

MINUTES OF THE CYFFYLLIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY 2024 IN THE CHAPEL VESTRY, BONTUCHEL AT 7.00 P.M.

1: PRESENT:

Councillors Aled Rees (Chairman), Emrys Williams, Elwyn Jones, Kate Edge, Kelly McGregor, Huw Jones together with Molly McGregor (Youth Representative) and the Clerk.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillors Eifion Jones and Gethin Jones together with Denbighshire County Councillor Elfed Williams.

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

Councillor Huw Jones on agenda item 14B below.

4. CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Members confirmed 9th November 2023 minutes as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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

A: The two Remembrance Silhouettes are now stored with the Chairman.

B. the Denbighshire County Council 2023/24 Commuted Sums allocation of £1,266.69 set aside for projects within the Cyffylliog Community Council area has not been claimed and will now be rolled over the 2024/25 financial year.

C. Denbighshire County Council confirmed that there are safety bollards on the highway verge bend next to the Tan-yr-Hengoed junction on the Bontuchel to Llanfwrog road.

6. FORMER CYFFYLLIOG SCHOOL UPDATED REPORT.

The Chairman reported that Cadwyn Clwyd is assisting with the tender documents for consultants to quote to oversee the project with the view of securing grant aid to cover the costs of the project.

7. DISCUSSION WITH THE YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBER IN ATTENDANCE.

Molly McGregor is in the process of investigating the provision of a "Food Bank" for the Community.

8. FORMER CYFFYLLIOG BT PHONE KIOSK AND DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE.

A: The Chairman has received a quotation from White Oak Property Services for the works required to repair the former BT Phone Kiosk in Cyffylliog. Resolved to hold the quotation until the Council's tender process is complete for the contract.

B. The Chairman has applied the local Cyffylliog Wind Farm Fund Committee for grant aid towards the relocation of the Cyffylliog defibrillator from the former Chapel to the kiosk following the recent site meeting with Tomos Hughes..

9. COUNCIL'S ASSETS UPDATE.

Already covered elsewhere within the minutes.

10. TENDER DOCUMENT FOR GROUND'S MAINTENANCE.

The Chairman has completed the tender documents inviting applicants to quote for Cyffylliog Churchyard and Cemeteries for a three year contract with the closing date set for 23rd February 2024.

11. TO DETERMINE THE COUNCIL'S 2024/25 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 standstill precept of £12,990 in the 2024/2025 financial year (£52 per Council Tax dwelling).

12. FINANCE UPDATE.

A; Audit Wales update – the Clerk reported that the required information requested by Audit Wales is awaiting collection from the Wales Audit courier.

B. Bank balances £20613.06.

C. Authorised receipt – final 2023/2024 Precept receipt from Denbighshire County Council £4,090.00.

D. Authorised payments:-

1. Steve Hughes Signs for banner £30.00.

2. Royal British Legion for Poppy Wreaths £100.00

3. Two times £5.00 bank charges £10.00.

4. Dylan Rhys Jones – Internal Auditor £240.00.

5. White Oak Property Services for Cyffylliog Cemetery Work £.310.00.

6. Clerk's salary for the quarter ended 31st December 2023 £500.00.

7. HM Revenue & Customs for PAYE for the quarter ended 31st December 2023 £125.00.

13. ONE VOICE WALES TRAINING COURSES.

The Clerk circulated Members with the January to March 2024 courses provided by One Voice Wales.

14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

A: Application: 14/2023/0371 - Erection of 7 dwellings including access, internal estate, roads, landscaping and associated works on land at Llys Heulog, Cyffylliog.

Following the previous observations made by the Council on the planning application at the September 2023 meeting of the Council, the Principal Planning Officer of Denbighshire County Council replied as follows:-

With regard to the objection on ecological grounds if the County Council Ecologist recommends supporting the proposal based on the revised Ecological Information, could I, with respect to the CC, disregard this objection?

With regard to the other points I would comment as follows:

The proposed site access is not wide enough to accommodate the site traffic.

The access is the same as previously approved for 7 houses under Outline permission 14/2019/0233 which is still extant.

No affordable housing is provided within the site application.

The developer will need to provide either a commuted sum of approximately £140,000 or provide a single dwelling (which is above policy requirement). The Developer is currently considering their options on this, but at this point Officers are requiring the Affordable Housing policy is met. It would be controlled via a section 106 legal agreement.

No Section 106 provision is made either via green space/park nor commuted sum has been allocated by the developer.

This would be agreed if a positive resolution is made on the application. The decision would not be released until the s106 agreement is signed. This is standard practice.

Welsh Water has concerns regarding the development.

This has previously been resolved with the previous application and would be controlled via planning condition and Welsh Waters own legislation.

Members resolved that the original observations to the planning application and plans remains extant.

B. Application: 14/2023/0795 - Formation of access track at Caer Weirglodd, Bontuchel (Councillor Huw Jones declared an interest on the agenda item and vacated the Committee Room during the proceedings). Members raised no objections to the planning application.

15. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Clerk circulated Members with email received from RWE on the pre-application consultation on the proposed Alwen Forest Wind Farm and Grid Connection process.

16. DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES.

Members reported again on the extremely poor condition of the highway between Cyffylliog Village and Hiraethog chapel.

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

The Chairman will produce the Council's policies for ratification at the next Council meeting.

18. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – THURSDAY 14TH MARCH 2024 IN THE BONTUCHEL CHAPEL VESTRY AT 7.00 P.M.