

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

Attendance: Cllr J Williams (JW), Cllr M Pearse (MP), Cllr P Silk (PS), Cllr H Jackson (HJ), Cllr S Clay (SC), Cllr J Johns (JJ)

County Councillor: Sian Cox, Clerk: Kay Bailey

Public Participation: None

62/23	Apologies for absence: Cllr W Forster, Cllr D Meyers, Cllr L Dogget
63/23	Members' declarations of Interest: None
64/23	<p>Minutes to approve from meeting of the 1st February 2024 and any matters arising: Proposed: MS Seconded: SC Resolved: that the minutes were a true and accurate record</p> <p>Matters Arising: 06/23 - Storage still being considered, the Clerk is currently auditing the paperwork (KB) - noted 13/23 - The officer at Powys is speaking to Housing Services in relation to a sub-lease (Powys) - The Clerk has emailed the officer directly - noted 42/23 - The Clerk has sent the cheques for the outstanding invoices in February - noted 42/23 - The Clerk has emailed Crickhowell and Llangattock about the printing - Llangattock Community Council has responded 46/21 - Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau cheque has been signed - they have sent a thank you email for the donation - noted 51/23 - "Electronic notice board" - an informal meeting is being arranged with the IT professional. Cllr J Williams and the Clerk have reviewed the toolkit and will be moving forwards on the items pertaining to the website for compliance - noted</p> <p>Cllr S Clay feedback on item in relation to the electrical charging point at Tretower Castle. The documentation on the application portal mentioned a consultation, however it was not clear what this related to. It was mentioned that the previous application also stated that a consultation had taken place but it had not. SC/KB to draft a response to BBNPA highlighting these issues.</p>
65/23	<p>Standing Item: County Councillors Report (for information only) The County Councillor gave her report with the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consultation of energy use and need ● Paths to Prosperity project ● Severn Wye Energy Advocate South Powys ● Relief Workers Sought ● Consultation on Sustainable Powys and Better Together ● Panel Members for Schools' Admissions Appeals ● Council Budget Setting Update

	<p>The County Councillor asked the Council if they would be happy to have the three members form a rota for the Council meetings, the Council were happy with this proposal.</p> <p>Email received from County Councillor C Masefield in relation to the condition of the road surface (U0163) from the A479 to the crossroads towards Preggyfold - noted</p>
<p>66/23</p>	<p>Standing item: Vedw Wood Charity (Clerk)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Clerk is researching the paperwork received and current knowledge ● A full report will be given once this has been collated ● The Clerk has made contact with the PAVO specialist - archive documentation has now been sent to the specialist via Cllr J Williams for further research ● The Clerk has emailed the Charity Commission for assistance - Cllr J Williams is assisting as a trustee, email has been sent to the Charity Commission from Cllr J Williams to request a change of contact and to regain online access ● The Charity is arranging an Annual Meeting <p>JW confirmed that the Charity had convened a meeting this evening where some of the above items were discussed.</p> <p>Motion: for Cwmdu & District Community Council to assist the Charity with outstanding administrative issues.</p> <p>Proposed: MP Seconded: PS Resolved: that the Clerk to the Council will assist the Charity for the time being.</p>
<p>67/23</p>	<p>Standing Item: Planning applications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 23/22310/FUL - Proposal: "Conversion of barn to dwelling and installation of sewage treatment plant. V2 amendment: change from dwelling to holiday let dwelling." Address: Former Part Of Neuadd Farm , Cwmdu, Cwmdu Crickhowell NP8 1RY <p>The Council discussed this application and noted that there is an ash tree within the grounds and also it is within 3 meters of a water course, they requested that the Clerk ask the BBNPA to consider these are given full consideration/protection.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. 23/22383/LBC - Decision Notice "Replace windows" (Listed Building Consent) at 3 The Olde Inn, Tretower, Crickhowell, NP8 1RF - noted 3. 23/21687/FUL - Decision Notice "Conversion of the adjoining stone barn to create ancillary accommodation for the farmhouse." (Full Application) at Cilhelig Farm, Cwmdu, Crickhowell, NP8 1RU - noted 4. Nant Helyg 23/21721/FUL - Cwmdu and District Community Council correspondence (Stage 2 Complaint) - response from BBNPA <p>It was noted that the letter from the BBNPA COE suggested a meeting and MP and PE would like to attend. The Clerk will respond to begin arrangements.</p>
<p>68/23</p>	<p>Standing Item: Finance Report (Responsible Finance Officer):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion: Reconciliation to 31st January to be accepted by full council. ● Motion: Payments to be noted and approved for Jan/Feb: <p>Proposed: SC Seconded: PS Resolved: to accept the reconciliation and to pay the outstanding invoice to the Welsh Audit.</p>

Date	Type	Name	Budget	Nett	Vat	Gross
28/02/2024	cheque	K Bailey	Salary	486.80	0	486.60
28/02/2024	cheque	HMRC	PAYE	121.80	0	121.80
28/02/24	cheque	Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau	Grant	500.00	0	500.00
07/03/24	cheque	Welsh Audit (21/22)	Audit	810.00	0	810.00

Please refer to the RFOs report for more information.

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Standing Item: Governance

- **One Voice Wales** - governance toolkit - Clerk & Cllr J Williams met on the 28th Feb to begin this process.

JW suggested that the Council should split the work required into groups so that it can be dealt with accordingly.

- **Insurance** - the Clerk has contacted Zurich to update the contact details and to request policy coverage and the asset list held. Email has been received with the current insured list.

The Council discussed the insurance list and would like the Clerk to request a quotation to include the Vedw Wood and also the wall and triangle in Blwch. The war memorial is still not insured and is awaiting a valuation.

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Standing Item: Maintenance

Motion: to accept the quotation for the maintenance to the broken wall

JW confirmed that if the contractor was too busy that there could be a volunteer interested in helping with this maintenance.

Motion: to vote on the quotes to insure the War Memorial (11/23)

- This will be moved if the quote has not been received in time - moved
- Green Man Grant for Cwmdy Playing Field (Cllr M Pearse) - <https://greenmantrust.org.uk/projects/positive-change-in-the-community/community-grants/>

MP discussed the grant in relation to upgrading the old school playing field. A member of the public would like to pull together the application for the Council to oversee. It was agreed to allow the member of the public to work on the grant application. The lease paperwork has yet to be discussed in detail, however, it was felt that the Council would be given permission to undertake this upgrade.

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Standing Item: Speeding & other Village Matters

- Speedwatch & Speeding through the three villages (inc feedback from the recent meeting with the police commissioner).

	<p>County Councillor Sian Cox confirmed that John Williams is the go Safe trainer and that Gemma Philips is the administrator of the applications. John trains crews by showing them how to use a speed gun. Gemma collects ID with the applications and this can be done at any police station. Once a location has been identified John risk assesses the site. High Viz jackets are supplied. SC confirmed that she has access to a fund that can help with purchasing the Council their own speed gun. It was noted that a speed gun had been purchased in the past, but its whereabouts are unknown.</p> <p>There is a meeting on site for Tretower on the 6th March, other areas are still accessing volunteer demand.</p> <p>MP discussed the meeting on site with the Police and Crime Commissioner, with both himself and WF attending. He felt that the meeting went well, with the PCC confirming he will write to the AM in relation to the detrunking the road or speeding initiatives. He was supportive of grass roots efforts to buy and install speeding cameras in this area. SC confirmed that this would require Highways involvement/permission as well.</p> <p>The meeting with Gareth Day was also attended, with the suggestion that the traffic speed review may help with those areas wishing to decrease from 40-30-20.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bwlch Information Panel (Cllr J Williams/Clerk) - JW confirmed that this has now been fixed. ● Paramour Orchard event - May (Cllr W Forster) - a Bloom Walk is being arranged for the 12th May (Sunday) and would value Councillor/Council support - noted
<p>72/23</p>	<p>Correspondence - Councillors are notified of email from external bodies, some are listed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Email: School admissions - email sent from Cwmdru Councillors for endorsement from Council <p>The Council endorsed the email sent from the three Councillors in relation to this matter.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Email: Bwlch Village hall meeting May Annual Meeting - requirement to change venue due to Election request <p>The change was noted and that the committee room could be available to allow the May Annual Meeting to proceed in this location.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. King's Portrait email - sent via Cllr D Meyers - noted 4. Sustainable Powys - email webinars (21st March) - noted 5. Polling Districts - Powys email (response required 8th March) - request for feedback to be that each village should retain their own polling station. 6. Crickhowell Place Plan responses (8th March) - sent to all previously - noted 7. Llangattock Community Council & THINK Flyer - Community Transport - noted <p>Outside body reports: -</p> <p>Hinterland Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting with BBNPA Cllr J Williams & Cllr J Jones (Hinterland Group) JJ and JW reported back on their meeting with the BBNPA in relation to concerns arising from the Hinterlands Group. The BBNPA were well briefed on their concerns, they were apologetic and they noted that responses from Town and Community Councils were not given the respect they deserve. The Director of planning will be discussing these issues.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Group met last week with about 8 people attending, a number of issues were discussed including access to health care services. There was discussion on whether to submit a FOI on how many people die between Nevil Hall and The Grange. Transport and refuse collection were also discussed. The group would like to invite the County Councillors to the next meeting. ● Five Councils - notes from the previous meeting - noted <p>Update: The potential community use of Bwlch Church (Cllr J Williams)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Update on the project from Cllr J Williams <p>JW confirmed that items have been removed from the church, which is the normal process. There will be a meeting next month to discuss the way forwards.</p> <p>PS confirmed that he had been contacted by a member of the public in relation to the old school car park being in bad repair.</p> <p>JW confirmed that there is a planning enforcement ongoing in relation to the selling of cars in Bwlch. This was noted by the Council.</p>
73/23	Date of next committee meeting to be 4th April 2024 - noted