

YSTRAD FFLUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on
THURSDAY 20/01/2022 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:** Cllr Clare Hughes; Cllr Non Jones; County Cllr Ifan Lloyd-Davies; Cllr Gareth Owen, Cllr Alun Price-Jones, Cllr Doug Rowbotham & Eleri Thomas (Clerk).
3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Police Community Support Officer John Evans; Cllr Angharad Jones (Vice-Chairperson) – self-isolating; Cllr John Jones and Cllr Mair Jones apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.
4. **POLICE MATTERS:** Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) John Evans updated members on recent events, stating that the last season had been quiet:
 - Antisocial behaviour / Harassment: zero
 - Burglary: zero
 - Criminal Damage: zero
 - Theft: one

A local farmer (Pontrhydfendigaid) had reported that sometime between July 2021 and November 2021 16 sheep had been stolen from farmland adjacent to common land. Enquiries had been made within local farms without success.

- Violence/ Assault: zero

5. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** Chairperson Gareth Owen when the Planning Application A211084 Minute ref: 10.1, was discussed; he vacated the premises.

6. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MEETINGS OF THE 18th of November 2021**

It was **PROPOSED (Cllr Clare Hughes), Seconded (Cllr Alun Price Jones) and RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the 18th of November 2021 were correct apart from the following amendments:

Minute 11.1 Shop Postcode should read SY25 6EE and *not* SY25 6DP.

Minute 7.4 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. It was noted that the gates were normally kept open.

Minute 8.3 Pantyfedwen Hall's Post Code should read SY25 6ES and *not* SY25 6DE. They were signed by the Chairperson.

7. **MATTERS ARISING**

- 7.1 **Precept 2022-23: The Budget Report was discussed. Appendix 1.** After careful deliberation it was unanimously **AGREED** (Proposed by Cllr Clare Hughes and seconded by Cllr Doug Rowbotham) *not* to increase the Precept for the financial year 2022-23. It will remain at £7,213. Ceredigion CC will be informed accordingly.
- 7.2 **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 conduct a site meeting to assess the situation.

7.3 **Grant Funding:** Fence for Park (between park and football pitch – height 1m): Cllr Clare Hughes is assigning attention to the matter and seeking quotations. The feasibility of the Football Committee making a contribution, was considered.

7.4 **Repair of Notice Board at Ffair Rhos:** Cllr Gareth Owen will execute the task.

7.5 **Zoom Meeting Monday 22 November 2021** at 6.30pm between representatives of the County Council and Town and Community Councils; it was hosted by 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 had attended the meeting. Questions had been submitted in advance. Ystrad Fflur Community Council had asked in relation to the request for a footbridge adjacent to the main bridge of the Village. In the response it was conveyed that the matter was included within the County Council's "system" and would receive attention accordingly.

7.6 **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 could 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. **Cllr John Jones had submitted a response on behalf of the Community Council re tales about Ffair Rhos and associated poets; he was thanked for his efforts. Appendix 2.**

7.7 **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 two defibrillators in the community, which are based adjacent to Pantyfedwen Hall SY25 6ES and the Village Shop SY25 6EE. Cllr Gareth Owen provided the necessary code numbers. The Clerk to register on the "circuit". It was noted that the pads associated with the defibrillator by the Hall had an expiry date of the 4.07.2020.

7.8 **Ceredigion CC had improved the condition** of the Green Bridge and its environs in recent weeks.

7.9 **Abbey Road – Y Fynachlog:** improvements are expected imminently by CCC.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – National Lottery Awards for All: OV Wales

National Lottery funding is available to mark Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee National Lottery Awards for All is accepting applications for projects costing less than £10,000 for communities developing projects to join in with the celebrations. Projects should meet the

standard aims and eligibility criteria set of the grant programme. Whilst not essential, the strongest projects will also meet three focus areas: promote relationships across generations; develop the skills and experience of communities; encourage the care of/action in the natural world as part of the celebrations. One off events on the day of the Jubilee, which meet these criteria will be accepted. The strongest applications will demonstrate a lasting impact beyond the event itself. It is likely that the Lottery will receive more applications than it is able to fund.

[National Lottery Awards for All Wales | The National Lottery Community Fund \(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk\)](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk) for information.

It was **agreed** to find out further information and discuss at the next meeting and decide how the Queen's Platinum Jubilee would be marked in the community.

8.2 Communication from Lowri Jones Bro 360 Co-ordinator. Through the Bro360 pilot project, Cwmni Golwg has supported the communities of the Tregaron area over the past 3 years to create the community hyperlocal website Caron360. Despite the pandemic, Caron360 has gone from strength to strength since first going live in May2020, with 142 stories published by over fifty local people. Through the website's content, projects such as Gŵyl Bro and creative training sessions, Bro360 is delivering on its core aim of promoting and enhancing communities. Its success is attributed to the local element of every one of the hyperlocal websites, which are entirely in the hands of volunteers. Bro360's intention is to work with new areas, starting with the communities of south Ceredigion, as well continuing to provide support to all eight existing websites. At the same time, there are plans to develop commercial income from businesses, both locally and regionally.

However, the pilot project funding ends in 2022.

An application for a Lottery grant is under way, which would secure a share of the funding needed to develop, but local input would be needed also to maintain the support for existing websites.

It was enquired whether the Community Council could provide financial support for the forthcoming fiscal year. It was **agreed** to leave the matter in abeyance until the next meeting.

Ystrad Fflur Community Council was also asked whether it would be prepared to contribute articles regarding developments, successes or meetings of the community council on Caron 360. It would help more people to know what was taking place at the most local level of democracy. Two delegates of the community council were invited to attend the Bro360 webinar, to be hosted by Bro360 on Zoom in March 2022.

8.3 Cambrian Mountains Society re proposal to seek designation of the Cambrian Mountains as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty ("AONB"). (Proposal document attached **Appendix 3**).

Designation of an area can bring with it real opportunities for local communities such as Ystrad Fflur, in terms of greater recognition and economic development. But it can also raise challenges, including as an increasing number of visitors and changing expectations as to how the area will be presented and managed. If it is to be a success, it needs to work for all parties. Input from all the communities surrounding the uplands was sought. It was enquired whether a representative of Cambrian Mountains Society could make a presentation to the Community Council re the proposal and to hear views. It was agreed to invite a delegate of the Cambrian Mountains Society to the February monthly meeting of the Community Council.

- 8.4 **Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Plan 2021-25:** A Dyfed-Powys of Safe Committees: Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner Dafydd Llywelyn. It was agreed to display on the Community Council's website and Facebook.
- 8.5 **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://blwyddynariannol.fy2021-22.cymuned.ystradfflurcc.org.uk)

Audit Wales reported that there was a delay in the processing of the External Audit, 2020-2021.

- 9.2 **Clerk's Salary: Nov/Dec 2021 £193 x 2**

10. PLANNING

- 10.1 **Planning Application A211084; Applicant: G & D Owen & Keefe. Location: 1 Bwlch y Graig, Pontrhydfendigaid; SY25 6BU. Proposal: Building a dwelling and garage. Community Council's Observations: No Objections.**

11. AOB

- 11.1 **Potholes were evident** adjacent to the Black Lion – Mill Street, entrance to Maesydderwen and entrance to the Abbey Road. To report to Ceredigion CC.
- 11.2 **The Christmas Tree Committee** will meet the cost of the Village Christmas tree. Disappointment was expressed re the refusal of the Forestry Commission to donate a tree. It was agreed to forward a letter to express this sentiment.

11.3 **The Pilgrim**

An appeal to raise money for a reconstruction of a statue in Pontrhydfendigaid is nearing completion, with £700 yet to be raised. In recent months, the community of Strata Florida has been raising funds to rebuild the “Pilgrim” statue on a nearby hill and the target of £7,500 needs to be reached by the 3 February 2022. A sculpture was originally erected in 2012 as part of the Sculpture Cymru exhibition, where several pieces were produced to reflect the history and landscape of the Cambrian Mountain area. Many of the pieces from that event fell into disrepair, but “The Pilgrim”, the brainchild of artist Glen Morris, managed to stay up for a while. It established itself as a popular and iconic part of the Penlan scene, until 2019 when the statue was blown over by strong winds and left a void on the hill. Ceredigion County Council recently approved a planning application from the Strata Florida Community Liaison Group to create and erect a new sculpture. The intention is to commission Glenn Morris to recreate a structure similar to the original, but more robust and resistant to high winds. The campaign has now raised around £6,800 since the appeal was launched on the 25th of October 2022 and £700 is required in the final week. This comes after the World Monuments Fund committed to paying half the cost of the sculpture – about £15,000 in total should the target be met by the closing date. An additional fundraising event will also be held on the 18th February, with a walk or “pilgrimage” around the Strata Florida area. **Noted for information.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8.30pm.

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 17th February 2022 at 7pm at the Pantyfedwen Hall Library to follow Welsh Government Covid 19 Regulations.**

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