

MINUTES OF THE CYFFYLLIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13TH MARCH 2023
IN THE CHAPEL VESTRY, CYFFYLLIOG AT 7.00 P.M.

1: PRESENT:

Councillors Aled Rees (Chairman), Kate Edge, Eifion Jones, Emrys Williams, Elwyn Jones, Huw Jones, Gethin Jones together with the Clerk.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Kelly McGregor and Denbighshire County Councillor Elfed Williams.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

A. Councillor Huw Jones on agenda item 12B below.

B. Councillors Eifion Jones and Emrys Williams on agenda item 12C below.

4. DISCUSSION WITH MR PHILIP BURROWS, DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DIGITAL OFFICER.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Philip Burrows to the meeting and reported on the following:-
“Following recent updates from Openreach and the Welsh Government regarding internet connectivity in Wales. I have created a report for the area covered by your Community Council.

The UK Government has announced an increase to the Gigabit voucher scheme which enables rural communities to pool the vouchers to pay for fibre based internet connections to be installed. This is achieved via an Openreach programme called ‘Fibre Community Partnership’. The new voucher value will be announced shortly.

These ‘Fibre Community Partnerships’ with Openreach should be championed by local residents or a community councillor. As the Digital Officer for Denbighshire Council it is part of my remit to assist these community groups, advise, and support them throughout the Openreach process.

I’d like to come and talk to your Community Council about the opportunities in your area and the support I can give, hoping that we can work together to inform your residents and businesses of their options and eventually bring fast and reliable internet connections to all of your community.

The attached report includes information on:

- The number of premises which receive less than 30mbps and are not in an upgrade plan. These are called ‘White Premises’ by Openreach and the Government.
- An update on the Welsh Government Fibre installation programme that has been extended to March 2023.
- An update on the LFFN Fibre Programme, which has a second phase in Denbighshire.
- The Openreach map showing their expansion plans.
- The number of premise in the T&CC area that can currently obtain a fibre based internet connection offering of up to 1000mbps.
- An update on any Openreach Fibre Community Partnerships in the T&CC area.
- An explanation of the different connectivity options available to businesses and residents in Denbighshire.
- Information on how the Openreach Fibre Community Partnerships works.”

The Chairman thanked Mr Burrows for attending the meeting who will report back with his findings after his meeting to the Clerk.

5. CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING.

Members confirmed 16th January 2023 minutes as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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

Matters arising covered elsewhere within the minutes.

7. FORMER CYFFYLLIOG SCHOOL UPDATED REPORT.

The Chairman and Clerk recently met Mr Tom Taylor, Trust Manager of the Llangollen Railway Trust. Mr Taylor provided details of grant funding that the Community Council can tap into for the costs involved with next stages of the former Cyffylliog School site, but was unable to take the project on due to his full time work involvement with the Llangollen Railway Trust. There has been no communication from Rebecca Williams of Denbighshire County Council since October 2022.

Members resolved that the next stage in the project is to appoint a project manager to oversee the works and grants required and for the Clerk, in the first instance, to contact Mrs Amanda Brewer from Clawddnewydd with regards to the post of "Project Manager".

8. YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBER CONSIDERATION.

Council received one application for the "Youth Council Member", viz Miss Molly McGregor. Members resolved, after reviewing the Curriculum Vitae of the applicant, to co-opt Miss McGregor as the Youth Member of Cyffylliog Community Council.

9. COUNCIL'S STREET FURNITURE WORKS UPDATE.

A; White Oak Property Services are in the process of erecting the two public seat benches in the two Cyffylliog cemeteries.

B. Members resolved to purchase three plaques to be erected on the three public seats owned by the Community Council.

C. The new Council notice board ordered for Bontuchel will be delivered within the week.

D. The Council public seat in Bontuched required ironworks repairs, due to rotting legs, from G. Lloyd Jones Welding and Fabrication for £126.00.

10. CYFFYLLIOG CEMETERIES 2023 GRASS/HEDGE CUTTING CONTRACT.

Members resolved to accept the following quotations from White Oak Property Services on the 2023 season works:-

A: All Churchyards grass cutting @ £170.00 per cut.

B. Tidy all Churchyards @ £130.00 annual Fee.

C. Hedge cutting at the top Cemetery @ £170.00 annual fee.

11. FINANCE UPDATE.

A: Bank balances £16,450.18.

B. Authorised bill payments:-

1. Two monthly HSBC Bank Charges £10.00.

2. Public Notice Board for Bontuchel £405.52.

3. Denbighshire County Council for the Community Council 2022 election costs £150.79.

4. G. Lloyd Jones Welder £126.00.

5. HG Web Designs for the annual Website Fees £250.00.

- 6 One Voice Wales 2023/24 Annual Membership Fees £81.00.
7. One Voice Wales Training Course Fee £35.00.
8. White Oak Property Services for works on the Bontuchel Bus Shelter and Public Bench including ground maintenance spring clean £285.00.
9. Clerk's salary for the quarter ended 31st March 2023 £300.75.
10. HM Revenue & Customs for PAYE for the quarter ended 31st March 2023 £75.00.
11. Clerk's salary for the year ended 31st March 2023 £659.79.
12. Brunel Engraving for three seat bench plaques £151.08.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Members raised no objections to the following planning applications:-

- A: Planning Application: 14/2023/0014 - Installation of screen fence at Hengoed, Bontuchel.
- B. Planning Application: 14/2023/0047 - Erection of extension and alterations to dwelling, construction of a new vehicular access and associated works at Capel Hiraethog, Cyffylliog.
- C. Planning Application: 14/2022/0958 - Details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of 2 dwellings and archaeological watching brief submitted in accordance with condition number 1 and 11 of outline permission 14/2021/0348/PO (reserved matters application) on land adjacent to St. Mary's Church, Cyffylliog.
- D. Planning Application: 14/2022/0547 - Change of use of land for the siting of 2 shepherd huts and 5 bell tents to be used as holiday accommodation units including the formation of hardstandings, installation of package treatment plant and shower at Pentre Potes, Cyffylliog.

13. ONE VOICE WALES "GUIDANCE ON PREPARING A COUNCIL'S TRAINING PLAN INCLUDING A MODEL PLAN TEMPLATE".

The Clerk circulated Members with the list of One Voice Wales training courses for March and April 2023.

14. COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL 2022/23 REMUNERATION CLAIM FORMS.

The Clerk circulated Members with the 2022/23 "Remuneration claim Forms".

15. FUTURE VENUE FOR THE CYFFYLLIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Members resolved, following the closure of the Cyffylliog Chapel Vestry on 31st March 2023, that future Community Council meetings will be held in the Bontuchel Chapel Vestry.

16. CORRESPONDENCE.

Already covered elsewhere within the minutes.

17. DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES.

Members discussed the bad state of the roads with potholes on various highways within the Community Council area.

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

There was no other business for discussion.

19. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – THURSDAY 11TH MAY 2023 IN THE CHAPEL VESTRY, BONTUCHEL AT 7.30 P.M.