

YSTRAD FFLUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL; MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING

THURSDAY 19/11/2020 AT 7.00pm

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME & PERSONAL MATTERS

Cllr. Gareth Owen welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting.

2. PRESENT: Mervyn Botwood; Sonia Fletcher; Cllr Clare Hughes; Cllr Angharad Jones; Cllr Laura Jones; County Cllr. Ifan Lloyd-Davies; Cllr Gareth Owen; Cllr Doug Rowbotham & Eleri Thomas (Clerk).

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr John Jones; Cllr Mair Jones (no access to internet); Cllr Non-Jones; Cllr Wil Lewis (no access to the internet); Cllr Alun Price-Jones (no access to internet) and Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) John Evans.

4. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO John Evans reported via phone that there had been no incidents of Antisocial Behaviour, Burglary, Criminal Damage, theft or offences of violence during the past month. Regarding the attack of a Young Person on the main bridge of the Village, PCSO Evans conveyed that no independent witness had come forward.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None declared.

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE MEETING OF THE 29th October 2020

It was **PROPOSED (Cllr Angharad Jones)**, **SECONDED (Cllr Clare Hughes)** and **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Minutes of the Meeting of the 19th October 2020, were correct. They will be signed by the Chairperson when circumstances permit.

7. MATTERS ARISING

7.1 Update: Community Council's response to the Coronavirus challenge: The Community Council encouraged individuals to be vigilant and to observe Welsh Government guidelines.

7.2 Maintenance of the Pantyfedwen Hall Play Area: a poster had been displayed at the entrance to the park, which contained Covid-19 recommendations, for users of the play-area.

7.3 Glan-yr-Afon: re oil-tank, a response from Ceredigion CC stated that the land on which the tank was located, was not registered common land and evidence of a footpath running through the area, could not be ascertained. It did not appear that the county council had responsibility, in relation to the land. It is the responsibility of the owner/manager of the land to arrange for the removal of the oil-tank and to discuss encroachment issues, if desired.

During the previous meeting it was reported that the owner of the property, namely Mr Alan Phillips had been contacted; Mr Phillips had spoken to Marika who had informed him that Malcolm would move the tank. It was not known at this meeting whether the tank had been removed.

7.4 Membership of Committees within the Village: *No reports during this meeting.*

7.5 Repair of Bench, Ffair Rhos: Cllr Gareth Owen and John Jones to examine the condition of the bench. *No further development at this meeting.* It had not been agreed at the previous meeting to purchase a new bench.

7.6 Grass Cutting over the Summer Months within the Village: Mr D Benjamin had completed the grass cutting for the Summer 2020 on behalf of the Community Council.

Grass verge outside Pantyfedwen Hall, adjacent to the road, and certain areas within the Maesydderwen Estate had been cut by Ceredigion County Council.

7.7 It was reported during a previous meeting that trees were overgrown at Glan-yr Afon. It was **AGREED** during that meeting to contact Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to establish whether grants were available to install a footpath in the environs of Glanyrafon, leading to the Green Bridge. NRW had forwarded a Budget Bulletin, which listed sources of funding, which could be investigated.

- 7.8 Remembrance Sunday Service: 8.11.2020 – to remember the fallen and those injured, during military conflicts:** It had been **RESOLVED** not to hold a Remembrance Sunday service this year, in view of the Covid-19 restrictions. Residents had been invited, instead, to observe 2 minutes' silence at 11am, outside their properties, whilst bugler John Jenkins played the Last Post, adjacent to the Bont War Memorial. Chairman Cllr Gareth Owen and Cllr John Jones (Marshall) were thanked for laying a wreath by the Bont War Memorial on Sunday 8th November 2020 on behalf of the Community Council and for reading the names of the Fallen. 18 individuals had gathered adjacent to the Bont War Memorial despite the fact that the public had been informed that the usual service would not go-ahead; social distancing measures had been respected. It was **AGREED** to thank John Jenkins, Lledrod for assuming the role of bugler, once again, this year. Members of the public had been permitted to lay a wreath by the War Memorial during Remembrance Sunday, by observing social distancing measures.
- 7.9 Welsh Ambulance Service:** updating all the local defibrillators and asking whether it would be possible for the Community Council to check the defibrillators and upload them onto the Circuit. <https://www.thecircuit.uk>. The App for Ceredigion was requested. It was agreed to find out, where defibrillators were located within the community. **AGREED Cllr Gareth Owen to execute the task.**
- 7.10 Cllr Clare Hughes had reported in the previous meeting** that Mrs Nel Jones had enquired in relation to the footpath, which ran from the school to Ffair Rhos. Mrs Jones had drawn Cllrs attention, to this footpath, during the 2019 AGM and had reported that 3 stiles needed attention. Mr Haydn Lewis, Coast and Countryside Section, Ceredigion CC, had been contacted. Mr Lewis reported that he was aware of the situation and the work would have been executed this year had it not been for the Covid-19 Pandemic. It is hoped to repair the stiles in 2021. **AGREED:** To convey the information to Mrs Nel Jones.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 Town Centre Safe Zones Survey:** The Town Centre Safe Zones Survey is now live on the Ceredigion County Council Consultations Webpage. Ceredigion CC would like to include the opinions of Ceredigion Town and Community Councils (link enclosed) <https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/your-council/consultations/> (open until the 21st December 2020).
- 8.2 The Welsh Government is inviting Local Authorities and Councils (Town, Village and Community)** to bid for its new £13.2m fund to support, repair and re-use activities, in town centres. This will help accelerate Wales' shift towards a circular economy and is also aimed to directly support Covid19 reconstruction, in Wales. The government's commitment to this strand of work was further highlighted by support from Hannah Blythyn MS (Deputy Minister for Housing and Local Government), as well as the newly published Future Generation Commissioner's 'Manifesto for the Future', which included initiatives such as repair cafes and swap shops, in their vision for prosperous Welsh cities. The closing date for applications is *1st December 2020*. **AGREED:** Cllr Clare Hughes to assign further attention to the above, in a bid to meet costs, associated with the fence of the park.
- 8.3 NHS Wales: Hywel Dda University Health Board:** is undertaking an engagement exercise (survey) to prepare a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment that will determine Community Pharmacy Services across its footprint.

The survey closes on 13 December 2020 and all the relevant documentation is available online: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KX6PT89>

It was agreed to complete the survey.

- 8.4 DC Gareth Jordan from Dyfed Powys Police** stated that they had become aware of fake Royal Mail notifications being sent out via email. The scam involved an email which claimed Royal Mail had tried to deliver a parcel - and then asked for payment of £1.99, to arrange redelivery. The style of the email and the low fee made the scam appear legitimate. The email directed the user to an official-looking page where he/she would be asked to disclose their bank details.

DO NOT CLICK ON THE LINK. Forward the email to report@phishing.gov.uk (this reporting service is run by the National Cyber Security Centre and aims to take down fake websites)

AGREED: Cllr Laura Jones to post information on local social platforms, to alert the public of this scam.

- 8.5 Warning – Fake phone calls to residents pretending to be from the Police**

Dyfed Powys Police reported that criminals masquerading as Police officers were calling residents and trying to carry out what is known as ‘Courier Fraud’.

They phoned an individual to tell them about fraudulent activity on their bank card, but then requested personal information or even the person’s PIN, for verification. They could try to offer peace of mind by arranging for someone to pick up the bank card from the person concerned to save the need to contact their bank or local police station (Courier). Advice given by Dyfed Powys Police:

- “These callers are criminals who will try to gain your trust by making you think they are police officers.
- Do not engage in conversation with them.
- Do not allow them to arrange collection of bank cards.
- Put the phone down.
- Block the number they called from.
- Tell your friends and neighbours about this scam
- Report it to your local police force by contacting them via their online webpage or 101”

- 8.6 As part of the research on strengthening and advancing equality and human rights** in Wales, the following links and attachments were sent with a request that the Community Council completes the survey, if possible.

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RLTYKS7> (English)

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/K2FYNQV> (Welsh)

- 8.7 Information received via Ben Lake MP:** The Cynnal y Cardi Local Action Group (LAG), which implements the LEADER scheme in Ceredigion is seeking innovative ideas from individuals, groups, businesses and organisations. Cynnal y Cardi has revenue funding to support project development – particularly with a focus on testing and piloting ideas; evaluation; scoping and feasibility studies; facilitation; consultation and training and mentoring. With a renewed focus, ideas are being sought on how Ceredigion can be developed, its market towns as distinctive places where people desire to live, work, visit and how more can be made of Ceredigion’s cultural assets and traditions to support local communities and the economy. Utilising digital technology opportunities and working towards a low carbon future are included within the objectives.

Providing opportunities for young people is also key and the aim is to create a culture of entrepreneurship, providing new opportunities for people to realise their ambitions when living and working in Ceredigion.
It was **AGREED** for Cllr Clare Hughes to contact the Cynnal y Cardi team to discuss ideas and for more information. The closing date for submissions is the 18th of January 2021.

8.8 Other Correspondence: Noted for Information.

**9. FINANCE
PAYMENTS**

9.1 Little Duck Rubber Swing Seat x2 £99.90 (inc. VAT)

9.2 Disinfectant, Soap & Hand Gel £76.71 (inc VAT)

9.3 Clerk's Pay October 2020 £193.83 (Gross Pay).

9.4 Green Grant- Ceredigion County Council: invoices had been forwarded to Ceredigion CC. *Ceredigion CC requested further information before the grant can be released. Details have been sent.*

9.5 Financial Regulations of the Community Council: it was **RESOLVED** to assign further attention to the Financial Regulations, during a future meeting of the Community Council.

10. PLANNING

10.1 No Planning Applications received.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Cllr Clare Hughes said that she had read on FB a request for all local committees to donate the cost of a Poppy Wreath to the Royal British Legion as face-to-face collections could not go-ahead this year, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

11.2 Cllr Laura Jones drew attention to the rate in which houses were sold at present, in Ceredigion, to individuals outside the county (sometimes for retirement purposes or second homes). This often priced local young people out of the market and discouraged them from staying in the area and contributing to the local economy. Ceredigion CC followed the Local Development Plan, which attempted to retain Young People via Affordable Homes. Planning decisions were often made by the Welsh Government. It was felt that every effort should be made to retain Young People in rural areas and securing access to affordable housing.

11.3 Light of Bont War Memorial not working: It was agreed to enlist the services of Mr Wyn Evans.

11.4 Christmas Tree for the Village: it was agreed to liaise with the Christmas Committee (Clare/Mair/Jean/Alun/Angharad). The purchase of two Christmas trees, was considered, should funds allow. (Adam, Pontrhydygroes)

The meeting was adjourned at 7.50pm.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 21st January 2021 @ 7pm to include Budget Proposals for the next financial year. Location: Pantyfedwen Hall Library or Virtual Meeting in accordance with WG Covid-19 Regulations.

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