

# Cyngor Cymuned Llangynfelyn Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 08<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**2023/24. Present:** Councillor M James (in the chair), D James, B Davies, Haynes, Raffan, Halestrap, Evans Pargeter, C Davies, & Stacey (Teams). Members of the public present (Teams) Sarah Jenkinson and Angela Edonya. The clerk was in attendance.

**73. Apologies.** None.

**74. Absent.** None.

**75. Minutes of the previous meeting.** The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 were accepted and signed. Proposed Councillor Evans. Seconded Councillor B Davies.

**76. Declaration of interest.**

Councillor Raffan – 77.ii.

Councillor Haynes, Halestrap, & Raffan – 77.vii.

**77. Matters arising.**

*i. Condition of road surfaces within parish.* The clerk reported that a reply was received from Ceredigion County Council (CCC) on 11/12/2023 re: the potholes on Chapel Street (Clic ref. 579606), - *We can confirm that an inspection has been carried out and an order for the maintenance has been lifted. This work will be carried out on a priority basis as resources become available. As you will appreciate, resource space is currently limited and therefore this may not happen immediately. We will continue to monitor the situation during our regular security checks. However, if you notice that the situation is getting much worse, please be so kind as to contact us again.*

The clerk reported the surface of the council road C1094, from Taliesin by Temperance House, to the B4353 has been reported via Clic 28/11/2023 ref. 586371 - still no response received to date.

The clerk reported the surface of the pavement through Taliesin has been reported to North and Mid-Wales Trunk Road Agency (NMWTRA). Awaiting reply.

Councillor Evans queried the 'Temporary Road Closure 11/01/2024 – 15/01/2024' signs from A487 to Fuches Goch. Clerk reported email received from Gareth Owen, CCC, 05/01/2024 confirming that access will be available for the public on foot as well as residents in vehicles.

Councillor M James noted that BTopenreach will be placing traffic lights at the south end of Taliesin village on 09/01/2024 to carry out maintenance work at their cabinets.

**Action Point:** a). Clerk to chase NMWTRA re: pavement.  
b). Clerk to chase CCC re: C1094 surface.

*ii. Water on A487 by Bus Stop*

The council discussed the recent flooding of the A487 in Taliesin on 19/12/2023 and 03/01/2024. Councillor C Davies reported that she has spoken with Spencer Lloyd and George Lloyd of NMWTRA, both of whom attended site on 19/12/2023, to arrange a site meeting with NMWTRA and CCC in the very near future. Councillor C Davies will report back.

Council noted that the flooding appeared to be coming from the 'pistyll' on footpath 3/9.

The clerk noted photos and video captured on Saturday 06/01/2024.

iii. *Bus stop Taliesin*. Councillor C Davies reported that Spencer Lloyd, NMWTRA confirmed that he will be the person who decides if/where the bus flag will be repositioned to. Councillor M James noted that she was led to understand that a bus stop may be included if the location is moved from its current position.

**Action Point:** a). Councillor C Davies to report back.

iv. *Clerk's wages*. Councillor M James confirmed that, following investigation, council consider the current pay band and point appropriate for current responsibilities and qualification. Council will re-assess if CiLCA training is completed. Appendix 1.

v. *Budget*. Council considered the budget as presented. Following discussion, Councillor Haynes proposed to increase the Precept to the pre-Covid figure of £8250-00. Councillor Evans seconded. Vote unanimous. Council accepted other items listed on Budget as prepared.

vi. *Precept Arrangements 2024/2025*. Clerk to submit as per confirmed Budget - £8250-00.

vii. *Council position Proposed footpath 3/33*. The clerk reported that Council considered and voted on their position with this matter at meeting dated 08/03/2021 – 4) *Matters arising from the minutes - h) Letter from Sian a Rob about Coed Erglodd a Coed Tafarn Fach – after a discussion we decided to say that we couldn't agree to support this at the minute. Better for residents of the area to put their own views in on the plan.*

The clerk noted that CCC had confirmed they would accept confirmation of position from Llangynfelyn Community Council following tonight's meeting.

The clerk supplied council with document Modification Order Footpath 3/33. Appendix 2.

Following discussion, Councillor D James proposed motion "Those in favour of Council remaining neutral with regard to the Modification Order footpath 3/33". Councillor Evans seconded the motion. Councillors in favour x5. Councillors against x1. Councillors excluded x3.

Member of public, Angela Edonya, requested council note personal disappointment that motion to remain neutral on this matter carried.

**Action point:** a). Clerk to report to Gareth Owen, CCC.

## **78. Finance.** None

## **79. Correspondence and Communication.**

- i. One Voice Wales  
→ Countryside Code update December 2023
- ii. One Voice Wales  
→ Cost-of-Living – Community and Town Council activity in Wales  
**Action Point:** a). Clerk to complete.
- iii. One Voice Wales  
→ 2024 - JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH 2023 TRAINING DATES
- iv. Ceredigion County Council  
→ Sandbag Policy

- Action Point:** a). Councillor M James to share on Llangynfelyn community support group FB page and Community Council website.
- v. One Voice Wales  
→ New consultation: Future spending purposes for dormant assets funding in Wales
  - vi. Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service  
→ Consultation Draft Service 2040 plan.
  - vii. Ceredigion County Council  
→ Walking, cycling and horse riding opportunities in Ceredigion
- Action Point:** a). Councillor M James to share on Llangynfelyn community support group FB page and Community Council website.

## 80. Planning. None

## 81. Other Items of Interest.

- i. The Clerk reported that a response to query placed via Clic ref.586391, 28/11/2023, re: siting a bus-stop shelter in Tre'r Ddol, received a response 20/12/2023 - *There is a project underway to make improvements along the Trawscymru corridors, however locations have been confirmed for this current financial period. We will note the location for the next stage, and providing there is funding and subject to a site visit, we will include this location on the list for potential future improvements.*
- ii. Councillor Stacey noted thanks to Councillor C Davies for Teams link.
- iii. Councillor Stacey queried Council Biodiversity plan? Councillor Stacey volunteered to prepare a draft for Council to consider. Councillor Raffan volunteered assistance.  
**Action point:** a). Councillor Stacey and Raffan to prepare draft Biodiversity plan for appraisal.
- iv. Councillor Stacey queried if the prepared Council Grant application form will be used for applications this year, i.e. February 2024. Councillor M James confirmed that as the form was still in draft, council has not circulated to applicants and suggested that Council use it as a tool in decision making when considering grant applications.
- v. Councillor M James noted that the Coed Lleol trees by the A487 have been cut. This has exposed the area – could crash barriers be positioned there for safety?  
**Action point:** a). Clerk to query with NMWTRA.
- vi. Councillor Stacey shared that she attended an event at Coed Lleol and noted that the area is open to other local groups also.

## 82. Date of the Next Meeting. 05 February 2024

*Meeting opened 7.05pm*

*Meeting closed 8.50pm*

## Appendix 1

*Staffing meeting/discussion minutes.*

Minutes for clerk wages section of meeting 11.12.2023

Clerk left for this final section of the meeting

Discussion started with positives about clerk and how all councillors are happy with her work, the quality, timeliness and professionalism.

Discussion then moved on the CPD and it was agreed that this is important and our responsibility to ensure we support the clerk.

We then looked at current pay and discussed that currently the clerk is on pay point 8, which will increase as per the annual increase to wage scale. Discussion then moved on to the matter of possible pay point increase.

Overall the discussion focused on worries that increased costs and depleting reserves puts the council in a difficult position.

The discussion made by the councillors

MJ to confirm that the clerk is currently in the correct pay bracket.

That for this year the clerk is to remain on pay point 8. However this is to be reassessed once the clerk gains the cilca qualification.

## Appendix 2

### Modification Order Footpath 3/33

#### Application

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|---|------------|
| 1. Sian Saunders and Martin Davies, Is-y-coed, Tre-Taliesin | 08/03/2021 |
| 2. Robert Gwillim, Roman House, Tre-Taliesin                | 08/03/2021 |

#### Letter of Support

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|--------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Rachel Davies                     | 16/02/2021 |
| 2. Ann Humphreys                     | 05/02/2021 |
| 3. Martin Davies (one of applicants) | 01/03/2021 |
| 4. Richard & Elizabeth Spencer       | 03/01/2021 |

#### User Evidence Form D

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| 1. Deirdre Raffan                      | 04/02/2021   |
| 2. Elizabeth Tomos                     | 19/02/2021   |
| 3. Anabel Wilmot                       | 20/01/2021   |
| 4. Andrew Rowbottom                    | 17/01/2021   |
| 5. Antony Foulkes                      | 21/02/2021   |
| 6. Shelley Foulkes                     | 21/02/2021   |
| 7. Catherine Hutton                    | 02/03/2021   |
| 8. Chloe Birds                         | 10/02/2021   |
| 9. Christopher William Loftus          | 02/03/2021   |
| 10. Cindy Harris                       | 30/01/2021   |
| 11. Edward Hodgson                     | 12/02/2021   |
| 12. Felicity Eden                      | 20/12/2020   |
| 13. Graham & Carys Briddon             | 16/02/2021   |
| 14. Nerys Shelton                      | 16/02/2021   |
| 15. Hazel Cosgar                       | 11/02/2021   |
| 16. Huw & Sue Lewis                    | XX/02/2021   |
| 17. Sarah Dixon-Lewis                  | 05/02/2021   |
| 18. Jill Percy                         | 17/02/2021   |
| 19. Kathryn Edwards                    | 21/01/2021   |
| 20. Louise Halestrap                   | 01/02/2021   |
| 21. Michael Smith                      | 15/02/2021   |
| 22. Michelle Leslie                    | 28/01/2021   |
| 23. Mick Green                         | 19/02/2021   |
| 24. Nicola M Dunkley                   | 17/01/2021   |
| 25. Patricia Moore                     | 11/02/2021   |
| 26. Penny Icke                         | 01/02/2021   |
| 27. Tom Cosson                         | 10/02/2021   |
| 28. Sarah Lynne Regan                  | 03/02/2021   |
| 29. Sian Saunders (one of applicants)  | No date seen |
| 30. Robert Gwillim (one of applicants) | 05/03/2021   |