

MINUTES OF THE CYFFYLLIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2023 IN THE CHAPEL VESTRY, BONTUCHEL AT 7.00 P.M.

1: PRESENT:-

Councillors Aled Rees (Chairman), Emrys Williams, Elwyn Jones, Kate Edge, Kelly McGregor, Eifion Jones, Gethin Jones, together with Molly McGregor (Youth Representative), Denbighshire County Councillor Elfed Williams and the Clerk.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillor Huw Jones.

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

None received.

4. CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING.

Members confirmed 11th May 2023 minutes as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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

Denbighshire County Council has granted planning permission for planning application 14/2023/0305 - Erection of a two storey extension to side of dwelling and associated works at Arfryn, Cyffylliog.

6. FORMER CYFFYLLIOG SCHOOL SITE UPDATED REPORT.

The Chairman and Clerk held a site meeting at the former Cyffylliog School Site on 5th June 2023 with Miss Rebecca Williams, Denbighshire County Council Principal Chartered Valuation and Estates Surveyor, and Mrs Amanda Brewer, Project Manager on behalf of the Community Council. Denbighshire County Council are in the position to offer first offer to the site to the Community Council. Mrs Brewer agreed to proceed with applying for grant aid towards the costs required on site together with employing a Structural Engineer to assess the current state of the building.

7. DISCUSSION WITH THE YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBER IN ATTENDANCE.

Molly McGregor reported on the following issues:-

A: Bullying on the Community School Bus to Brynhyfryd School in Ruthin. Members resolved for the Clerk to inform Denbighshire County Council, as the transport providers, of the issues raised.

B. Future provision for a Community Youth Club and "Clwb Feithrin Ti a Fi" for the Community.

8. COUNCIL'S ASSETS WORKS REQUIREMENT.

A; White Oak Property Services provided the following quotations-

1: Required works on the Cyffylliog Cemetery retaining wall £75.00.

2. Cyffylliog cemeteries hedge cutting £310.00.

Members resolved to accept the quotations provided.

B. Members resolved to seek a quotation from White Oak Property Services for the repair and maintenance works required on the former BT telephone kiosk in Cyffylliog.

9. TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON THE CLERK'S SALARY FROM 1ST APRIL 2023.

The Chairman reported that the Council Members only met since the previous Council meeting to review the Clerk's salary from 1st April 2023 and resolved, after received information from One Voice Wales, to increase the Clerk's salary from 1st April 2023 to £2,500.00 per annum.

10. FINANCE UPDATE.

A. Bank balances £20,134.83.

B. Second 2023/24 precept receipt £4,090.00.

C. Members resolved to purchase two World Wars Silhouettes as a mark of respect for the forthcoming Remembrance Sunday Services on 12th November 2023.

D. Authorised bill payments:-

1. HSBC four months bank charges £22.50

2. Clerk's salary for the quarter ended 30th June 2023 £480.00.

3. HM Revenue & Customs for PAYE for the quarter ended 30th June 2023 £120.00.

4. White Oak Property Services for six cuts of the Cyffylliog Cemeteries to 31st August 2023 £1,020.00.

5. One Voice Wales training courses £190.00.

6 Royal British Legion for the purchase and carriage of two Remembrance Silhouettes £400.00.

7. Clerk's salary for the quarter ended 30th September 2023 £480.00.

8. HM Revenue & Customs for PAYE for the quarter ended 30th September 2023 £120.00.

E. Members approved the Council's Annual Returns for the four years ended 31st March 2023 and signed off by both the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.

F. Members appointed Rhys Jones from Ruthin as the Council's Internal Auditor to cover the Annual Accounts for the four years ended 31st March 2023.

11. ONE VOICE WALES TRAINING COURSES.

A: the Clerk circulated Members with September and October 2023 training dates provided by One Voice Wales.

B. Denbighshire County Council has agreed to provide, free of charge, the Code of Conduct training course to Community Council at a date to be set.

12. PLANNING APPLICATION.

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

Members resolved on the following objections to the planning application:-

1. The Denbighshire County Council Ecology report recommends refusal to the planning application.

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

3. No affordable housing is provided within the site application.

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

5. Welsh Water has concerns regarding the development.

13. CORRESPONDENCE.

On behalf of the Alwen Forest Wind Farm, RWE Renewables provided Council with the following:-

A: Alwen Forest scoping report.

B. Clocaenog Forest Socio-economic report.

14. DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES.

County Councillor Elfed Williams reported that he has had another site meeting with Tim Towers regarding the worsening conditions of the highways within Cyffylliog Community Council area.

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

There were no urgent business for discussion.

16. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – THURSDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2023 IN THE BONTUCHEL CHAPEL VESTRY AT 7.00 P.M.