

MINUTES OF THE CYFFYLLIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2023 IN THE CHAPEL VESTRY, BONTUCHEL AT 7.00 P.M.

1: PRESENT:

Councillors Aled Rees (Chairman), Emrys Williams, Elwyn Jones, Kelly McGregor, Youth Representative Molly McGregor, Gwyn Davies (Clerk) together with a member of the Public.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

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

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

None received.

4. CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Members confirmed 14th September and 12th October 2023 minutes as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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

Council still awaits for Denbighshire County Council to resurface/repair the required highways list per the previous Council meetings.

6. FORMER CYFFYLLIOG SCHOOL UPDATED REPORT.

No updated report received from Cadwyn Clwyd since the previous Council meeting.

7. DISCUSSION WITH THE YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBER IN ATTENDANCE.

None received.

8. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.

A: The two Remembrance Silhouettes have now been erected in situation.

B: The annual Poppy Wreath has been delivered.

9. COUNCIL'S ASSETS UPDATE.

Clerk awaits for a quotation from White Oak Property Services for a quotation on the required works on the former BT phone kiosk in Cyffylliog and for a quotation for solar panels to produce electricity supply on site. The Chairman agreed to apply for grant aid for the necessary works required on the former kiosk to include relocation of the defibrillator from the redundant Cyffylliog Chapel.

10. CYFFYLLIOG FIBRE INTERNET.

Mr Philip Burrows provided Council with the following updated report on the Community Fibre Internet:-

“The UK Government’s Gigabit Voucher scheme is still paused in Denbighshire due to another UK scheme called Project Gigabit. This Project may bring fibre to some area and is still in the tender/procurement stages for our county. For this scheme, Denbighshire is broken down in to two lots as you can see on the map below. Openreach expect the vouchers to re-open for the lower half (purple dots) around May next year. Even if Project

Gigabit chooses to install properties in Denbighshire it will be a slow process, with an expected completion date of 2030.

Following a meeting with Openreach on the 24th October, I have been requested to provide a list of interested parties who are actively forming Fibre Community Partnerships and the addresses therein. If you have started contacting the premises that I suggested and have a list of eager participants, please can you let me know.

Openreach will petition UK Government to release the Gigabit Vouchers for those properties, even if they are included in Project Gigabit tender. This would expedite the fibre installations as a Fibre Community Partnership takes up to two years, not seven as could be the case with Project Gigabit.”

11. DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUTED SUMS FOR 2023/24.

The Denbighshire County Council 2023-24 Commuted Sums has been released with an allocation of £1,266.69 set aside for projects within the Cyffylliog Community Council area with the closing date for applications being 5th January 2024.

12. FINANCE UPDATE.

A: Bank balances £17,625.33.

B. Authorised payments:-

1. Two times £5.00 HSBC monthly fees £10.00.
2. Audit Wales 2017/18 fees £200.00.
3. Audit Wales 2018/19 fees £262.00.
4. Audit Wales 2018/19 Fees £525.00.
5. White Oak Property Services for Cyffylliog Cemeteries Grass Cutting - £340.00.

13. ONE VOICE WALES TRAINING COURSES.

The Clerk circulated Members with the November 2023 courses provided by One Voice Wales.

14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:-

Planning Application: 14/2023/0689 - Development of Land by the Formation of Glamping Site, Including the Siting of 4 Holiday Accommodation Units, Formation of Access, Parking and Internal Pathways, Installation of Package Treatment Plant, Landscaping and Associated Works on Land at Penllwyn, Cyffylliog – no objections.

15. CORRESPONDENCE.

Already covered elsewhere within the minutes.

16. DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES.

Members discussed the condition of the highway verge on the bend next to the Tan-yr-Hengoed junction on the Bontuchel to Llanfwrog road.

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

Members discussed the possibility of having a weekly mobile Post Office for the Community.

18. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY 2024 IN THE BONTUCHEL CHAPEL VESTRY AT 7.00 P.M.