

**CWMDU AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**The following are the minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 11th January 2024 at 7pm at  
Tretower Village Hall.**

**Attendance:** Cllr J Williams (Chair), Councillors: Cllr L Dogget (Vice-Chair), Cllr H Jackson (HJ), Paul Silk (PS), Selena Clay (SC), Martin Pearce (MP), and William Forster (WF)

Clerk: Kay Bailey

County Councillors: S Cox and C Masefield

**Public Participation: None**

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| <b>34/23</b> | <b>Apologies for absence:</b> Cllr J Johns (online just audio not working well), Cllr D Meyer  |
| <b>35/23</b> | <b>Members' declarations of Interest</b><br>Cllr PS - item: 46/23 Interest in Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau   |
| <b>36/23</b> | <b>Minutes to approve from meeting of the 7th December 2023 and any matters arising:</b><br><b>Proposed:</b> Cllr PS <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr MP <b>Resolved:</b> that the minutes are a true and accurate record<br><b>Matters arising:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Response from Village Halls in relation to D-Day celebrations (KB). All village halls have now responded that they currently have no events scheduled for this event, but will keep in touch if this changes.</li><li>● Bwlch Panel (Cllr J Williams/Clerk) - Cllr J Williams confirmed that the board will be fixed by volunteers.</li></ul> A479 meeting - The Clerk has contacted the AM for dates for a meeting, could Councillors suggest their availability.<br>6/23 - Storage still being considered, the Clerk is currently auditing the paperwork (KB)<br>13/23 - The officer at Powys is speaking to Housing Services in relation to a sub-lease (Powys). The documentation confirms that this is a license not a sub-lease.<br>16/23 - The Hinterland Group met on the 19th December (JW/JJ) - Cllr J Williams gave an update, there is to be a meeting on the 27th February with more feedback on the Gilestone project. |
| <b>37/23</b> | <b>Previous proposal for an active, electronic, "notice board" for the Community Council</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Presentation by IT consultant if report received.</li></ul> The report had been received, the Clerk gave the Councillors a paper copy of the report and requested that they give feedback on the contents before the February meeting to allow for more in depth discussion.  |
| <b>38/23</b> | <b>Standing Item: County Councillors Report (for information only)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● C Cllr S Cox report had been sent to all Cllrs before the meeting. Cllr S Cox mentioned the biodiversity award as something that might be of interest to the Council in relation to their</li></ul>   |

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|                     | <p>own aims. The Council thanked her for the information received. The pressures on the County Council were highlighted along with partnership working to cover the services being stretched.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● C Cllr C Masefield introduced herself and asked the Council if they would be able to collaborate in sharing information from Powys County Council via their social media and noticeboards. Cllr J Williams stated that this should be possible in some form.</li> </ul> <p>Both County Councillors commented that the audio was patchy throughout the meeting.</p>   |
| <p><b>39/23</b></p> | <p><b>Motion:</b> Presentation of the draft budget for 24-25 to discuss and accept</p> <p>The RFO/Clerk presented the draft budget and precept to the Council. This was discussed at length by Councillors. Changes were made to the amounts suggested for Community Hall support, it was decided that the amount should be increased as it had not done so since 2019.</p> <p>The discussion included the draft forecast spend and the potential amount that would not be spent from this budget.</p> <p>It was also decided that the hall hire budget heading would not be included, but that this amount would transfer to the Community Hall budget line. The total amount of the donation to each hall would now be £800, making a total of £2,400, the precept line would not be increased and the extra £600 would be covered by the general reserves. It was felt that the halls provide a fantastic community benefit, but that more understanding of the individual offerings/events would be beneficial to the Council when they are setting their budgets.</p> <p>The reserves were discussed and confirmed as unchanged except for a new earmarked reserve for projects ; this reserve would be initially funded by any underspend from 2023/2024 and will be analyzed in the 2024/2025 financial year as the Council decides on their specific projects for that year. Preliminary discussions centered around defibrillators and the requests from groups such as the Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau and their services on offer.</p> <p>The motion to accept the budget headings and the precept for £17,981 was <b>proposed</b> by Cllr WF and <b>seconded</b> by Cllr MP. The Council resolved to accept the budget headings and the precept with the changes listed above.</p> |
| <p><b>40/23</b></p> | <p><b>Standing item: Vedw Wood Charity (Clerk)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Clerk is researching the paperwork received and current knowledge</li> <li>● A full report will be given once this has been collated</li> <li>● Request to contact PAVO specialist for initial advice - the Council agreed to this request</li> <li>● Request to contact the Charity Commission case worker for advice - the Council agreed to this request.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>41/23</b></p> | <p><b>Standing Item: Planning applications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Nant Helyg 23/21721/FUL</b> - Cwmdu and District Community Council correspondence (Stage 2 Complaint). After discussions it was decided that a response will be sent to the BBNPA stating that they would like to meet with the planning authority to discuss this case further.</li> <li>● <b>22/21157/FUL</b> - Glanpant - decision notice GRANTED - The Council discussed the conditions given to the permission and suggested that monitoring their action would be beneficial.</li> <li>● <b>23/22561/FUL</b> - Proposal: "Conversion of agricultural barn and curtilage for Holiday Let use. Alterations to roof and upper walls, new windows and doors. Addition of attached</li> </ul>  |

|            | single-storey outbuilding. Associated infrastructure and access works.” Address: Ty Neuadd Barn, Cwmdru, Crickhowell NP8 1RU - After discussion, there was no comment given on this application.   |                    |           |        |        |        |     |       |            |        |          |        |        |   |        |            |        |                |           |       |   |       |            |        |                    |       |        |   |        |
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| 42/23      | <p><b>Finance Report (Responsible Finance Officer):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Motion:</b> Reconciliation to 30th November to be accepted by full council.<br/><b>Proposed:</b> Cllr MP <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr HJ <b>Resolved:</b> that the reconciliation is accepted</li> <li>● <b>Motion:</b> Payments to be noted and approved for Dec/Jan:<br/><b>Proposed:</b> Cllr PS <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr MP <b>Resolved:</b> that the RFO/Clerk pay the outstanding payments on the payment schedule</li> <li>● <b>Motion:</b> to purchase a business suitcase for the Council for £36.00 <b>Resolved:</b> that the Clerk purchase the business suitcase on behalf of the Council</li> <li>● <b>Discussion:</b> access to a printer/scanner (Clerk) - <b>Resolved:</b> that the Clerk contact Llangattock and Crickhowell Town Council to discuss a regular payment to share printing and scanning resources.</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="193 741 1399 1077"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Type</th> <th>Name</th> <th>Budget</th> <th>Nett</th> <th>Vat</th> <th>Gross</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>28/12/2023</td> <td>cheque</td> <td>K Bailey</td> <td>Salary</td> <td>413.74</td> <td>0</td> <td>413.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11/01/2024</td> <td>cheque</td> <td>Henderson Hall</td> <td>Hall Hire</td> <td>18.75</td> <td>0</td> <td>18.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11/01/2024</td> <td>cheque</td> <td>Welsh Audit Office</td> <td>Audit</td> <td>237.00</td> <td>0</td> <td>237.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Please refer to the RFOs report for more information.</p> | Date               | Type      | Name   | Budget | Nett   | Vat | Gross | 28/12/2023 | cheque | K Bailey | Salary | 413.74 | 0 | 413.74 | 11/01/2024 | cheque | Henderson Hall | Hall Hire | 18.75 | 0 | 18.75 | 11/01/2024 | cheque | Welsh Audit Office | Audit | 237.00 | 0 | 237.00 |
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| 43/23      | <p><b>Update on Bwlch triangle broken wall (10/11)</b><br/>Cllr JW confirmed that they had spoken to the contractor to ask for the written quotation. They discussed at length if the administrative work in chasing further quotes and submitting to the insurer is cost effective given that the verbal quotation is under £300. Council stated that they would like to receive the quotation in writing and then move to accept the quotation to complete the work, paying from the general reserves.</p>   |                    |           |        |        |        |     |       |            |        |          |        |        |   |        |            |        |                |           |       |   |       |            |        |                    |       |        |   |        |
| 44/23      | <p><b>Motion:</b> to vote on the quotes to insure the War Memorial (11/23)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This will be moved if the quote has not been received in time</li> </ul> <p>No written valuation was received, this item will be moved to the February meeting.</p>  |                    |           |        |        |        |     |       |            |        |          |        |        |   |        |            |        |                |           |       |   |       |            |        |                    |       |        |   |        |
| 45/23      | <p><b>Update: The potential community use of Bwlch Church (Cllr J Williams)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Update on the project from Cllr J Williams</li> </ul> <p>Cllr J Williams gave an update on the activities of the group forming. They are working closely with PAVO and the Church and they still intend to pursue keeping the building and the land within the Community.</p> <p>Cllrs asked questions around what the building would be used for, he confirmed that the group is working closely with Cwmdru village hall to make sure that there is no negative impact on the hall.</p> <p>The car park idea was also discussed, however this was now thought to be used for selling cars.</p>  |                    |           |        |        |        |     |       |            |        |          |        |        |   |        |            |        |                |           |       |   |       |            |        |                    |       |        |   |        |

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| <p><b>46/23</b></p> | <p><b>Correspondence/Outside body reports</b> - Councillors are notified of email from external bodies, some are listed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 02/12/23 - Cronfa Cyfle i Bawb Yr Urdd Fund for All (funding request)</li> <li>2. 08/12/23 - Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report - February 2024 - noted</li> <li>3. 14/12/23 - OVW - Cost of Living Crisis Team - noted</li> <li>4. 18/12/23 - Rhodri Francis - Justice Campaigner - noted but did not feel that this should be responded to.</li> <li>5. 18/12/23 - MAWWFRS Authority Community Risk Management Plan 2040 Your Fire Service, Your Say! We need your input! - noted</li> <li>6. 19/12/23 - Powys County Council - Events Network Project - noted with a request to respond with Cwmdu Eisteddfod and “Bwlch with Altitude” events.</li> <li>7. 21/12/23 - Welsh Government - Dormant Asset Fund consultation. - noted with no response.</li> </ol> <p>Correspondence received from Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau - request for £2000 funding regular funding request.</p> <p>The letter was discussed at length by the Councillors; it was motioned that £500 be paid initially to CVB by Cllr M and Seconded by Cllr L Dogget, the Council resolved to pay the £500 and to engage with the CVB to discuss their projects with a view to supporting them further.</p> <p>The Clerk to contact CVB to advise them of the above and also to arrange for a presentation/meeting with the Council.</p> |
| <p><b>47/23</b></p> | <p><b>Date of next committee meeting to be 1st February 2024 (original date incorrect due to moving the first meeting of the year).</b></p> <p>Request for and item on the February meeting in relation to Speedwatch</p> <p>Cllr. J. Jones updated the Council on fiber broadband and has managed to agree with the BT Openreach fiber team are now arranging to extend full fiber to all the homes on Cefn Moel Close Bwlch.</p>   |

**The meeting closed at 9.08pm**