

CYNWYL ELFED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on 17.06.2024
at Cynwyl Elfed Community Hall

Present: Councillor: Amy Evans (Chair.), Cllr. Delme Phillips, Cllr. Cai Phillips, Cllr. Elfed Davies, Cllr. Bryan Davies, Cllr. Julian Evans and Cllr. Robin Bowen.

Clerk: Enid Davies

Translator: Hefin Jones

Apologies: Cllr. Elsbeth Page.

11. Declaration of Personal Interest

Cllr. Elfed Davies and Cllr. Bryan Davies made a declaration of personal interest in respect of planning application PL/07790.

12. Confirmation of the Minutes of 20.05.2024

Minutes of the meeting held on 20.05.2024 were agreed to be a correct copy proposed by Cllr. Bryan Davies and seconded by Cllr. Amy Evans.

13. Matters Arising From the Minutes

a. Ger y Duad - Absence of street lights -SRIC (Safe Routes in Communities) Application Pack. Cllr. Amy Evans and Cllr Robin Bowen are working on the project. Closing date is 19.07.2024.

b. Highway matters: see under Highway Matters.

14. Correspondence

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

- One voice Wales - Carmarthen Area Committee Minutes - next meeting 17.07.24 St Peter's Hall, Carmarthen. - Cllrs. Amy Evans and Bryan Davies will attend.
- One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Conference 3/7/2024 - Llanelwedd - Cost is £65 per attendee. It was decided that * *Cllr. Bryan Davies will attend.*
- Sylvia Davies-Morris PCSO - meeting on Teams 28.06.24 at 14:00 - Cllrs. Robin Bowen and Bryan Davies will join the meeting.

15. Planning

PL/07790 - Construction of larger detached garage to rear of existing dwelling - Meillion, Hermon, Caerfyrddin SA33 6SR. Cllrs Elfed Davies and Bryan Davies left the room whilst this matter was discussed. The Council decided to support planning application PL/07790.

PL/07802 - proposed remodelling of existing dwelling including internal and external alterations and enlargement of roof, side and rear extension - Capel Priory, SA33 6EP.

The Council decided to support planning application PL/07802. It was noted however from various documents that there had been a change of name of the property. The Council believes that it is important to keep the original Welsh names of properties in order to retain the cultural identity as well as heritage and history through the use of names which reflect the unique aspects of the locality; this was made known to the Planning Department.

PL/07882 - Reconstruction of an existing stone barn - Cilarddu, Cwmdud SA33 6AS

The Council decided to support planning application PL/07882.

16. Payments and Finances

(a). Payments and Accounts.

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| • ME Davies, Clerk's salary 06/24 | - | £259.88 |
| • Hefin Jones Translation Service (April, May, June 2024) | - | £255.00 |

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

- E.D.F. energy - electricity public conveniences Cynwyl Elfed - £ 138.63

DD 21.06.24, Invoice period: 01.05.24-31.05.24.

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.

(b) Annual Accounts - Internal Auditor.- Governance & Financial Management.

- The Internal Audit Report has been received and the Accounting Statements and Annual Governance Statements for the year ending 31.03.2024 were approved by the Council and signed by Cllr. Amy Evans (Chair.).

- **(c) Accounts** Cllr.Delme Phillips carried out a review of the receipts and payments and signed the balance sheet to confirm that this has been done.

17.Highway Matters:

Highway Matters Reported 20.05.2024

Clerk has written to S.Kurts M.S. regarding the poor state of the roads as instructed by the Council and is waiting for his response. The Council instructed the Clerk to send copies to Cefin Campbell and other members of the senedd as appropriate.

- a) Blue Bell - Cynwyl Elfed Church - reported 25.3.24 quickly repaired, not compacted and filling becoming loose.
- b) Bryn Eryl-Vicerage Road- last reported 15.04.24 This is urgent - no changes to date.
- c) Esgair - Bend at Ffynnon Henry - very deep hole in the road.
- d) Just after Golan/FronHyder - New tarmac on left hand side as you travel up towards is breaking up.
- e) Yellow Double Lines - notice has been put up on the bend near the Blue Bell. This is part of the ongoing measures to improve road safety on the road through Cynwyl Elfed.

Footpaths

- a) Footpath towards Beili - Large heavy trees fallen accross footpath - tree is still blocking the footpath.

HIGHWAY MATTERS REPORTED 17.06.2024

- a) Multiple Potholes - near Greenvilla SA33 6EY
- b) Cats Eyes are required on the B4333 between Maudsland Junction and Black Lion.

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

Public Conveniences: -

- The doors to the Stores have been repaired.
- Electricity bill changes - A complaint has been lodged with EDF Energy and is in progress. In the meantime Clerk to enquire with other Electricity Providers for quotes.
- Damage following Graffiti and Fire Service incident - Clerk has contacted Insurers and they need 3 estimates/quotes. The Clerk has contacted the following building contractors for quotes: 1) Richard Holmes 2) Jones & Maher 3) S I Evans 4) T R Jones. TI Evans has responded although Insurance Cover is £5m. Clerc has contacted OVW for advice and Alun Harries e-mail confirms that £5m is sufficient. Cllrs. Robin Bowen and Elfed Davies will meet TI Evans on 18/6/24 at 2 p.m.
- Message received from Carmarthenshire County Council that the lock to the Ladies is not working as well as a problem with the lock to the Baby Changing Room which was reported during the previous week. Cllr Julian Evans attended to the lock to the Chaning Room.

19. Any Other Matters

- Training - All members have attended Code of Conduct training during 2023.
- Information of courses circulated. Councillors encouraged to participate.
- Cllr. Bryan Davies reported on the May Teams meeting with S. Davies-Morris PCSO - he expressed his dismay that the meeting revolved around issues within Carmarthen Town and very little attention was given to rural policing.
- Cllr. Cai Phillips-had carried out a study of how to encourage young people to become interested and involved in the business of the Community Council and gave the Council a report of his general findings, identifying possible barriers preventing young people taking part and setting out his recommendations to the Council on how to engage with young people in the community and getting young people involved in the work of the Council. The Council took the report on board and resolved to implement some of the recommendations over the coming year.

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- Capel Ffynnon-Henry/Ffynnonhenri Chapel,- Cllr. Elfed Davies informed the meeting that he had received news that the chapel had been broken into and that some acts of vandalism had taken place. He said that the matter had been reported to the police but was told that not much action had been taken. The Clerk was instructed to write to the local police force in order to express the need to take this matter seriously and investigate it. The Clerk is to contact The Secretary of the Chapel first.
- Cllr. Bryan Davies informed the meeting that he has resigned from the post on the Governing Body of Cynwyl Elfed and Llanpumsaint Schools. Cllr. Davies has already informed the County Council. This leaves a vacancy for a representative of the Community Council on the Governing Body of the Federation of Cynwyl Elfed and Llanpumsaint Schools. The matter of filling the vacancy will be put on the Agenda for discussion at the July meeting.
- The Park Committee - Members who are on the Park Committee informed the meeting that there is a Community Day arranged for 23/06/24 at 12:00 hrs - A chance for the Community to come together to help clean and tidy the park, followed by a community barbecue.

20. Date and Time of next Meeting.

Monday **15 July 2024**

19:30 hours.

Meeting concluded at 21.30 hours.

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Chair.

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