

MINUTES OF THE CYFFYLLIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025 VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE AT 7.00 P.M.

1: PRESENT:

Councillors Kelly McGregor (Chair), Kate Edge, Aled Rees, Youth Representative Molly McGregor, Denbighshire County Councillor Elfed Williams together with the Clerk.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillors Emrys Williams, Eifion Jones, Elwyn Jones, Gethin Jones and Huw Jones.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ANY AGENDA ITEM LISTED BELOW.

None received.

4. DISCUSSION WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE.

None in attendance.

5. CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Members confirmed 14<sup>th</sup> November and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 minutes as a true record.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA.

A: Members confirmed that A.W. Lloyd Forestry and Gardening Services was awarded the contract to remove the fallen trees within the Cyffylliog Church Cemetery on the basis he could remove the trees immediately. The fallen trees were removed within two days

B. The Chair reported that the fly tipping continues at the Bontuchel bus shelter lay-by. A local resident suggested that the Community Council provides CCTV cameras onsite. Members resolved that the provision of CCTV cameras onsite would be too expensive and would have legal issues obstacles to overcome.

7. DISCUSSION WITH THE YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBER IN ATTENDANCE.

Nothing to update.

8. FORMER CYFFYLLIOG SCHOOL UPDATED REPORT.

Councillor Aled Rees reported that the Clocaenog Wind Farm Fund for £10,000.00 grant aid funding towards the costs of the Architects Fees which is the next stage of the former Cyffylliog School process has been successful.

9. CYFFYLLIOG CEMETERIES MAINTENANCE UPDATE.

Members discussed the potential of removing the remaining sections of the two trees that are still rooted into the ground but are considered a health and safety issue. The Chair agreed to contact Mr Nathan Hunt, Tree surgeon, for advice if the tree remains should be removed and require a "Tree Preservation Order" application for removal.

10. CYFFYLLIOG CEMETERIES WASTE BINS.

Denbighshire County Council provided quotation of £937.50 for the provision of two waste bins (including accessories) and £280.00 installation charge for the proposed Cyffylliog Cemetery waste bins. Members resolved, in the first instance, to apply for the Denbighshire County Council Commuted sums fund which has £1,266.69 allocation for the Cyffylliog area.

#### 11. COUNCIL'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT.

The Clerk now has received a new "Community Laptop" provided by another Community Council. The laptop can be used for Cyffylliog Community Council remote access meetings if required.

#### 12. ONE VOICE WALES TRAINING COURSES.

The Clerk circulated Members with the One Voice Wales training courses for the quarter ending March 2025.

#### 13. DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING COURSES.

The Clerk circulated Members with the Denbighshire County Council Code of Conduct training courses dated for the year ended October 2025.

#### 14. FINANCE.

A: Bank balance £18,048.68.

B. Receipts:-

1. Final 2024/25 precept £4,330.00.
2. Clocaenog Forest Wind Farm Grant £10,000.00.

C. Authorised payments:-

1. Two £5.00 HSBC monthly fees £10.00.
  2. A.W. Lloyd Forestry and Gardening Services for the Cyffylliog Church Cemetery trees storm damage clearance £1,650.00.
  3. Fineline stationery costs £36.00.
  4. Clerk's salary for the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 £500.00.
  5. HM Revenue & Customs for PAYE for the quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 £125.00.
- D. Clwb Caenog (Ysgol Carreg Emlyn, Clocaenog) grant application. Members resolved to the grant aid of £100.00.

#### 15. SETTING OF THE COUNCIL'S 2025/26 PRECEPT REQUIREMENT.

The Clerk provided Members of the Council a verbal report on the current financial state of the Council who provided details of the receipts and payments for each of the past three financial year.

After consideration of the information provided, the members resolved to the Council's precept of £13,530.00 in the 2025/26 financial year (£55 per Council Tax dwelling).

#### 16. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Application: 14/2024/1519/PF - Construction of a slurry lagoon, hard standing, safety fencing and associated works at Penrhiw Bach, Cyffylliog – no objections.

#### 17. CORRESPONDENCE NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE WITHIN THE AGENDA.

Details of the Denbighshire County Council 2025 applications for "Commutated Sums" is open between 13<sup>th</sup> January and 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025. The amount available for the Cyffylliog Community Council area is £1,266.69.

18. DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES INCLUDING HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES.

County Councillor Elfed Williams reported:-

A: There are currently 36 properties not having their bins collected on the Bontuchel to Cyffylliog loop via Fachlwyd Ucha lane by Denbighshire County Council because of the unclassified highway lane. Councillor Williams is appealing against the decision and will take the matter further to the Ombudsman if required.

B. Had a site meeting with Mr Mark Evans from the Highway's Department regarding the highways that are desperate for urgent repairs/resurfacing.

19. URGENT BUSINESS UNDER SECTION 100B(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972.

None received.

20. COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2025 IN THE BONTUCHEL CHAPEL VESTRY AT 7.00 P.M.:-

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025.