

**YSTRAD FFLUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL; MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MONTHLY
MEETING THURSDAY 18/02/2021 AT 7.00pm**

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME & PERSONAL MATTERS

Cllr. Gareth Owen welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting.

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

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Mair Jones (no access to internet & shielding); Cllr Non-Jones; Cllr Wil Lewis (no access to the internet) & Cllr Alun Price-Jones (no access to internet & shielding) & Cllr Doug Rowbotham.

4. POLICE MATTERS

Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) John Evans reported:

- There had been no incidents of reported crime since the last meeting.
- To the Police's knowledge there have been no further reports of "Lampers" in the area
- Scam phone calls continued in their various forms. PCSO Evans encouraged the Community Council to alert individuals and in particular the elderly and infirm, to ignore such calls and not divulge personal details)
- Following a posting by Dyfed Powys Police and various postings on Social media Platforms regarding dog thefts there had been an increase in the volume of calls relating to suspicious vehicles and persons.
The message for anyone with a dog (domestic pet or those that are breeders) was to exercise greater care and check their premises security. There had been no dog thefts reported in Pontrhydfendigaid and Ffair Rhos or immediate areas to date.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None declared.

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE MEETING OF THE 21st of January 2021

It was **PROPOSED (Cllr Clare Hughes)**, **SECONDED (Cllr Angharad Jones)** and **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Minutes of the Meeting of the 21st of January 2021, were correct.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE 29.01.2021;
31.01.2021 & 2.02.2021**

It was **PROPOSED (Cllr Laura Jones)**, **SECONDED (Cllr Angharad Jones)** and **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meetings, were correct.

They will be signed by the Chairperson when circumstances permit.

7. MATTERS ARISING

7.1 Former building: St David's Church, Pontrhydfendigaid: Cllr Laura Jones had liaised with Claire, Ceredigion County Council; the Questionnaire will be completed shortly. Cllr Laura Jones will then consult members of the Community Council to find out whether they agree with the questions. Questionnaire will be posted through letter boxes and on-line. Residents will be asked in relation to their vision for the redundant Church building.

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

7.3 **Cllr Clare Hughes** had enquired whether the Village signs were insured by the Community Council. They were not insured by the Community Council. County Cllr Ifan Lloyd Davies agreed to find out further information via Mr Tom Delph Januirek, Ceredigion County Council.

7.4 **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. **It was agreed to leave the matter in abeyance until Covid-19 Restrictions were lifted.***

7.5 **Repair of Bench, Ffair Rhos:** Cllr Gareth Owen and John Jones to examine the condition of the bench. *No further developments at this meeting. **It was agreed to leave the matter in abeyance until Covid-19 Restrictions were lifted.***

7.6 **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.

A communication from Mr Mervyn Botwood questioned the need for a proposed new footpath adjacent to the southern side of the River Teifi, when a poorly maintained footpath already extended from the cattlegrid to Abbey Road and Oak Street. He asked whether members of the Community Council would reconsider this proposal in view of the existing footpath and environmental issues encompassing hedgehogs, water-voles, frogs, toads and newts etc.

The Proposal would allow rear access to properties and consequently, increase vulnerability, in relation to crime. Certain maintenance work such as tree pruning, and grass cutting would be necessary at certain intervals along this section; this work should be executed by a professional with careful consideration to the environment. It was felt that cutting the grass had no effect on pest control.

The Community Council was reminded of a similar proposal many years ago on the northern side of the River Teifi, which resulted in the destruction of many trees including an ancient oak tree in the environs of the Green Bridge.

Members noted Mr Botwood's comments and agreed to notify him accordingly.

7.7 **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. **AGREED Cllr Doug Rowbotham to execute the task.** A defibrillator is located adjacent to the Pantyfedwen Hall and the Village Shop. It was not ascertained whether a defibrillator was positioned in close proximity to the Abbey. ***It was agreed to leave the matter in abeyance until Covid-19 Restrictions were lifted.***

7.8 **Costs associated with the repair of the Park's fence:** Cynnal y Cardi Grant: Cllr Clare Hughes was assigning attention to the matter.

7.9 **It was reported in a previous meeting that an electricity** post was insecure in the environs of the Pantyfedwen Play Area. The matter was reported to Western Power Distribution who had rectified the situation. It was reported that the area of land on which the work had been undertaken, appeared untidy and neglected. It was agreed

to find out who was responsible for this condition and to ask whether the area could be restored to the former condition.

7.10 **Cllr Laura Jones said that a recent FB dialogue encompassed speeding issues in the Village, and it was enquired whether stricter speed restrictions could be implemented (from the current 30mph to 20mph) as well as traffic calming measures. A White Paper had been drafted by the Welsh Government.**

7.11 **Grass Cutting within the Village over the summer months:** it was agreed to seek tenders for the following work. 1) Glan-yr-Afon: Riverbank to include Maesydderwen from the Bridge Wall to 3 Pencraigiau x 3 cuts 2) Entrance to the Village approx. 2m from the main entrance sign to include the Green and the area by the Church x6cuts 3) Around Pantyfedwen Hall x6cuts (to include inside of the fence of the Ysgol Feithrin and the Park). Quote per cut. Closing date: Thursday 18th March 2021, 12 Noon.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 **Consultation New Draft Guidance Code of Conduct:** New draft Guidance on the Code of Conduct for members of County and Community/Town Councils on the Ombudsman Wales website [here](#). Comments to be submitted to communications@ombudsman.wales by 28 February 2021.

8.2 **Keep Wales Tidy:** Scams re Covid19 Vaccine: for information.

8.3 **Remote Training Sessions:** One Voice Wales: noted for information.

8.4 **Re-Engage: Call Companions:** for individuals 75+: for information.

8.5 **One Voice Wales: Area Meeting: 17.03.2021 @ 7pm:** it was agreed to forward the Community Council's apologies on this occasion.

8.6 **Consultation of Ceredigion's Economic Strategy:** comments were to be submitted by the end of January 2021.

8.7 **Cambrian Mountains Initiative:** Proposal for discussion re landscape status for the Cambrian Mountains. The full document can be downloaded from the website www.thecambrianmountains.co.uk . Individual Cllrs to respond accordingly.

8.8 **Response from Ceredigion CC regarding the request to trim trees** adjacent to 22/23 Maesydderwen and 9 Maesydderwen: Mr Jon Hadlow, Ceredigion CC had inspected the oak tree adjacent to 22/23 Maesydderwen and no serious problems were observed deeming the tree a danger. Mr Hadlow had agreed to trim the apex of the tree in a bid to rectify the previous work undertaken on the tree. *Communication from Ceredigion CC stated that a contractor had been employed and will execute the task before the end of March 2021.*

Tree Outside 9 Maesydderwen is the responsibility of Tai Ceredigion. To report the matter to Tai Ceredigion.

8.9 **Calor: Calor Rural Community Fund:** opens for applications on Wednesday 10th March 2021 re projects, which require funding in the community. Cllr Clare Hughes agreed to assign attention to the matter.

8.10 **Community Health Councils** are the independent watchdog of NHS services in Wales and are encouraging individuals to share their NHS experience by completing the online survey <http://ow.ly/Rbpo50BwnfX> or Text 62277 – begin your message with HDCHC followed by your feedback.

8.11 **Other Correspondence:** Noted for Information.

9. FINANCE

9.1 **“Pilgrim”- Strata Florida:** communication from Mr Jim Cowie, Chair of the Strata Florida Community Liaison Group. Request for financial support for planning application to restore the damaged “Pilgrim” at Strata Florida. It was agreed to invite Mr Cowie to the next meeting of the Community Council, to discuss further.

- 9.2 **Cruse: Bereavement Care:** Request for financial support. To consider all financial requests during the March meeting of the Community Council.
- 9.3 **It was agreed to ask Mrs Enid Hughes** whether she would be prepared to undertake the role of Internal Auditor, once again, this year.

10. PLANNING

No Planning matters to consider.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 11.1 **It was reported that** water pooled at many locations on the pavement leading up towards the School. To report to Ceredigion County Council.
- 11.2 **It was agreed to contact Ceredigion CC** to enquire in relation to developments re the proposed pavement in the environs of the main bridge of the Village.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.45pm.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 18TH March 2021 @ 7pm. Location: Pantyfedwen Hall Library or Virtual Meeting in accordance with WG Covid-19 Regulations.

===== (Signed/Date)