

MINUTES OF THE CYFFYLLIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH MAY 2024 IN THE CHAPEL VESTRY, BONTUCHEL AT 7.00 P.M.

1: PRESENT:

Councillors Aled Rees (Chair for agenda items 1 to 7 below), Kate Edge, Huw Jones, Eifion Jones, Elwyn Jones, Emrys Williams, Gethin Jones, Kelly McGregor, Youth Representative Molly McGregor, Denbighshire County Councillor Elfed Williams together with the Clerk.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None received.

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

None received.

4. CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29TH FEBRUARY 2024.

Members confirmed 29th February 2024 minutes as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5. CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27TH MARCH 2024.

Members confirmed 27th March 2024 minutes as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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

Mr Mark Evans, Senior Highway Engineer of Denbighshire County Council, provided the following report on the highway issues raised at the previous Council meeting:-

I apologise for the delay resurfacing this road but the time taken to address the drainage issue beforehand has delayed matters considerably, the good news is that I'm hoping agreement to enter onto the land is near and coincidentally, this morning, I exchanged further positive emails with our legal team and also stressed the urgency of completing formalities so I can move things forward.

I am currently preparing tender documents for the works with a view to appointing a supplier so works can commence as soon as agreement and land entry is finalised. Once the drainage is installed in the road, the resurfacing contractor will commence resurfacing works.

I can arrange for the potholes to be filled in near Wern To but this will be after Easter now

7. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2024/25 TERM OF OFFICE.

Members elected Councillor Kelly McGregor as Chair of the Council for the 2024/25 term of office. Councillor McGregor duly took over as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

8. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2024/25 TERM OF OFFICE.

Members elected Councillor Kate Edge as Vice-Chair of the Council for the 2024/25 term of office.

9. DISCUSSION WITH THE YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBER IN ATTENDANCE.

Molly McGregor reported that the Council's banner in Bontuchel has been removed and will contact Denbighshire County Council regarding the issue.

10. FORMER CYFFYLLIOG SCHOOL UPDATED REPORT.

Councillor Aled Rees reported following the site meeting at the site meeting on 17th April 2024, Mr Roger Sheridan of RPT Consulting is now in the process of completing a report on his findings following the meeting and will report back to the Council in due course.

11. FORMER CYFFYLLIOG BT PHONE KIOSK AND DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE.

A. Former BT Kiosk required repairs and maintenance update.

Councillor Aled Rees reported that White Oak Property Services has commenced the work required on the kiosk which requires an addition work of replacing some Perspex panels with matching glass panels. Members resolved to accept the report.

B. Defibrillator Update.

The Cyffylliog Defibrillator remains on the former Chapel wall and will be relocated to the former BT Kiosk following the maintenance completion.

12. BONTUCHEL QUARRY LAYBY.

The Bontuchel Quarry Layby required the removal of the base mud/soil to be replaced by materials such as quarry waste. Councillor Aled Rees will contact Mr Gruff Edwards of Penrallt to quote for the required works.

13. FINANCE.

A; The Clerk circulated Members with a copy of the bank account spreadsheet for the year ended 31st March 2024.

B. Members approved the Council's Annual Financial Return for the year ended 31st March 2024 prepared by Responsible Financial Officer and subsequently signed off by both the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer.

C. Members duly appointed Mr Rhys Jones from Ruthin as the Council's Internal Auditor for the year ended 31st March 2024.

D. Authorised receipts – first 2024/25 precept receipt £4,330.00.

E. Authorised bill payments:-

1. Monthly HSBC fee £5.00.

2. White Oak Property Services for the Cyffylliog Cemeteries grass cutting £235.00.

3. Clear Councils for the Council's annual insurance premium £846.82.

4. One Voice Wales for two training courses on behalf of Councillor Kate Edge (Module 14 Equality & Diversity together with Module 16 Use of IT, Websites and Social Media) £80.00.

14. ONE VOICE WALES TRAINING COURSES.

The Clerk circulated Members with the One Voice Wales training courses for the months of May and June 2024.

15. PLANNING ISSUES.

None received.

16. CORRESPONDENCE NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE WITHIN THE AGENDA.

The Clerk circulated Members with the two emails for information purposes regarding the Alwen Forest Windfarm Local Ownership from Benedict Ferguson, Co-Executive Director of Community Energy Wales.

17. DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES INCLUDING HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES.

County Councillor Elfed Williams reported on the following issues:-

A: Confirmation that he has had a site meeting with Highway Officers showing the worst roads within the Community which require urgent attention which includes the section of highway between Cyffylliog Village and Ysgubor Newydd and the highway via Cae'r Weirglodd in Cyffylliog.

B. Officers from the Finance Department will attend City, Town and Community Councils within the County to update Councils on the financial restraints of the County Council.

C. Suggested that the Community Council invites a representative of the Highways Department to the next Council meeting to update Members of the planned work within the Community. The clerk will invite Mark Evans, Senior Highway Engineer to the next Council meeting.

18. VOTE OF THANKS.

Councillor Aled Rees thanked the Members, Clerk and County Councillor for their support during his term of office as Chair of the Council.

Members thanked Councillor Rees for his hard work during his term as chair of the Council.

19. NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE CHAPEL VESTRY, BONTUCHEL COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.:-

A. Thursday 11th July 2024.

B. Thursday 12th September 2024.

C. Thursday 14th November 2024.

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF CYFFYLLIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 3RD JUNE 2024 IN THE BONTUCHEL CHAPEL VESTRY AT 7.00 PM

1: PRESENT.

Councillors Kelly McGregor (Chair), Aled Rees, Eifion Jones, Gethin Jones, Emrys Williams, Elwyn Jones together with Miss Molly McGregor (Youth Representative) and the Clerk.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillors Kate Edge, Huw Jones together with Denbighshire County Councillor Elfed Williams.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Councillor Kelly McGregor and Miss Molly McGregor on item 6 below.

4. DISCUSS THE REPORT RECEIVED FROM MR ROGER SHERIDAN REGARDING THE FORMER CYFFYLLIOG SCHOOL.

Members discussed the report circulated by the Clerk prior to the meeting from Mr Roger Sheridan in respect of the former Cyffylliog School site and resolved to reply to Mr Sheridan as follows:-

A: Apply a third option to the equation - that of keeping the existing school structure intact and an indication of costs required to carry out a full renovation/upgrade to the building as it is.

B. The drawing of a proposed new structure is far too large for our needs - you can probably reduce the size by 50% ie meeting room, store, kitchen, foyer, and one disabled toilet cubicle.

5. PLANNING APPLICATION.

Planning Application: 14/2024/1032/PF - Erection of an agricultural building (generator housing, foaling/kidding boxes) at Coed-yr-Hengoed, Bontuchel.

Councillor Kelly McGregor and Miss Molly McGregor vacated the meeting room during the agenda item under consideration.

Members raised no objections to the planning application.

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

The Clerk circulated Members with an email received from Denbighshire County Council with the road closure notice from Cyffylliog Village towards Hiraethog between 24th June and 31st July 2024 to facilitate drainage and resurfacing works.

7. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – THURSDAY 11TH JULY 2024 IN THE BONTUCHEL CHAPEL VESTRY AT 7.00 PM