

**CWMDU AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**The following are the minutes of an Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 18th July 2024 7pm at Tretower Village Hall.**

**Attendance:** Cllr J Williams, Cllr L Doggett, Cllr W Forster, Cllr H Jackson, Cllr S Clay, Cllr M Pearse | Kay Bailey - Clerk, County Councillor Sian Cox

1 Member of the public

**Public Participation:** None

<b>43/24</b>	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Cllr P Silk, Cllr J Johns
<b>44/24</b>	<b>Members' declarations of Interest:</b> None
<b>45/24</b>	<p><b>Minutes to approve from the ordinary meeting of the 20th June and the extraordinary meeting of the 26th June any matters arising:</b></p> <p>20th June <b>Proposed:</b> Cllr S Clay <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr L Doggett <b>Resolved:</b> that these minutes are a true and accurate record</p> <p>26th June <b>Proposed:</b> Cllr S Clay <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr W Forster <b>Resolved:</b> that these minutes are a true and accurate record</p>
<b>46/24</b>	<p><b>Standing Item: County Councillors Report (for information only)</b></p> <p>The Country Councillor gave her report to the Council, including the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Powys Road Safety report</li> <li>● Review of the 20mph default</li> <li>● School bus routes</li> <li>● UK Shared Prosperity fund</li> <li>● Council Tax Reform</li> <li>● Sustainable Powys update</li> <li>● County Town and Community Council meetings</li> <li>● Contacting the Council</li> <li>● Council meetings</li> </ul>
<b>47/24</b>	<p><b>Standing item: Vedw Wood Charity (Clerk)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Annual return has been submitted at the request of the Charity as £0 income and £0 spending - noted</li> <li>● Report to Council in relation to Vedw Wood</li> </ul> <p>The Councillors discussed the report and agreed with the conclusion that further advice is required. They stated that in the meantime a risk assessment should be produced for the area, to be brought back to Council to be approved. They also wished to contact the management group for a updated report on their activities.</p>
<b>48/24</b>	<p><b>Standing Item: Planning applications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nant Helyg and BBNPA letter - Cllr J Williams to update the letter with comments.</li> </ul>

**Motion:** to approve the letter drafted and send it to the BBNPA for comment  
**Proposed:** Cllr W Forster **Seconded:** Cllr S Clay **Resolved:** for the Clerk to send the letter to the BBNPA and to send the previously agreed letter to the Ombudsman afterwards.

Cllr S Clay discussed the response received this week from the BBNPA in relation to the electric vehicle car parking spaces at Tretower Castle. She left that the response did not take on board the comments made by the Council in relation to the use of the parking spaces by the residents.

**49/24 Standing Item: Finance Report (Responsible Finance Officer):**

- **Motion:** Reconciliation to 31st May to be accepted by full council - bank statement delayed at the time of print. - the reconciliation was noted.
- **Motion:** To note payments already made and payments due in July:

Date	Type	Name	Budget	Nett	Vat	Gross
28/06/2024	cheque	K Bailey	Salary	486.80	0	486.60
20/06/2024	cheque	Reimburse John Williams (Zoom)	sub	129.20	25.98	155.88

- Cheques below are delayed as we are awaiting a new cheque book.

Date	Type	Name	Budget	Nett	Vat	Gross
28/05/2024	cheque	HMRC	PAYE	121.80	0	121.80
20/06/2024	cheque	Powys	Rental	200.00	0	200.00

- The audit has been emailed to the Welsh Audit Office
- Online bank access and addition of the new RFO/Clerk - the third attempt has also been unsuccessful, it would appear that the online form will not accept the bank details. (Cllr John Williams/Clerk | RFO).

**50/24 Standing Item: Governance**

- The annual report is now online

**One Voice Wales** - governance toolkit - Clerk & Cllr J Williams

1. Training Matrix - these forms were given to Councillors, please return to the Clerk once completed. Once these are returned then the Clerk will complete the training plan.
2. Website working group created at the extraordinary meeting of the 26th June is arranging to meet informally - noted
3. HR Committee - meeting to be confirmed
4. Five Year Vision document (John Williams)

The Chair requested that Councillors think about what the Council can do and this information will be collated for the October meeting

	<p><b>Reports Social Media and Website</b>  <b>Casual Vacancy Notice and Co-option</b>  These notices are now on the noticeboards. The Clerk will arrange for the a co-option notice when the Casual Vacancy ends.</p>
51/24	<p><b>Standing Item: Maintenance</b></p> <p><b>Wall Maintenance</b> - Cllr Martin Pearse had asked his contact, but unfortunately they were unavailable.  Cllr L Doggett stated that she could have a contact, a quote will be arranged and sent to the Clerk. Cllr J Williams and the Clerk will arrange for the work to start if under £500.00.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> to vote on the quotes to insure the War Memorial (11/23)  The clerk has confirmed that the quote is acceptable, an invoice has been received, but payment delayed as a new cheque book has been ordered.</p>
52/24	<p><b>Standing Item: Speeding &amp; other Village Matters</b>  Cllrs discussed speeding issues with the villages. The County Councillor stated that she will be buying an extra speed gun that can be used by her ward. She noted that she has been informed that no enforcement can take place until the review has ended. Cllr S Clay stated that the speedwatch group had been told that enforcement can take place. The County Councillor stated that she will clarify this position.</p> <p>The locations to be used for speedwatch have been risk assessed so speeds can be recorded by the volunteers.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> to purchase a speed gun to the value of £175.00 that is recommended by the speedwatch trainer  <b>Proposed:</b> Cllr S Clay <b>Seconded:</b> H Jackson <b>Resolved:</b> for the speed gun to be purchased.</p>
53/24	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p><b>08th July 2024</b> - Ron Bailey - Safety of Lithium ion Batteries and e-bikes and scooters - this letter was noted.</p> <p><b>Outside body reports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Hinterland Group</b> - (Cllr John Williams and John Jones) - no further updates at this time.</li> <li>● <b>Five Councils</b> - report from meeting of the 27th June. Cllr J Williams gave feedback from the meeting of the 27th June, including the presentation from Powys in relation to Sustainable Powys</li> </ul> <p><b>Update: The potential community use of Bwlch Church (Cllr J Williams)</b>  Cllr J Williams confirmed that the community group will be visiting the building tomorrow for further research</p>
54/24	<p><b>Date of next committee meeting to be the 5th September 2024</b> - noted  Tarmacing of minor roads was mentioned and the roads in Bwlch were stated to be in need to maintenance.</p>