

**CWMDU AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMDU A'R CYLCH**

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**The following are the minutes for an Ordinary meeting of the Community Council. held on Thursday 5th September 2024 7pm at Cwmdu Village Hall.**

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

**Public Participation: Resident request to give a presentation/talk on the current plans for a large-scale renewable energy project centred in Crickhowell being worked on by LGV** - The resident handed out a briefing note to the Councillors in relation to the ongoing with that LGV are undertaking to create a community energy project in Crickhowell and the surrounding areas. There was a general discussion regarding the project and the Councillors thanked the resident for the information.

<b>55/24</b>	<b>Apologies for absence that were accepted:</b> Cllr P Silk
<b>56/24</b>	<b>Members' declarations of Interest:</b> None
<b>57/24</b>	<p><b>Minutes to approve from the ordinary meeting of the 18th July and any matters arising:</b>  <b>Proposed:</b> Cllr M Pearse <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr S Clay <b>Resolved:</b> that the minutes are a true and accurate record</p> <p><b>Matters Arising:</b> Cllr H Jackson reminded Councillors of the school bus/catchment consultation and County Councillor S Cox informed Councillors the consultation runs until the 12th.</p>
<b>58/24</b>	<p><b>Motion:</b> to consider an application for co-option.  <b>Proposed:</b> Cllr S Clay <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr M Pearse <b>Resolved:</b> That Mark Calvin was duly co-opted to Cwmdu and District Community Council - this decision was unanimous.</p>
<b>59/24</b>	<p><b>Standing Item: County Councillors Report (for information only)</b>  County Councillor Sian Cox sent her report to all Councillors, broadly covering the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Powys Road Safety update</li> <li>● Update on Review of 20 MPH default speed limit</li> <li>● Brilliant Basics funding for Brecon Youth Hostel</li> <li>● Sustainable Powys Update</li> <li>● Social Worker recruitment Event</li> <li>● Contacting the county council</li> <li>● Cabinet information</li> </ul> <p>Cllr S Clay stated that regarding point two (20mph default speed limit), that the lack of speedwatch in certain areas would seem to suggest that there has already been a decision made on which roads would be changed/kept.</p> <p>County Councillor S Cox stated that the review findings may differ from any currently held view. Cllr H Jackson stated that there was no speedwatch in Bwlch, he was also</p>

	<p>interested in the speeding signs that were previously spoken about and that some of the signposts should be moved.</p> <p>County Councillor C Masefield reminded Councillors about the Community Transport Group, they are due to meet on the 12th September.</p>																					
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61/24	<p><b>Standing Item: Planning applications</b></p> <p><b>Issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nant Helyg and BBNPA letter - update on the response from the Ombudsman complaint and the FOI request to the BBNPA</li> </ul> <p>Councillors had been sent the response from the Ombusman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tretower Court and Castle, Tretower - electric point installation  <b>Motion:</b> to challenge the shortcomings of the consultation process/conclusion (BBNPA/CADW)</li> </ul> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Cllr M Pearse <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr W Forster <b>Resolved:</b> for a letter to be drafted to be sent to the BBNPA</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> to draft a letter to CADW on the subject of prescriptive easement on the car parking spaces/consultation response. (SC)</p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Cllr M Pearse <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr W Forster <b>Resolved:</b> for a letter to be drafted to be sent to the CADW to include a request to provide help for the community affected.</p> <p><b>Current:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 23/22310/FUL - Former Part Of Neuadd Farm, Cwmdy - REFUSED - noted</li> <li>● 24/23146/FUL - Proposal: "It is proposed to construct a balcony/veranda at first floor level and to continue the rear balcony along the whole of the rear elevation to allow better access to the first floor living accommodation. It is also proposed to install double doors and a window into the blank gable wall leading out from the kitchen onto the proposed veranda." Address: Or Golwg , Bwlch, Brecon LD3 7HZ - no comment</li> </ul>																					
62/24	<p><b>Standing Item: Finance Report (Responsible Finance Officer):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Motion:</b> Reconciliation to be accepted by full council</li> <li>● <b>Motion:</b> To note payments already made and payments due in Aug/Sep:</li> </ul> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Cllr S Clay <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr H Jackson <b>Resolved:</b> the reconciliation was accepted and the payments noted and authorised.</p> <p>Cheques that were completed July-August</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="193 1630 1396 1899"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Number</th> <th>Name</th> <th>Budget</th> <th>Nett</th> <th>Vat</th> <th>Gross</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>28/07/2024</td> <td>001111</td> <td>K Bailey</td> <td>Employee Costs</td> <td>486.60</td> <td>0</td> <td>486.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28/07/2024</td> <td>001112</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>Employee Costs</td> <td>121.80</td> <td>0</td> <td>121.80</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Number	Name	Budget	Nett	Vat	Gross	28/07/2024	001111	K Bailey	Employee Costs	486.60	0	486.60	28/07/2024	001112	HMRC	Employee Costs	121.80	0	121.80
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12/08/2024	001113	OVW	Services & Subs	201.00	0	201.00
12/08/2024	001114	Powys Rent	Premises Costs	200.00	0	200.00
12/08/2024	001115	K Bailey Reimburse	Services & Subs	40.00	0	40.00
12/08/2024	001116	J Williams Reimburse	Services & Subs	155.88	0	155.88
12/08/2024	001117	Catherine A Williams	Services & Subs	300.00	0	300.00
12/08/2024	001118	Zurich Insurance	Premises Costs	171.35	0	171.35
28/08/2024	001119	K Bailey	Salary	486.80	0	486.60
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**Invoices/up-coming payments:**

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- Online bank access/banking matters (JW/RFO)

The Council requested that the RFO/Clerk refresh the banking options available to them as the current banking arrangement is not providing an acceptable service.

**63/24**

**Standing Item: Governance**

**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. The Clerk accepted the matrix from Cllr M Pearce and reminded other Councillors to return their documents as soon as possible. Cllr S Clay stated that she is undertaking One Voice Wales for New Councillor Training, and she encouraged other Councillors to join her on the 30th September.
2. Website working group created at the extraordinary meeting of the 26th June is arranging to meet informally
3. HR Committee: This will take place after the website meeting
4. Five Year Vision document (John Williams): Cllr John Williams will be bringing this item to the October meeting so that Councillors will be able to discuss the ideas and make comments.

	<p><b>Casual Vacancy Notice and Co-option</b> The Council will continue to advertise the co-option notices to gather interest.</p>
64/24	<p><b>Standing Item: Maintenance</b></p> <p><b>Wall Maintenance:</b> A quote had been received and the Clerk informed the Council that she had striven to gain three, however given the length of time waiting for responses she felt that this criteria had been met. The Council wished to vote on the vote received.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> to accept the quotation for the wall maintenance. <b>Proposed:</b> Cllr M Pearce <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr H Jackson <b>Resolved:</b> for the Clerk to instruct the contractor to start work</p> <p><b>War Memorial cleaning:</b> the clerk was requested to find a sub contractor who would be interested in undertaking the work after the original contractor was emailed to confirm that did not wish to do the work.</p>
65/24	<p><b>Standing Item: Speeding &amp; other Village Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● U0503 verge Cwmdu - Powys Highways bollards (PS) County Councillor Chloe Masefield will be arranging a suitable time for a site visit to the verge before further actions are undertaken.</li> <li>● Greenman road closure Councillors discussed the issues around the management of the bridge linking the ward to Llangynidr. There was no consultation with other wards affected. Councillor John Jones stated that he believed that a full apology should be given by those who made the decision. County Councillor Chloe Masefield confirmed that County Councillor Sian Cox had raised concerns with County Councillor Jackie Charlton, both she and the Clerk at Llangynidr Community Council had given assurances that local residents would be able to use the bridge. The traffic management was the remit of the Greenman Team, other Councillors <b>Motion:</b> that the Community Council write to the Greenman Team in relation to organising solutions to festival traffic in the surrounding wards. <b>Proposed: Seconded: Resolved:</b></li> <li>● Councillor S Clay and Councillor M Calvin requested that the Council consider the suggested speed gun given by the Speedwatch contact. The Council had already made a decision to purchase a speed gun in item <b>52/24</b>. The suggested speed gun was accepted and</li> </ul>
66/24	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Email 26.08.24 - Sally Parry - Almshouse Charity.</b> The email was discussed and it was resolved that the Clerk would respond to the secretary. It was proposed by Cllr M Pearce and seconded by Cllr S Clay that the Council no longer state they “approve” the accounts but that they note them.</li> </ul> <p>It was felt that as the Council have no professional jurisdiction on the auditing of accounts that to approve them is outside of their capacity. <b>Outside body reports:</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Hinterland Group</b> - Councillor J Jones spoke about the Hinterland's groups ongoing development, with a number of interested Community Councils wishing to join discussions</li> <li>● <b>Five Councils</b> - next dates to be confirmed</li> </ul> <p><b>Update: The potential community use of Bwlch Church (Cllr J Williams)</b>  There will be an open day event on the 27th/28th September which he hopes many people will attend to allow the group to move forwards with their conversation with the Church.</p>
67/24	Date of next committee meeting to be the 3rd October 2024 - noted