

CYNWYL ELFED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on 18.11.2024

at Cynwyl Elfed Community Hall

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

Clerk: Enid Davies

Translator: Hefin Jones

Apologies received from: Cllr. Bryan Davies and Cllr. Julian Evans

51. Declaration of Personal Interest

Nil.

52. Confirmation of the Minutes of 21.10.2024

Minutes of the meeting held on 21.10.2024 were agreed to be a correct copy proposed by Cllr. Robin Bowen and seconded by Cllr. Delme Phillips.

53. Matters Arising From the Minutes

a. Highway matters: see under Highway Matters.

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

c. Cllr. Robin Bowen had raised concerns at last meeting regarding ambulance waiting times - Clerk will find out how/where the Council can raise concerns.

d. Well at the bottom of the drive to the Vicerage - Clerk to make enquiries regarding who is responsible for this well.

54. Correspondence

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

55. Planning

PL/08420 Residential Dwelling - land adjacent to Bryn Tawel, Hermon, Caerfyrddin, SA33 6SR

The Council decided to support planning application PL/08420 on the premise that there a satisfactory explanation is received for two matters of concern raised 1) Name on application Rhiannon Jones. but name of applicant on the Planning Statement section 9. Rebecca Jones .

2) Consultation Response, Head of Environmental Section, Carms.C.C. - Section 3. : The Council believe that the 6 metres quoted is too high.

56. Payments and Finances

(a) Payments and Accounts.

- ME Davies, Clerk's salary 10/24 - £310.10
- EDF Direct Debit form has now been set up for future payments -September and October Invoices for £17.27 & £43.65 , ME Davies to be re-imbursed the total paid by card in the interim - £60.92
- EDF Energy bill for the period from 5 July to 18 Sept. 2024 to be paid £440.56
- E-mail from EDF Energy confirming refund in pipeline £750.22 (inc. VAT 5%). Once received the dispute with EDF regarding previous bills will be resolved.
- One Voice Wales - Training £160.00 / amount to be queried. possibly reduce to £60.
- Carmarthenshire County Council Christmas Toy Appeal - The Council decided to give £50 this year.
- Hefin Jones, Interpreter: Sept/Oct/Nov.2024 - £255.00
- ME Davies - purchase of Closed for Cleaning safety sign for Public Conveniences £23.99.

The Council decided to agree to the above payments being made.

REVIEW - RECONCILIATION OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Councillor Amy Evans checked the receipts and payment to 31 October 2024 and signed in order to confirm that this had been done and that the accounts appeared to be correct.

57. Highway Matters:

Highway Matters arising from 21.10.2024

a) Cats Eyes are required on the B4333 between Maudsland Junction and Black Lion-
"Traffic Management Team to conduct a Risk Assessment".

b) Clerk reported that Cllr. Bryan Davies had informed her that he will follow up the matter of Road Safety signs for the junction at Penrhiwcrynfryn with the Road Safety Manager.

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Report sent 21.10.24 - awaiting response.

a) C1313-Vicerage Road - The Council is not satisfied with the response of the County Council that the overgrowth and slippery surface is not a defect. The Council decided to press for action to be taken on this section of road.

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

c) B4299 - Cats eyes required on the road between Bryn Moriah to Maudsland..and on to the B4333 from the junction to Black Lion is a long standing matter which requires action.

d) A484. SA33 6TL - Cynwyl Elfed, opposite Greenpark , Overgrown branches covering the lamppost occluding street light.

e) B4333 -SA33 6SP : between Gilfach y Gwnda and Ty Parc , there is a very narrow section of road - no warning signs on either approach to this section of road.

The Council decided to request that Clear Warning signs are put in place and request a site visit.

HIGHWAY MATTERS REPORTED 18.11.2024

The Council resolved to thank the County Council in respect of all of the works carried out in the area recently.

a) Rhiw Pannau - Cement has fallen on to the road , leaves on the road also need cleaning, and the road is colapsing into the gutter - SITE MEETING to be requested.

b) Tree haning accross the road on C1313 just below The Vicerage SA33 6TH.

c) C2043 - opposite DanAllt y Gôg SA33 6TP - Tree leaning over the road and is being propped up by a tree on the opposite side.

d) Cwmdiad Bridge - A484 - Road surface has broken up.

e) Layby Llethr Moel hill - needs cleaning.

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

• Public Conveniences: -

- No response received to the advert for Cleaning Operative. Clerk has amended the advert and re-circulated.
- The hours of work is to be 5 hours per week. Salary £11.50 per hour.
- In the meantime: it was decided not to close the toilets but for Councillors to volunteer to clean when necessary and to check the toilets daily to ensure that the conveniences are clean and that all is in order.
- A list of contact numbers has been placed inside each room of the public conveniences.
- Report given regarding Shannen Rees, Emily Hughes and Jackie Edwards (Carmarthenshire County Council) met with Cllr. Elfed Davies and Clerk Enid Davies at Cynwyl Elfed Hall and also on site, on 5th November. It was decided that: (1)The cleaning of the external area of the block, including fascia boards, and pressure washing of wall and path leading to the area is to be carried out by Carmarthenshire County Council. (2)Shelves are to be placed in the back storeroom for consumables. (3) leaking pipe in front store to be fixed by Carmarthen C.C.
- Once a new cleaning operative employed Carmarthenshire County Council will provide the induction training and if clerk has any queries regarding employment matters to contact Shannen Rees.

59. Any Other Matters

- Training: Councillors Delme Phillips, Julian Evans, Elfed Davies and Council clerk Enid Davies attended the remote training - Module 3 Council as Employer on 6 November. Cllr. Robin Bowen had been unable to connect with the training on the night. An amended invoice has been requested in respect of the cost of training.
- Defibrillator - Cwmdiad - Cllr. Eifion Jones reported that the defibrillator in Cwmdiad was recently used in an emergency. The current defibrillator was purchased many years ago by local people in Cwmdiad and the Guardian is Sue Jones of Yr Afon Duad where it is situated on the front wall of the guest house. Cllr. Jones reported that the gentleman in the emergency had sadly passed away but his family wanted to raise money towards a more up to date defibrillator and cabinet for the village. The cost of a new defibrillator and cabinet is

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approximately £1500. The clerk will make enquiries to find out whether it is possible to obtain a grant towards the cost of a replacement defibrillator.

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60. Date and Time of next Meeting.

Monday **16 December 2024** (short meeting)

19:30 hours.

Meeting concluded at 21.10 hours.

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Chair.

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Date.

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