

YSTRAD FFLUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on

THURSDAY 18/11/2021 AT 7.00pm at the Pantyfedwen Hall, Pontrhydfendigaid

1. **CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME & PERSONAL MATTERS:** Chairperson Cllr. Gareth Owen welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting at the Pantyfedwen Hall, whilst observing Welsh Government Covid-19 Regulations.
2. **PRESENT:** Police Community Support Officer John Evans, Cllr Clare Hughes; Cllr Angharad Jones (Vice-Chairperson); Cllr Mair Jones; County Cllr Ifan Lloyd-Davies; Cllr Gareth Owen, Cllr Alun Price-Jones, Cllr Doug Rowbotham & Eleri Thomas (Clerk).
3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr John Jones and Cllr Non Jones apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.
4. **POLICE MATTERS:** Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) John Evans updated members on recent events to include anti-social behaviour.
5. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None declared.
6. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MEETINGS OF THE 21st of October 2021**
It was **PROPOSED (Cllr Clare Hughes)**, **Seconded (Cllr Alun Price Jones)** and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the 21st of October 2021 were correct apart from the following amendment:
"11.1 Sunken drains are evident by Gorwel, Pontrhydfendigaid SY25 6DP. To report to CCC. "Should read adjacent to Capel Rhydfendigaid and not ".... by Gorwel". They were signed by the Chairperson.

7. MATTERS ARISING

- 7.1 **Trimming of trees to the rear of the Maesydderwen Estate:** Natural Resources Wales had conveyed that this body was not responsible for the trimming of these trees and advised the Community Council to contact Ceredigion County Council. The area of land under review was classed as common land. Cllr Gareth Owen and Cllr Non Jones agreed to assess the situation once again with a view of asking Richard for a quotation to undertake the work. *No developments.*
- 7.2 **Grant Funding:** Fence for Park: Cllr Clare Hughes is assigning attention to the matter.
- 7.3 **Repair of Notice Board at Ffair Rhos:** Cllr Gareth Owen will execute the task.
- 7.4 **Remembrance Sunday Service 14.11. 2021: War Memorial, Bont at 10.55am:**
It was reported that the service had been a fitting memorial to those who had made the ultimate sacrifice during WW1, WW2 and in military conflicts since that time. 70 individuals had attended the event. Rev. Aled Lewis had led the service and was assisted by the Rev. Elizabeth Arnold Davies. Mr Lyn Ebenezer lay the wreath on behalf of the Community Council. Permission was granted from the new owners of the previous St Mary's Church to conduct the service in front of the War Memorial. It was agreed to send a thank you letter to Rev Aled Lewis and the bugler Mr John Jenkins (played the Last Post and the hymn *Efengyl Tangnafedd*). Cllr John Jones had co-ordinated the event on behalf of the Community Council with contributions from Cllr Gareth Owen, Clare Hughes, Doug Rowbotham and Non Jones. Other Cllrs had also been present. Apologies for absence were received from County Cllr Ifan Lloyd-Davies and Cllr Angharad Jones.
Mr Charles Arch enquired whether he could lay the wreath in 2022 as he was unable to do so in 2021 because he was celebrating his Diamond Wedding Anniversary.
It was asked whether the entrance gate of the War Memorial could be opened for a longer time scale in 2022 and whether more organisations could donate a wreath.
Furthermore, it was enquired whether a larger sized wreath could be displayed in the future. It was agreed to revisit these requests before the Remembrance Sunday Service of 2022.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 **Zoom Meeting Monday 22 November 2021** at 6.30pm between representatives of the County Council and Town and Community Councils. Invitation for 2 representatives of the Community Council to meet the Leader of the County Council Cllr Ellen ap Gwynn and Chief Executive Mr Eifion Evans to discuss matters of current mutual interest. Cllr Clare Hughes agreed to attend the meeting. Questions to be submitted in advance. It was agreed to ask in relation to the request for a footbridge adjacent to the main bridge of the Village.

8.2 **Ceredigion County Council (CCC) is working in partnership with Natural Resources Wales** to improve access and recreation opportunities as part of the Abbey Consols Metal Mine Remediation Scheme. Improvements to a popular local circular walk that starts and ends in Pontrhydfendigaid have been identified; details of the route can be found here:
<http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/media/5048/pontrhydfendigaid.pdf>. The improvements include replacing a few stiles with gates and improving the condition of paths either side of the footbridge crossing the River Teifi. These works will enhance accessibility along the paths, removing barriers, to use and improve opportunities for residents and visitors alike to access and enjoy the countryside. CCC is also keen to learn of other local access improvements that could inform future projects and works. CCC endeavours to identify points of interest along the circular route, with the aim of including these on interpretation panels placed at certain locations. CCC invited the Community Council to contribute to the production of the panels and asked for suggestions re the content that is, interesting and engaging facts/stories about local industry, culture, built and natural heritage that can enthuse and inform walkers. Whilst CCC will endeavour to include suggestions into the panels, there is no guarantee that all will make it into the final designs. Suggestions to be submitted by the 4th of January 2022. **It was AGREED to contact Cllr John Jones to ask whether he could help re tales about Ffair Rhos and associated poets.**

8.3 **Subject: Defibrillator Welsh Ambulance Service; trying to assign 'Guardians' to each defibrillator in the area, a goal it is trying to achieve pan Wales.**
By registering the Defibrillator on 'The Circuit', which is the national defibrillator system, it ensures they are utilised to their maximum potential when required.
<https://www.thecircuit.uk> It was agreed to register the 2 defibrillators in the community, which are based adjacent to Pantyfedwen Hall SY25 6DE and the Village Shop SY25 6EE. Further information is required e.g., serial numbers; Cllr Gareth Owen agreed to find out.

8.4 **Ceredigion Electoral Arrangements from May 2022**
The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales has undertaken a review of the electoral arrangements for all Unitary Authorities in Wales. The Commission published its final recommendations in May 2019 and recommended a Council of 38 Cllrs, a reduction from the present 42 members, with a county average of 1,384 electors per member.

It also recommended 34 electoral wards, a reduction from the 40 existing wards. The Minister for Finance and Local Government issued a Written Statement in September 2021 accepting those recommendations. The Minister Made the Order on 11th October 2021, which will come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2022 i.e., 5th May 2022 The County of Ceredigion (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021. **The changes are summarised as follows:** A reduction of Councillors from 42 to 38; A reduction of electoral wards from 40 to 34; There are 18 changes to electoral wards in all; There will be 4 multi-member electoral wards. Full details of the changes are available on the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales website Ceredigion Final Recommendations | LDDBC (gov. Wales). Changes to the County Council Electoral Ward has no effect on Town and Community Council boundaries but there are some electoral wards which combine parts of a warded community or town. These are the Aberystwyth Town Council and Dyffryn Arth Community Council. Tregaron and Ystrad Fflur (Gwnnws Uchaf and Caron Uwch Clawdd) Wards will merge.

8.5 Pentir Pumlumon Tourism: "Things to do Panels" to advertise activities in the area. It was agreed to ask whether it would be possible to display a panel on the Pantyfedwen Hall Grounds.

8.6 Dafydd Llywelyn, Police and Crime Commissioner for the Dyfed-Powys area, stating that it is important that he can represent communities in making decisions linked to local policing services. To do this effectively, it is necessary to hear from the Community Council, as community representatives, on various policing matters. The policing priorities for 2021-2025 are set out in his Police and Crime Plan, in which he is committed to ensuring victims are at the heart of every decision, with a specific focus on understanding victims' views, taking trauma-informed approaches and looking at community-based solutions. His Draft Police and Crime Plan is accessible here: <https://www.dyfedpowyspcc.org.uk/media/11000/draft-plan-10.pdf>. Feedback from the public and community representatives, together with research and assessments of local needs, resources and priorities have enabled him to set out policing priorities for local communities. Set out within the Plan is his overarching vision for 2021-2025, for the communities of DyfedPowys to be: safe places to live and work; where people, particularly victims, are supported to build resilience; and trusting and confident in their policing and criminal justice services." At this stage, it is important that he checks back with the public and partners to see whether they agree that his draft policing priorities will ensure his overarching aim for the communities of Dyfed-Powys will be achieved. He is also in the process of establishing the budget for local policing for the 2022/2023 financial year as the Police await the Government's Police Grant settlement. Whilst the Chief Constable will assess the priorities, pressure, and investment requirements to keep communities safe, it is important that he consults with residents and business owners as part of the budget setting process so that the police precept level can be set. A public consultation has therefore been launched, which will ask residents and business owners to consider his draft policing priorities alongside their contribution towards local policing. The survey closes on 30 November 2021. It was agreed to display on the Community Council's website and Facebook.

8.7 All other correspondence: noted for information.

9. FINANCE

9.1 Audit of Accounts 2021: Information re Statutory External Audit. Annual Return was certified by the Responsible Financial Officer and approved by the Council during the June meeting and forwarded to Audit Wales. The financial position of the Community Council @ 31.03.2021 can be viewed on the website [Blwyddyn Ariannol – Fiscal Year 2019-2020; 2020-21 | Cyngor Cymuned – Ystrad Fflur – Community Council \(ccystradfflurcc.org.uk\)](https://blwyddyn-ariannol-cyngor-cymuned-ystrad-fflur-2019-2020-2020-21.cymru)

Audit Wales reported that there was a delay in the processing of the External Audit, this year.

10. PLANNING: No Planning matters.

11. AOB

11.1 The railings of Rhydfendigaid Chapel are not secure. It was agreed to refresh the railings. The meeting was adjourned at 8.30pm.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 20th January 2022 @ 7pm at Pantyfedwen Hall/follow W.G guidelines.

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