniences Committee.

- **Public Conveniences:** - meeting of the sub-committee held on 14.05.2024- see notes of the meeting. Update following the meeting:(1) clerk has spoken to Carmarthenshire County Council-, Chris Evans will not be dealing with public conveniences any more, his post will be covered by Chris.Pugh and Barry O'Halloran . The cleaning operatives work from Monday to Friday. They do not clean the public conveniences at weekends. The cleaning operatives include staff moved from other departments following changes within the County council. It was noted that Cllr. Robin Bowen is no longer able to provide cover for the public conveniences at weekends.
- The doors to the Stores are to be repaired as a matter of urgency and this has been confirmed by the County Council.
- Electricity bill changes - clerk has written to EDF energy and is waiting to hear from them.
- Key Holders - clerk keeps a record. When keys change hands the new key-holder must acknowledge receipt by e-mail to the person who handed them over, plus a copy of the receipt to be sent to the clerk.

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- Damage following Graffiti and Fire Service incident - Clerk has contacted Insurers and they need 3 estimates/quotes. The Council decided that because of the nature of the repairs required that Clerk is to contact the following building contractors for quotes: 1) Richard Holmes 2) Jones & Maher 3) S I Evans 4) T R Jones. Clerk asked members for a specification of the work required, councillors were in agreement that the contractors being the experts would draw up a specification of what needs to be done to put matters right. Clerk is to contact members of the sub-committee to be present when the contractors come out to survey the work required.

9. Any Other Matters

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10. Date and Time of next Meeting.

Monday **17 June 2024**

19:30 hours.

Meeting concluded at 21.45 hours.

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Chair.

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Date.

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