

CWMDU AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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A meeting of the Community Council will be held on 3rd April 2025 7pm at Tretower Village Hall and you are summoned to attend.

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

County Councillor S Cox | Clerk Kay Bailey

Public Participation: None

01/25	Apologies for absence: Cllr M Pearse
02/25	Members' declarations of Interest: Cllr P Silk stated his continued interest in the Cwmdu water undertaking which could be mentioned in 11/25 Cllr M Calvin - volunteer for Dial a Ride item 12/25
03/25	Minutes to approve from the previous ordinary meeting of the 6th March 2025 of the Full Council and any matters arising: Proposed: Cllr S Clay Seconded: Cllr P Silk Resolved: that the minutes are a true and accurate record Cllr P Silk wished to confirm that the actions from the March minutes included writing to Powys in relation to the verge and the placement of bollards. The Clerk confirmed that she has an action for this, but required more information before sending. The Councillors will confirm with the Clerk
04/25	Standing Item: Governance One Voice Wales - governance toolkit - Clerk & Cllr J Williams <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training Matrix - these forms were given to Councillors, please return to the Clerk once completed. Cllr P Silk undertook training from One Voice Wales on finance modules. Cllr M Calvin is booked on two courses. Training Plan report - sent to all for comment, the document was noted. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reports: Social Media and Website Working group meeting - a verbal update was given by the working group. Cllr J Williams suggested that the recommendation for a more in depth investigation into Aubergine. Clerk to contact the company to arrange a meeting. Casual Vacancy Notice and Co-option: no update at the time of this agenda Working group for Policy Reviews/Risk Assessment - working group met in March (Cllr P Silk/ Clerk)

	<p>Cllr P Silk and the Clerk met online, he is reviewing the risk assessment and would like information from Councillors as to any risks they would like to have considered.</p> <p>Councillors had questions in relation to the asset register, especially the inclusion of the Vedw Wood and if it were covered on their insurance and concerns around the maintenance/inspection of the site. The Clerk confirmed that she has not had a response from CSEG as yet, who the Council entered into a contract with for management of the land.</p> <p>She confirmed that the land is partially registered at the land registry as belonging to Cwmdu & District Community Council and that there are no governing documents for the Charity. Her previous advice was for the Council or the Charity to contact an experienced solicitor to investigate the creation of governing documents. She also confirmed that after taking advice from One Voice Wales and PAVO that Councillors can not be automatically added as trustees to the Charity.</p>
05/25	<p>Standing Item: County Councillors Report (for information only):</p> <p>County Councillor S Cox had sent her report to all Councillors. Councillors questioned the County Councillor on various issues including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The reported statistics around the employment of those with a criminal record - Sustainable Powys and the desire to change the relationship between Powys and Town and Community Councils. The County Councillor confirmed she would be attending the Brecon meeting for the next Sustainable Powys "let's talk" session. She hopes this session will be more immersive with facilitators. - The "anti-poverty" fund that has been given to County Councillors. Councillors queried how much Cwmdu and District would be allocated given the number of County Councillors they have. - The new recycling centre process that began on the 1st April - is there a dedicated number for reporting any fly tipping? County Councillor S Cox confirmed that the reporting should be done online via the available form. - Reporting fires - if these are reported to Environmental Health the response time isn't immediate and therefore not helpful as when they do attend the site the fire has been stopped. - Questions around the Local Development Plan - the Clerk was asked to contact the National Parks for information on the new plan. - It was noted that the newly implemented 20mph has meant that there have been fewer injuries and fatalities according to the "20 is Plenty" campaign. - A request for information on the footfall at the tip over the next 6 months was spoken about.
06/25	<p>Standing Item: Place Plan/Community Plan</p> <p>Updates from Councillors Invite has been sent to BBNPA - awaiting new contact</p> <p>Playing Field - update from Cllr W Forster</p>
07/25	Standing item Vedw Wood Charity (Clerk): no further updates.
08/25	Standing Item: Planning applications

	<p>No applications at the time of publication, however one application had been received in the intervening time that will need to be discussed at the next meeting in May. The Clerk was requested to email the planning department to ask for an extension on this application.</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). Clerk has now contacted the Welsh Government for information. <p>Response received from Welsh Government in relation to the question posed “how does one public body complain about another”.</p> <p>Councillors had received the email from Welsh Government stating there was no further recourse for Town and Community Councils in relation to complaining about another public body. They noted this with no further comment at this stage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Tretower Court and Castle - CADW - no updates● Glanpant Farm <p>A Councillor has been sent pictures from recent drone footage that was shared onscreen in the meeting, the Clerk would be sent these pictures and was requested to send this to the National Parks for comment in relation to the use of the land, to request an onsite visit and to copy in the local MS, MP and Natural Resources Wales.</p>																					
09/25	<p>Standing Item: Finance Report (Responsible Finance Officer):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Motion: Reconciliation to be accepted by full council● Motion: To note payments already made and payments due in March/April: <p>Accepted and noted.</p> <p>Invoices/up-coming payments:</p> <table><tr><th>Date</th><th>Type</th><th>Name</th><th>Budget</th><th>Nett</th><th>Vat</th><th>Gross</th></tr><tr><td>28/04/25</td><td>Cheque</td><td>Kay Bailey</td><td>Clerk</td><td>TBC</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>28/04/25</td><td>Cheque</td><td>HMRC</td><td>PAYE</td><td>TBC</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <p>The Clerk is currently dealing with an issue with the BASIC Tools software and can not confirm the above until this has been resolved. The Chair requested she contact him once the cheques will be available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Online bank access/banking matters (JW/RFO) - an update on switching was given by the Clerk. The application to Unity Trust bank has been accepted and the bank account has now been set up. The switch should now take place in the next few weeks.● BASIC tools software issue (RFO) - as stated, there is an issue with the BASIC tools software that is concerning the data input over last summer when the cheque book was delayed. The IT online helpdesk is investigating.● Audit paperwork has been received - Cwmdru are on the FULL audit cycle (RFO) - noted. The Chair stated that if more hours were required that the RFO/Clerk keep the Council informed.	Date	Type	Name	Budget	Nett	Vat	Gross	28/04/25	Cheque	Kay Bailey	Clerk	TBC			28/04/25	Cheque	HMRC	PAYE	TBC		
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10/25	<p>Standing Item: Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Tremynfa Road Bench - reported to the police (Clerk/Cllr H Jackson)																					

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new bench quote has been received for £450 + VAT £540 plus £35 + VAT delivery. • The original installer has been contacted for a new quote • PSCO Lee Garrett has been in contact with the Clerk and is still investigating • The insurance company has been contacted • Residents have been in contact with Cllr H Jackson in relation to donating towards the cost of replacement. <p>The Clerk was requested to find out the excess on the bench and to get the quotation for fixing the new bench.</p>
11/25	<p>Standing Item: Speeding & other Village Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U0503 verge Cwmdru - Powys Highways bollards - Powys County Council have confirmed that the land is unregistered. <p>The Clerk was requested to send an email in relation to the barrier, information to be sent to her.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed gun/speedwatch/speeding issues <p>Company information received from Llangynidr</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenman - update on email sent to Llangynidr Community Council and County Councillor Jackie Charlton <p>Cllr J Williams, Cllr H Jackson and the Clerk met with the Chair and Clerk of Llangynidr. The Chair confirmed that they apologised in relation to this Council not being involved in the previous year's arrangements. There are extra passes that are available if the Council wishes to give numbers. All parties felt that the issue arose as the Greenman team was not briefed correctly.</p> <p>After discussion, the Council requested that the Clerk request that the Greenman team send Cwmdru and District passes directly to the residents via a postal mail out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooding Storm Bert - report back from Cllr M Calvin in relation to NRW meeting & responses from Glanusk/Powys in relation to the culverts (if available) <p>Powys contacted about culverts. The previous correspondence with Glanusk was also noted and the Clerk asked to respond to them to answer</p>
12/25	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Email: 28th March - Mark Flood - Canal</p> <p>Email: 11th March - Town and Community Councils - report - Welsh Government</p> <p>Letter: 3rd March - Crickhowell Dial a Ride - funding request</p> <p>Proposed: John Williams Seconded: Cllr W Forster Resolved: for the Clerk to arrange for a £200.00 donation to be arranged.</p> <p>Outside body reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hinterland Group • Five Councils - any further updates from the meeting on the 13th February <p>Police Meeting: - Cllr W Forster has circulated notes</p> <p>Fire Station Meeting: - Cllr W Forster has circulated notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Transport Group - update from Councillor M Calvin • LGV Five Councils Energy Group - update from Councillor M Calvin <p>Update: The potential community use of Bwlch Church (Cllr J Williams) - no further updates on the community group at this time.</p>

13/25	Date of next committee meeting to be confirmed 1st May 2025 (Cllr J Williams) Annual Meeting will to be held on the 1st May 2025
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