

CWMDU AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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The following are the minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Community Council held on Thursday 7th November 2024 7pm at Bwlch Village Hall.

Attendance: Cllr J Williams, Cllr J Johns, Cllr P Silk, Cllr M Pearce, Cllr S Clay, Cllr L Doggett, Cllr H Jackson, Cllr W Forster, Cllr M Calvin

County Councillor Chloe Masefield | County Councillor S Cox | Clerk Kay Bailey

Public Participation: Helen Pickering - Dial a Ride

Helen Pickering gave information to the Council on the services available to the residents of Cwmdu, Tretower and Bwlch in relation to the Dial a Ride service that runs from their Crickhowell offices (in the CRiC center). Dial a Ride are offering a monthly join fee for £1 to encourage people to consider using the service. It can be used by anyone who has a disability, of any age, or those over the age of 60. They offer journeys into Crickhowell and Abergavenny as well as ad hoc journeys to the garden center. The accessible bus can be booked by calling the phone line and the service is door to door, with one space for a wheelchair.

The Chair stated that Cwmdu & District Council are starting public engagements for their "Vision for the Future" and wished to understand what they could do to help.

The Council thanked Helen, and agreed to help advertise the service. Cllr L Doggett suggested that Helen attend the Bwlch Bazaar to advertise.

80/24	Apologies for absence: none
81/24	Members' declarations of Interest: Cllr P Silk stated that he had an interest in the item 24/23143/LBC planning application.
82/24	Minutes to approve from the ordinary meeting of the 3rd October 2024 and any matters arising and the 22nd October 2024 and any matters arising: 3rd Oct 24 - Proposed: Cllr P Silk Seconded: Cll J Jones Resolved: that the minutes are a true and accurate record 22nd Oct 24 - Proposed: Cllr S Clay Seconded: Cllr P Silk Resolved: that the minutes are a true and accurate record
83/24	Standing Item: Governance One Voice Wales - governance toolkit - Clerk & Cllr J Williams - ongoing work. Item: to receive a report from the informal meeting from the 17th October The Councillors' met on the 17th October to discuss their approach to a Community Plan. Subsequent to this the "first step" resident meetup had taken place in Cwmdu to get ideas about what people are interested in developing or are concerned about.

	<p>There was engagement on various topics, such as transport, walking accessibility, Council functionality and speeding. Further meetups were planned, such as a stall at the Bwlch Christmas Market/Bizarre. Once these were concluded then the Council would decide to consult more formally to collect data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Training Matrix - these forms were given to Councillors, please return to the Clerk once completed. This was noted. ● Reports Social Media and Website - informal meeting on 16th September <p>Cllr Selena Clay updated the Council on the recent informal meeting. She and the Clerk had found and used the suggested “accessibility” tool to test the current website, however it was not very user friendly. After some discussion surrounding the suggestion of using a council specific supplier or web designer, it was agreed that the working group would meet again to discuss with Cllr Will Forster joining.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HR Committee - SLCC pay agreement received. <p>Motion: to accept the pay agreement and agree to backdate pay from April 24 Proposed: Cllr S Clay Seconded: Cllr M Pearce Resolved: that the scale increase be accepted and the Clerk be paid their back pay from April 24.</p> <p>Casual Vacancy Notice and Co-option Co-option notice on the notice boards - new notices requested as the previous had faded.</p>
84/24	Standing Item: County Councillors Report (for information only)
85/24	<p>Item: to receive the proposed changes to access to the playing field and the offer to supply play equipment</p> <p>Cllr Will Forster spoke in relation to the designs sent to the Council in relation to the Campsite’s offer to buy a piece of play equipment for the playing field and to redesign the entrance into their grounds. He supported this idea and thought it encouraged use by the public of this asset. He stated that the offer was cost natural for the Council, other than the potential of play inspections.</p> <p>Other Councillor’s asked questions in relation to the ownership/insurance needs and Powys’ position on the suggestion.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that play inspections from Powys cost £76.00 per year and confirmed that the PLI insurance would automatically cover this area.</p> <p>Motion: to accept the offer from Cwmdu Campsite to provide approved play equipment and a change to the entrance to the site and to engage with Powys County Council to allow this to proceed Proposed: Cllr M Calvin Seconded: Cllr L Doggett Resolved: to contact Powys CC to discuss the suggested changes</p>
86/24	<p>Standing item: Vedw Wood Charity (Clerk)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clerk and Chair to visit the site to facilitate a new risk assessment - noted
87/24	<p>Standing Item: Planning applications</p> <p>Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nant Helyg and BBNPA letter - One Voice Wales advice on complaints between public bodies, awaiting a response (Clerk)

- Tretower Court and Castle, Tretower - electric point installation - update

Cllr Selena Clay confirmed that a response had been received from both CADW and the Planning Authority. There would be a site visit with CADW to discuss issues raised, with County Councillor Chloe Masfield attending.

Current:

- 24/23143/LBC** - Cwmdu Cottage Tretower Crickhowell NP8 1RG To repair and replace defective porch roof of Cwmgdu Cottage. Replace existing concrete tiles with slate tiles. The following work is proposed: strip existing defective roof back to rafters, removing concrete tiles. Re-felt and batten porch roof area of 13m squared and re-tile in slate to match the attached barn conversion. Repair defective ceiling inside porch which was caused by water damage, and repaint. To include repair work to the porch side internal wall where affected.

No comment

Cllr J Jones and Cllr J Williams shared more information in relation to a piece of land in Bwlch, where there appears to be a new caravan park. Cllr J Jones requested that this be “red flagged” to the Parks.

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Standing Item: Finance Report (Responsible Finance Officer):

- Motion:** Reconciliation to be accepted by full council
- Motion:** To note payments already made and payments due in Sep/Oct:

The payments were noted. The quarterly reconciliation will be completed by RFO & Cllr S Clay shortly, this month’s reconciliation was noted.

Cheques that were completed October

Date	Number	Name	Budget	Nett	Vat	Gross
03/10/2024	001124	K Bailey	ICO 23/24 fee	40.00	0	40.00
23/10/2024	001125	Mossfords Ltd	War Memorial	2706.00	521.40	3128.40
28/10/2024	001126	K Bailey	Salary	486.80	0	486.60
28/10/2024	001127	HMRC	(Salary) PAYE	121.80	0	121.80
31/10/2024	001128	M Calvin	Batteries	5.99	0	5.99
31/10/2024	001129	Cwmdu Eisteddfod	Event Grant	250	0	250
31/10/2024	001130	One Voice Wales	Training (S Clay)	40.00	0	40.00
31/10/2024	001131	Royal Legion	Wreaths	40.00	0	40.00

	<p>Invoices/up-coming payments:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="193 277 1401 477"> <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>28/11/2024</td> <td></td> <td>K Bailey</td> <td>Salary</td> <td>486.80</td> <td>0</td> <td>486.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28/11/2024</td> <td></td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>PAYE</td> <td>121.80</td> <td>0</td> <td>121.80</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online bank access/banking matters (JW/RFO) - report attached <p>The banking report was presented by the RFO, the Chair discussed the issues that had been ongoing with trying to access customer services from Natwest.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr M Calvin Seconded: Cllr P Silk Resolved: for the Council to move their banking facilities to Unity Trust Bank</p>	Date	Type	Name	Budget	Nett	Vat	Gross	28/11/2024		K Bailey	Salary	486.80	0	486.60	28/11/2024		HMRC	PAYE	121.80	0	121.80
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89/24	<p>Standing Item: Maintenance</p> <p>Wall Maintenance: contractor has been engaged and should be completed in the next two weeks.</p> <p>War Memorial cleaning: update from Clerk - work completed. The Council stated that they were pleased with the result and the Chair suggested that the Council consider the budget requirements of replacing the amount of money spent over the next 5 years.</p>																					
90/24	<p>Standing Item: Speeding & other Village Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U0503 verge Cwmdru - Powys Highways bollards (update). It was confirmed that Powys are still to respond to the query in relation to the ownership of the verge Speed gun/speedwatch update - the first speedwatch in Tretower will take place on the 19th November from 10am-11am. Greenman - update on letter from the Community Council. Cllr J Williams that the letter had been sent, but no further updates at this time. County Councillor Chloe Masefield asked if she could have a copy of the letter, the Clerk will send this to her. 																					
91/24	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email: 31/10/24 - Powys County Council - Net Zero - report from Dr Alan Netherwood - noted Email: 01/11/24 - Welsh Air 24-25 Funding request. This was discussed and it was decided that £200.00 should be given to the Welsh Air Ambulance fund <p>Proposed: Cllr S Clay Seconded: W Forster Resolved: for a cheque to be raised and sent</p> <p>Other emails circulated throughout the month.</p> <p>Outside body reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hinterland Group : no updates at this time Five Councils - no date as yet - Llangattock Community Council hosting Community Transport Group - 21/10/24 email Terms of Reference - noted <p>Update: The potential community use of Bwlch Church (Cllr J Williams) Councillor J Williams confirmed that the pop-up planetarium took place, more events to be planned.</p>																					
92/24	<p>Date of next committee meeting to be 5th December 2024 - noted</p>																					

