

CWMDU AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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The following are the minutes held on Thursday 5th December 2024 7pm at Cwmdu Village Hall.

Attendance: Cllr J Williams, Cllr M Pearce, Cllr John Jones, Cllr S Clay, Cllr M Calvin, Cllr H Jackson, Cllr L Doggett

County Councillor S Cox | Clerk Kay Bailey

Public Participation: None

93/24	Apologies for absence: Cllr P Silk, Cllr W Forster
94/24	Members' declarations of Interest: Cllr M Pearce - Cwmdu Water Undertaking (new interest)
95/24	Minutes to approve from the previous ordinary meeting of the and any matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none">7th November Proposed: Cllr M Pearce Seconded: Cllr H Jackson Resolved: that the minutes are a true and accurate record
96/24	<p>Standing Item: Governance</p> <p>One Voice Wales - governance toolkit - Clerk & Cllr J Williams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Training Matrix - these forms were given to Councillors, please return to the Clerk once completed. <p>Cllr S Clay has been on two training sessions run by One Voice Wales in relation to the role of the Councillor and the role of the Council as an Employee. Cllr P Silk has attended training run by Planning Aid Wales in relation to Place Plans £40.00.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reports: Social Media and Website - informal meeting on 25th November 2024 <p>The Clerk shared a report on the meeting of the 25th November. The information and the costs found online were discussed. There was a query in relation to who holds the copyright of the website, the assumption was that it would be owned by the designer/company selling the format.</p> <p>Motion: to agree to move forward with a new website design and to consider the quotations gathered Proposed: Cllr S Clay Seconded: Cllr H Jackson Resolved: The Council will move forward with a new website design and for the clerk to gather specific quotes to be discussed in the January meeting</p> <p>Casual Vacancy Notice and Co-option Co-option notice on the notice boards - new notices supplied and the Chair confirmed they are on the Bwlch noticeboards.</p> <p>Working group for Policy Reviews/Risk Assessment. The Clerk reminded the Council that they created a new working group to review policies and risk assessments. The Council requested that this be brought to the January meeting to decide membership and a date to meet.</p>

97/24	<p>Standing Item: County Councillors Report (for information only)</p> <p>County Councillor S Cox have a report that included:</p> <p>Cllr J Williams and Cllr J Jones gave feedback on the Sustainable Powys meeting on the 28th November. Cllr Williams reported that he felt it was a positive meeting and that there was a willingness to work together. The issues of recruiting Councillors and the demographic were discussed. There were smaller Councils in Powys struggling to recruit. County Councillor S Cox stated that it was a good start. Powys Health Board were in attendance at the event and gave a presentation. Matthew Perry is the contact/link with Powys for Town and Community Councils. Transport was a big issue for many of those present.</p>
98/24	<p>Standing Item: Place Plan/Community Plan</p> <p>Both Cllr P Silk and Cllr W Forster were not present at the meeting. A report from Cllr P Silk had been received and circulated previously in relation to the first engagement meeting. Cllr M Pearce gave a verbal report, comments were made that those in attendance were not necessarily the people the Council needed to talk to, that they needed to reach people who had no voice. Speed was discussed as was affordable housing.</p> <p>He reiterated Cllr. P Silk's comments made in the Place Plan training report (circulated) that the project taking form is a Community Plan rather than a Place Plan. There was a question in relation to second homes and the increase to Council tax, it was queried where this money went. S106 money was also discussed.</p> <p>Feedback from Cllr W Forster had also been sent to all Councillors:</p> <p>"I think we need to collate and group feedback such as these and begin to design the questionnaire and our distribution approach. To do that I'd suggest a subgroup of a councillor each from our 3 areas plus an extra to make 4 members. And to meet in January."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First engagements should conclude after the Bwlch Bazaar. <p>Cwmdru Playing Field - update from Cllr W Forster</p> <p>Cllr W Forster was not able to attend the meeting but had sent a report to Councillors in relation to the playing field project.</p> <p>"It has been suggested we aim higher than a basketball hoop and look at a MUGA being built. Initial conversation with Powys CC was positive and helpful. They like the revised access proposal and support a MUGA. We still need some further Powys CC Engagement but that side looks good. At the present we are investigating Grant Options as well as the Cwmdru Campsite budget, so as to be neutral on the precept. Hopefully C&DCC (us) are comfortable to move forward. Incidentally, Powys CC may offer the field to us for a small amount"</p> <p>The Council discussed the report received and were happy to move forwards with the project.</p>
99/24	<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. The Clerk and the Chair will be visiting the site on the 13th December. <p>This was noted by the Council.</p>

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Standing Item: Planning applications

Issues:

- 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.
- Tretower Court and Castle, Tretower - Cllr S Clay on site meeting on 12th December 24.
- Confirmation of Enforcement case and updates - Cllr J Williams and Cllr J Jones

Councillors confirmed that the enforcement correspondence stated that the BBNPA had attended the site and had spoken with the owners. It was confirmed that the Caravan Park business is not proceeding. The Clerk was directed to respond acknowledging the email and that they are pleased to hear that this development is not proceeding.

Current:

- 24/23146/FUL at O'r Golwg, Bwlch** - decision notice PERMITTED

This was noted.

- Request for comment BEFORE pre-planning application - Buckland Hall Bwlch LD3 7JJ: 'Change of use from Class C1 (Hotel, boarding and guest house) to Class C5 (Dwellinghouses, used otherwise than as sole or main residences)'

This was discussed for some time, it was acknowledged that this was not a consultation from a planning application at this stage.

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Standing Item: Finance Report (Responsible Finance Officer):

- Motion:** Reconciliation to be accepted by full council. Resolved to accept the reconciliation
- Motion:** To note payments already made and payments due in Oct/Nov. Resolved to accept the payments made and the payments listed before for the end of the month of November

Statement of Accounts report

The RFO shared the new report with the Councillors and ran through the previous months' payments. The reconciliation was also shared and Cllr S Clay had confirmed the quarterly reconciliation as well.

Invoices/up-coming payments:

Date	Type	Name	Budget	Nett	Vat	Gross
22/11/2024	001132	SBW Ground Maint	Maintenance	480.00	0	480.00
22/11/2024	001133	Gilbert Construction	Wall Maint	975.00	0	975.00
22/11/2024	001134	Planning Aid Wales	Training	40.00	0	40.00
22/11/2024	001135	HMRC	PAYE	166.13	0	166.13

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102/24	<p>Standing Item: Maintenance</p> <p>Photographs had been circulated in relation to the maintenance completed on both the war memorial and the damaged wall. Both were completed to a high standard and the Council have their thanks.</p> <p>Invoice was received and paid on the 22nd November £975.00 as per the quote.</p>																																										
103/24	<p>Standing Item: Speeding & other Village Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">U0503 verge Cwmdru - Powys Highways bollards (any update) <p>The Clerk was requested to write formally to Powys County Council to ascertain ownership of the verge after informal enquiries did not give clarity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Speed gun/speedwatch update <p>Cllr M Calvin reported on the recent speedwatch undertaken in Tretower. A new gun was used, however there was an incident involving a motorist that left the volunteers shaken and they felt that they could not run another speedwatch for the foreseeable future. County Councillor S Cox thanked the Councillor for this information.</p> <p>20mph review was also discussed and County Councillor S Cox confirmed that the consultation, whilst closed, had not reached a conclusion as yet so there was no further information to share at this stage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Greenman - update on letter from the Community Council <p>There had been no response from the email sent to the Greenman Team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Road/Pavement at the A40 at Bwlch																																										

	<p>Cllr H Jackson and Cllr J Williams confirmed that the meeting was useful. The shared maps with the Community Council. It was hoped that the scheme would proceed depending on funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Flooding Storm Bert: Summary Report/ Lessons/ Action needed <p>Cllr S Clay gave an update on the storm issues reported in Tretower. The Village was cut-off, she noted that the County Councillors for the area did not include the ward in their updates.</p> <p>Cllr M Calvin noted that there was an issue with a collapsed culvert; a resident had cleared the blockage. Volunteers were also attempting to direct traffic, it was unclear who should have been responsible for this as there was a landslide involved.</p> <p>Councillors discussed the solution of a live information board/CCTV or road webcams managed by a centralised communications channel.</p>
104/24	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Other emails circulated throughout the month.</p> <p>Outside body reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hinterland Group - no meeting date at this time ● Five Councils - proposed January TBC - Llangattock Community Council hosting ● Community Transport Group - update from Councillor M Calvin <p>Cllr M Calvin gave feedback on the recent meeting. The hope is that there will be a sixth month project to collect data and after this more secure funding can be applied for to have a shuttle bus to run a route.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Feedback from the Sustainable Powys - Cllrs J Williams and Cllrs J Jones <p>Given earlier in the evening.</p> <p>Update: The potential community use of Bwlch Church (Cllr J Williams) - no further updates at this time</p>
105/24	<p>Date of next committee meeting to be confirmed - January 2025.</p> <p>The date of the next meeting was moved to the 16th January to allow for the Christmas break. If a further meeting is required then the 30th January can serve as an Extraordinary meeting.</p>