

CYNWYL ELFED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on 20.01.2025

at Cynwyl Elfed Community Hall

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

Clerk: Enid Davies

Translator:

Apologies received from: Cllr. Julian Evans

71.Declaration of Personal Interest

Nil.

72.Confirmation of the Minutes of 16.12.2024

Minutes of the meeting held on 16.12.2024 were agreed to be a correct copy proposed by Cllr. Amy Evans and seconded by Cllr. Elfed Davies.

73.Matters Arising From the Minutes

a. Highway matters: see under Highway Matters.

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

c. Ambulance Waiting Times - Cllr. Robin Bowen had raised concerns at last meeting regarding ambulance waiting times - Clerk received a response from Llais West Wales Advocacy Group who will take the matter further to highlight the issues.

d. Well at the bottom of the drive to the Vicerage - Clerk is waiting for a response from NRW.

e. The advert for co-option of a local councillor - Cllr. Phillips mentioned that interest has been shown by a person from the Blaenycod area. A member is required to represent the area of Bryn Iwan. In total there are three vacancies advertised.

f. Defibrillator Cwmdud - Cllr. Eifion Jones informed the meeting that a replacement box has been obtained by the Guardians of the defibrillator at Cwmdud and that the proprietors of the Afon Duad have given their consent for a replacement defibrillator to be housed there.

g. Dŵr Cymru - The clerk contacted Dŵr Cymru for location of the water meter to the PC, which is located behind the wooden fence to the right of the PC between 2nd & 3rd posts. Meter No. is S02AU154617.

74.Correspondence

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

- Consultation on Reforms to the Compulsory Purchase Process and Compensation Rules -noted.
- Valuation Tribunal for Wales Tribunal Members - noted.
- PCSO Sylvia Davies Morris- 1/4 meeting 26.03.25 2:30-3:00 p.m. -noted.
- Community & Town Council Liaison Forum: 22.01.25 Setting the Budget -noted.
- Asbestos Awareness Training - noted.
- Carms.Right of Way Team & Ramblers Cymru - attached expression of Interest forms will be completed by any councillors interested in volunteering.
- Evidence Based Policing Conference 2025 - 4.3.2025 9.30-4:00 p.m. Noted.
- O.V.W. Carmarthen Area Committee 22.01.25 6:30 p.m. Zoom. Agenda + Min. Cllr. Amy Evans will attend.
- Area Committee Survey - Clerc and Cllr. BD will complete the on-line form.

75.Planning

PL/08759-proposed conversion and change from barns into 1 residential dwelling - Maespwll, Cynwyl Elfed, Caerfyrddin SA33 6SU. The Council decided to support the planning application.

76.Payments and Finances

(a) Payments and Account

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- EDF energy Direct Debit -01.12.24-31.12.24 £ 47.91
 - P.W.L.B. DD 20.01.25 £322.50
 - The Council decided to agree to the above payments being made.
- Payments received
- Precept - 3rd instalment received on 18.12.24 £6,132.86.

Budget and setting the precept for 2025/2026

Councillors scrutinised the Council's projected spending and budget for 2025/2026 prepared by the clerk. The provision allowed for the running and upkeep of the public conveniences was found to be too low. This raised the overall amount of precept required to a minimum of £21,885 for the year 2025/2026. The services provided by the Community Council include the provision of street lights and public conveniences. The Community Council also pays for consumables when they become out of date of the defibrillators in the area. Cllr. DP proposed an increase of 20% for the year 2025/2026, to £22,077.60, an increase of £3679.60 on the previous year's precept. The Council was unanimous in seconding this decision.

REVIEW - RECONCILIATION OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

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

77.Highway Matters:

Highway Matters reported on: 20.01.2024

Re: C1313 - It was reported that workmen from Carmarthenshire County Council attended to the work of clearing rubbish and sticks which were blocking the pavement and cleaning part of the C1313 following several requests by the Community Council, whilst doing so they were approached by a local resident, the situation necessitated them to contact their supervisor who had to attend before the workers were able to proceed to do the work allocated. It was decided that in future it is important that two councillors are present if work is to be carried out to this part of the road and also if necessary the local police officer should be notified as well. It was decided to thank Carmarthenshire County Council for the work done.

a) Cwm Hagar - Cracks in the road have become wider and there is a dip in the road.

There is also a matter of several trees which need to be made safe - It was decided that Cllr. Amy Evans is to speak to the landowners regarding the trees,

b) The County Council no longer grit all B roads - it was reported that careworkers were unable to reach people in Blaenycloed during frosty weather - once this had been reported part of the road was gritted - the lorry did not grit the B road between Bryn Iwan and Blaenycloed.

c) A484 through Cwmdud - the road surface is very rough.

d) At top of Cwmdud, A484 side of the road opposite Gerallt - the side of the road has run and there is a drop of 50/60 feet - there is no effective barrier between the road and the drop.

e) Cwmdud - A484 - It was reported that there are two drains- when leaves are cleared they are left on the side, during next rainfall the leaves run down into the next drain, blocking it.

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

- **Public Conveniences:** -
- Cllr. Elfed Davies said that he had called in to check the PC from time to time and found it to be kept clean.
- Cllr. Robin Bowen will call in to check that the lock to the door of the baby changing room is in working order and will open the unit for use. The flush has been checked on a regular basis and there has been no further problems with this.

79. Any Other Matters

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80. Date and Time of next Meeting.

Monday **17 February 2025**

19:30 hours.

Meeting concluded at 21.25 hours.

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Chair.

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Date.

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