

CYNWYL ELFED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on 16.09.2024
at Cynwyl Elfed Community Hall

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

Clerk: Enid Davies

Translator: Hefin Jones

Councillor Amy Evans (Chair.) paid tribute to a long-standing and well-respected councillor, Elsbeth Page, who died suddenly on Friday 30th August 2024 and extended the Council's deepest sympathy to Mr. Eifion Page, Sioned, Gethin and their families. Members of the Council observed a minute silence in memory of their late colleague and friend, Elsbeth Page.

31. Declaration of Personal Interest

Nil.

32. Confirmation of the Minutes of 22.07.2024

Minutes of the meeting held on 22.07.2024 were agreed to be a correct copy proposed by Cllr. Robin Bowen and seconded by Cllr. Bryan Davies.

33. Matters Arising From the Minutes

a. Highway matters: see under Highway Matters.

b. Public Conveniences - see under reports from sub-committees.

34. Correspondence

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

- One Voice Wales National Conference 16th October : it was decided that Cllr. Bryan Davies to represent the Council at this event, cost £85 per delegate.
- Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner Engagement Event 18.09.24 Police HQ Carmarthen - reminder given for anyone who wishes to attend.

35. Planning

Letter -PL/08107 - Erection of shed over existing cattle yard - Lan.

PL/08130 - Erection of a rural enterprise dwelling - Penffynnon

PL/08119 - Replacement Agricultural Storage Building - Capel Priory

The Council approved the decisions made to support the above mentioned planning application. It was pointed out during the planning consultation period that there was a discrepancy noticed in the name of the property mentioned on various documents to application PL/08119 Capel Priory. This had been pointed out in the Council's response to the County Council who were informed that the Council did not support the changing from the original Welsh name of properties. A discussion was had and it was decided that the Council write formally to Carmarthenshire County Council and the Welsh Government regarding the need to have legislation in place to preserve the original Welsh names of properties and to address the problem of changing of the names of properties without proper consultation. The Council believes that it is important to keep the original Welsh names of properties to retain the area's cultural identity, as well as heritage and history through the use of names which reflect these unique aspects of the locality.

36. Payments and Finances

(a) Payments and Accounts.

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| • ME Davies, Clerk's salary 07/24 | - | £309.90 |
| • ME Davies Clerk's salary 08/24 | - | £310.10 |
| • H.M.R.C. DD. 25/7/24 PAYE May 2024-July 2024 | | £194.80 |
| • E.D.F. energy - electricity public conveniences Cynwyl Elfed - Continuous - fixed contract for 2 years from 12/09/24 0.24.1pence per kw and Standing charge 60p daily. Once this is in place a refund will be due in adjustment from 1st April. | | |
| • ME Davies Zoll Electrodes x3 @£45 | | £162.00 |
| • ME Davies Ipad SP1 Defibrillator Battery | | £246.00 |
| • Archwilio Cymru Audit Fees (2022/2023) | | £265.00 |
| • W3WebDesigns Ltd | | £169.00 |
| • Sioe CFFI Cynwyl Elfed Show (Table Hire) | | £ 20.00 |
| • SI Evans & Son (Work carried out to Public Conveniences) | | £510.00 |
| • One Voice Wales - National Conference cost of delegate | | £ 85.00 |
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The Council approved the above payments.

- Credit received 16/08/2024 2nd instalment Precept £6132.86

REVIEW - RECONCILIATION OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

- **(c) Accounts** - Clerk apologised for not preparing the accounts and this will be done by next month's meeting without fail.

37.Highway Matters:

Highway Matters arising from 22.07.2024

a) Cats Eyes are required on the B4333 between Maudsland Junction and Black Lion- County Cllr Bryan Davies reported that this is on the schedule of work to be carried out.

b) Cllr. Bryan Davies reported that the matter of Road Safety signs for the junction at Penrhiwcyfnry was moving a lot slower and that he would follow this up.

The Council acknowledged that a lot of road works had been carried out over the last couple of months in the area.

HIGHWAY MATTERS REPORTED 16.09.2024

a) C1313-Vicerage Road - The large overgrowth is continuing to be a hazard for roadusers, to be reported again with up to date photograph to be sent as evidence.

b) A484 part of road near the quarry/Rock&Fountain - cracks in the road-County Cllr. Bryan Davies reported that road engineers are monitoring the site.

c) Trees alongside the A484 opposite the Play Area - marked as Ash Dieback - have not been cut down and branches are reported to be falling on to the road and on to cars and are a hazard.

d) A484 Esgair Bus Bay: Ash Dieback trees marked - Fallen Branches need to be cleared.

e) A484 Cwmdwad - side of the road opposite Bungalows at SA33 6XJ - Tree marked as Ash Dieback for several years has not been cut, is a hazard and also is occluding the lamp.

f) Pothole near Wauncordiwns - has not been repaired yet.

g) The Council requests that Carmarthenshire County Council makes arrangements to cut back growth near all junctions early in the year to improve visibility on these junctions.

h) Subsidence on the hill which approaches Nantygelli on the left hand side as you go up the hill- the road has collapsed into the gutter. The surface of the road has also eroded leaving gravel and this is slippery.

i) B4299 - Cats eyes required on the road between Bryn Moriah and Maudsland.

j) SA33 6EY - SA33 6EX Potholes between Pantywaun and Craigfryn.

k) Road to the Gangell is in a very poor condition.

l) B4333 - Pothole near entrance to Maes Gochen - has been filled but the contents has come out again leaving the pothole in the road.

m) A Question which has been asked before but not responded to by the County Council : Why does the County Council use the method Tar, Spray and Chip on road surfaces now?

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

• **Public Conveniences:** -

- Cleaning - response from Shannen Rees (Carmarthenshire County Council) on 16/9/24. Cleaning operatives to stop on 27th September. The Lease stipulates that one month's notice is to be given and Clerk instructed to write pointing requesting cleaning cover for one month from the date of the notice.

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- It was decided to form a Staffing Committee - Cllr Amy Evans Chair., Cllr. Elfed Davies, Cllr. Julian Evans appointed to the staffing committee. Members of the staffing committee will be reviewed at the next Annual Meeting.
- An appeals committee to be made up of the Vice-Chairman and at least two other members.
- A proposal was made to obtain quotes from cleaning contractors, another proposal made to employ a cleaner locally. The Council decided to employ a cleaner locally.
- 1) Clerk instructed to check that the public liability insurance and employers liability insurance in place is sufficient.
- 2) Clerk instructed to work out a budget in respect of the Public Conveniences.
- 3) Clerk to find out whether there is alternative funding available to finance the upkeep of the public conveniences.
- 4) As soon as all the information is to hand a meeting of the Staffing Committee is to be held.
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39. Any Other Matters

- Cynwyl Elfed Show - Cllrs. Delme Phillips and Cai Phillips represented the Council at the show. There had been quite a bit of interest and Cllr. Delme Phillips gave a report of matters which had been brought to their attention on the day.
- Councillor Cai Phillips - Cllr. Cai Phillips resigned from the Council as he will be leaving Wales, to go to live and study in Germany for the next year. Cllr. Phillips thanked the members for their encouragement and support during his time with Cynwyl Elfed Community Council. Cllr. Amy Evans (Chair.) on behalf of the Council expressed gratitude to Cai for his enthusiasm and contribution during his time as a Council member and wished him well in the next chapter of his life and studies.
- Co-option of new councillors to fill existing vacancies - Clerk has been in touch with O.V.W. and has received confirmation that there is nothing legally wrong in the proportion of councillors co-opted into a small council that does not have General Power of Competence during the time between elections. The Council decided that the Clerk starts the process of advertising the Councillor Vacancies.

40. Date and Time of next Meeting.

Monday **21 October 2024**

19:30 hours.

Meeting concluded at 21.30 hours.

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Chair.

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Date.