

# Cyngor Cymuned Llangynfelyn Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 08<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**2023/24. Present:** Councillor M James (in the chair), D James, B Davies, Haynes, Halestrap, Stacey, Pargeter, & Evans. The clerk was in attendance. Members of the public Steve Benham & Sarah Jenkinson.

**9. Apologies.** Councillor Raffan & Councillor C Davies.

**10. Minutes of the previous meeting.** The minutes of the meeting held on 03<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 were accepted and signed. Proposed Councillor Evans. Seconded Councillor D James.

**11. Declaration of interest.**

i. Councillor Pargeter – *12.i.* Bog Life project.

**12. Matters arising.**

*i. Bog Life Project* – Councillor Pargeter declared a Personal Interest in this item – Clerk provided Councillor Pargeter with a ‘Notification of a Personal/Prejudicial Interest under the Code of Conduct for members’ form for completion.

Sarah Jenkinson (public member) queried the on-going progress with the Bog Life project – Council currently considering various options and will organise a public meeting to gather public opinion before any decision will be made.

Council noted that No guidance has been given by NRW on this item. Council noted following the site meeting, 27/04/2023 Boardwalk @ 4pm, that boundaries between Council and NRW land are still unclear – this will need resolving before any decision re: work going forward.

Following discussion, Council noted that re-wetting of the bog area land might prove beneficial however the affect this would have to the established tree area, potential road flooding, and current insect life would need investigating prior to any work being carried out. Councillor B Davies noted that Council would need to give consideration to the impact re-wetting would have on adjoining agricultural land and land belonging to residents of the Rock House area.

Councillor M James proposed setting-up a sub-committee of x3 councillors and x2 voluntary community members (x1 farming and x1 not-farming) to take this project forward. Seconded Councillor D James.

Councillor Halestrap proposed Councillor Stacey, Evans, and Raffan for sub-committee. Seconded Councillor M James. Councillor Evans noted that she would like some training on this matter going-forward.

*ii. Footpath clearing/signage* – Councillor B Davies provided the Clerk with contact details for Dafydd Williams, Lee Roberts, Rob Griffiths, and Thomas Chapman. Councillor D James proposed advertising for tenders for the PRoW that need maintaining by a contractor. Seconded Councillor B Davies. Councillor Stacey proposed emailing the list of PRoW to Jenny Dingle for information for the volunteer group. Seconded Councillor Evans. Clerk noted that it would be beneficial if Councillor Stacey had an A2 copy of the PRoW in Llangynfelyn parish map.

**Action Point:** a). Clerk to arrange advert for Tenders in Papur Pawb, June 2023.  
b). Clerk to contact Dafydd Williams, Lee Roberts, Rob Griffiths, and Thomas Chapman directly and invite to Tender.  
c). Clerk to email list of PRoW to Jenny Dingle.

- d). Clerk to provide Councillor Stacey with A2 copy of the PRow in Llangynfelyn parish map.

iii. *Condition of road surface Mill Street, Tre'r Ddol.* Councillor M James reported that Ceredigion County Council (CCC) have dealt with the reported blocked drains however residents are mainly concerned regarding the actual road surface which has many potholes – these have been filled previously but this made the use of the road surface worse! Ideally, residents would like to see CCC resurface the road.

Residents also noted that the streetlight hasn't been functioning for some time.

- Action Point:** a). Clerk to report streetlight via Clic.  
b). Council will ask Councillor C Davies to make representation to CCC Highways department re: road surfacing.

iv. *Councillor Training.* The clerk reported that she has spoken to Gwilym Rippon re: Code of Conduct councillor training. Gwilym Rippon is happy to deliver training in the Welsh language, the English language, or bi-lingually. The cost of training is £175.00 for whole council training delivered in Welsh or English, plus travelling expenses from Welshpool of £52.20. Bi-lingual delivery of training costs extra. The Code of Conduct training can be completed in one evening, lasting approximately 2 hours. If training is completed with another community council then the travelling costs will be half. Council noted that some councillors have prior commitments during June, July, and August. September would be preferable. Councillor D James proposed booking a training date in September 2023. Seconded Councillor B Davies. Clerk to liaise with Ysgubor y Coed Community Council re: training date in September 2023. Council resolved.

The Clerk noted that Welsh Government have extended the £100.00 community council training bursary for 2023/24.

- Action Point:** a). Clerk to liaise with Gwilym Rippon and Ysgubor y Coed Community Council and report back.  
b). Clerk to apply for community council training bursary 2023/24.

v. *Bus stop Taliesin.* The Clerk reported an email was sent to Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change, Ben Lake MP, and Elin Jones MS on 08/04/2023. Reply has been received 05/05/2023 from Lee Waters MS, Deputy Minister for Climate Change out-lining that responsibility for relocating the bus stop lies with Ceredigion County Council (CCC) and as such he has already spoken with officers at CCC and Trunk Road Agents for mid Wales. A reply was also received 11/04/2023 from Ben Lake MP supporting the proposal and requesting future appraisal of the Minister's response.

Following discussion council decided to leave this item for now and query CCC contact with Councillor C Davies at meeting 12/06/2023.

- Action Point:** a). Clerk to forward Lee Waters MS email to Ben Lake MP.

vi. *Grant/Donation draft policy*. Councillor Stacey presented council with a draft copy of :

- i. Policy – Grants and Donations
- ii. Application for Grants and Donations

Following discussion, council agreed some amendments. Councillor B Davies expressed concern that, going forward, a formal application form might discourage some groups from approaching the Community Council for financial assistance. Councillor Evans proposed that council continue to accept requests for financial assistance using the traditional method of covering letter plus balance sheet/bank statement whilst encouraging future use of a formal application form. Seconded Councillor M James. Council resolved to proceed with caution.

**Action Point:** a). Councillor Stacey to complete amendments and re-submit to council for appraisal.

### 13. Finance.

- i. Precept 2023/24 Instalment 1 – £2163.34 BACS received 28/04/2023.
- ii. Invoice for hire of Llanfach May 2022 to April 2023 - £182.00  
**Action Point:** a). Clerk to pay. Proposed Councillor Stacey. Seconded Councillor Evans. BACS paid 08/06/2023.
- iii. One Voice Wales invoice – Councillor training - £35.00  
**Action Point:** a). Clerk to pay. Proposed Councillor B Davies. Seconded Councillor Halestrap. BACS paid 10/06/2023.
- iv. Auditor General’s report for Annual Return 2021/22 – noted No Budget 2021/22 and late submission
- v. Taliesin Art Group Financial Assistance – following discussion Council resolved to make payment – see email Alun Harries 24/04/2023.  
**Action Point:** a). Clerk to pay. Proposed Councillor M James. Seconded Councillor Pargeter. £200.00 BACS paid 09/06/2023.

### 14. Correspondence and Communication.

- i. Hywel Dda Engagement  
→ Changes to Board membership
- ii. Hywel Dda Engagement  
→ extra dates added to Hywel Dda consultation on new planned and urgent care hospital
- iii. One Voice Wales  
→ Model Standing Orders
- iv. One Voice Wales  
→ Newly appointed Communications Officer with One Voice Wales
- v. NATURE WISE  
→ ECO LITERACY COURSE (MOONDANCE)
- vi. One Voice Wales  
→ Motions for 2023 Annual General Meeting
- vii. Boundary Commission for Wales  
→ Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales – **noted by Council**.
- viii. Ceredigion County Council  
→ Ceredigion’s Local Housing Strategy

### 15. Planning.

None

## 16. Other Items of Interest.

- i. Councillor B Davies noted thanks to Councillor M James (Chair) and Clerk for all their work during the previous year (2022/23).
- ii. Councillor M James noted Ward Ceulanamaesmawr is now included in the Flying Start initiative – parents of a child over 2 years old, living within the ward, can avail of 12.5 hours weekly free child care. More information can be found at [Flying Start - Ceredigion County Council](#).
- iii. Councillor Haynes queried if Ceredigion received any of the ‘levelling-up’ monies distributed by the UK government ?  
**Action Point:** a). Check with Councillor C Davies at meeting 12/06/2023.

## 17. Date of the Next Meeting, 12 June 2023

*Meeting opened 7.00pm*

*Meeting closed 8.55pm*

