

CWMDU AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Council meeting 5th October 2023

Present

Chairman: John Williams(JW)

Councillors: Hank Jackson (RDHJ), Selena Clay (SC), Martin Pearce (MP), John Jones (JJ) and William Forster (WF)

In Attendance: County Councillor Sian Cox CSC (report circulated) Sue Dale SD(Clerk)..

1. Apologies:

Paul Silk (PS), Les Doggett (LD), David Meyer (DM).
Kay Bailey KB (RFO and Assistant Clerk).

2. Declarations of Interest:

None

3. Public participation:

None

4. Minutes of the meetings:

7th September 2023.

Approved.

5. Matters Arising (information only)

None

6. Powys County Council matters.

CSC thanked Community Councillors for organising a very positive meeting on Thursday 28th September. Some 30 people were reported as attending.

CSC is organising speedwatch volunteers, there is an A40 group.

There is no enforcement yet for the 20 mile an hour restrictions. Drivers are self regulating for the short term. Clerk to check if there is any delay in implementation.

Ffrewdgrech recycling centre is closing for about 3 months from 16/11. Cwmtwch and Llandrindod Wells facilities will stay open.

7. Clerk handover progress.

Access to the google docs facility is okay.

8. Planning Applications:

- 23/22310/FUL Part of Neuadd Farm, Cwmdu.

Councillors were concerned that a precedent may be set for the other buildings in the field.

There is a mature Ash Tree which ought to be protected.

There is no provision for water at the site, a bore hole or spring (which could dry up from

time to time) may offer a solution.

There were no objections but Council asks for the notes to be recorded.

9. Correspondence – Councillors are notified of incoming email from external bodies, some are listed here:

- One Voice Wales conference cancelled.
- Boundary Commission report concerning the recent parliamentary boundary change.
- RAAC presence requested from Welsh Government, Village Halls will be notified.
- D-Day remembrance will go ahead in June 2024. The Community Council would like to support residents to take part. Clerk to ask the Village Halls for levels of interest.

10. RFO report

Three cheques were approved: RFO report - cheques: RFO £181.96, Clerk £418.68, Maintenance £35,

- To further the application to NatWest internet banking or Unity Trust.
- Forecasting report for approval.
- Scribe quote £657 for discussion and decision guided by SC. Approved with one absence.
- Unqualified Annual Return 2023 discussion and decision. Approved.

11. Cwmddu hedge quote for remedial work and regular maintenance, clerk to report.

The hedge was cut by allotment volunteers last year and the volunteers have cut back the traffic facing side of the hedge this year. The allotment volunteers are unable to complete the work and have asked the Community Council for help. Clerk to check the contractors insurance status and ask him to complete the work as an emergency.

12. Hinterland Group – date of meeting and confirmation of items for discussion.

Items suggested for discussion are the 20mph restrictions, Gilestone Farm and Planning (the role of the Community and Town Councils). This group has no relationship to the 5 Councils Liaison Panel. Clerk to send written material to CSC, it seeks to involve local councils in discussion of common issues only.

13. Bwlch triangle broken wall - Police report and aviva report.

Clerk is expecting feedback from 2 contractors. Due to the proximity to the footpath it was felt that the repair should take place urgently.

14. Quotes needed to insure the War Memorial.

Clerk to ask Crickhowell Town Council about their war memorial insurance arrangements. 2 wreaths will be needed for Remembrance Day. Clerk has them. The memorial mason who has offered to clean the Bwlch War Memorial has not rung back yet.

15. The potential community use of Bwlch Church.

The intended function of the former Church is to be complementary to Bwlch Village Hall. Faye Jones MP and CSC are involving villagers. There is a meeting about the last week in October to be run by volunteers. Leaflets will be distributed by the Faye Jones MP.

There is no toilet at the former church, and no parking either. However there is a an area of garden around the former church which is in the middle of the village. It may have the potential to bring the village together.

16. Nant Helyg planning decision, response to council's complaint and further correspondence.

MP to write to the Planning Authority to ask for a stage 2 investigation. Points to include, but not limited to; Quails do not need 24 hour care, morning and evening are sufficient.

17. Proposal for an active, electronic, “notice board” for the Community Council – report from the councillors.

No councillors accepted the assignment.

Clerk to ask the consultant who attended Council to come back and speak again about a electronic noticeboard. Also under consideration is a Whats App group.

18. Recommended purchase of 2 JABRA speakerphones (MS variety) about £389.90 from Amazon.

Clerk to purchase one for approximately £200.

19. Speedwatch: sites, volunteers and equipment purchase – clerk to report on progress.

The 20 is plenty campaign has material that could be used to help communications.

20. Feedback from councillors about the use of the old school recreation ground and next steps.

The campsite management have indicated willingness to maintain the facilities. Perhaps under a maintenance agreement (somewhat like Fedw Wood) in return for access for the campsite children as well as local children. There are biodiversity obligations on the Community Council to be taken into consideration.

21. Any other business (for information only).

Go safe website link from CSC to WF.

Biodiversity report by PS to be discussed next time.

Playing field, by the bus stop in Cwmdy.

The Chairperson closed the meeting.

The date of the next meeting is 2nd November 2023 at Tretower Village Hall.