

**YSTRAD FFLUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING**  
**17.11.2022 @7.00pm**  
**PANTYFEDWEN HALL LIBRARY, PONTRHYDFENDIGAID**

**1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME AND PERSONAL MATTERS**

Chairperson Cllr Angharad Jones welcomed all present to the meeting.  
Congratulations were conveyed to Cllr Ieuan Davies on his award of the Wisg Werdd at the National Eisteddfod of Wales, Tregaron in 2022.

**2. PRESENT**

Cllr Roland Bago (RB); Cllr Ieuan Davies (ID); Cllr. Alun Price Jones (APJ); Cllr Angharad Jones (AJ); Cllr Richard Jones (RJ); Cllr Mel Briant (MB); Cllr Gareth Owen (GO); Cllr Elgan Williams (EW); County Cllr Ifan Lloyd Davies (ILD) & Eleri Thomas (ET) (Clerk).  
PCSO John Evans

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Non Jones & Cllr Doug Rowbotham apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

**4. POLICE MATTERS**

**Police Community Support Officer John Evans updated members regarding recent events within the locality.**

**4.1 Incident re the purchase of an item on the internet.**

Person had paid but the item was damaged on receipt. Money reimbursed.

**4.2 Harassment:** Unfavourable comments had been made on a Facebook account.

**4.3 Fraud:** Fairly quiet. Fraudsters tackled different areas in continuum.

**4.4 Concerns had been raised re the parking of vehicles** outside the Pantyfedwen Hall, on the bend. Yellow lines could be extended to include the bend.

**4.5 Speed limits,** within the Village will be reduced from 30mph to 20mph in accordance with Welsh Government Guidelines.

**4.6 Junction:** Ffair Rhos: will form part of the Speed Limit Review.

**5. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST**

**Cllr Roland Bago declared a personal interest** when the Planning Application A220803 was considered and vacated the room.

**6. CONFIRMATION OF THE MEETING OF THE 20TH of OCTOBER 2022**

It was **PROPOSED** (Cllr Gareth Owen), **SECONDED** (Cllr Richard Jones ) and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the 20th October 2022, were correct.

They were signed by the Chairperson.

**7. MATTERS ARISING**

**7.1 Remembrance Sunday Service 13.11.2022, Bont War Memorial @10.50am**

It was reported that the event had been a fitting memorial of those who had made the ultimate sacrifice in WW1, WW2 and in military conflicts since that time to include Ukraine. 108 had attended the Service.

**It was RESOLVED to formally thank:**

Rev. Aled Lewis and Rev Elizabeth Arnold Lewis

John Jenkins, Bugler

Former Cllr John Jones for reading the Word in Welsh

Pupils of the Sunday School under the direction of Mrs Neli Jones

**Traffic controllers:** Sion Conolley and Mike Lewis

It was felt that traffic had been stopped for too long a duration, i.e. for the entire length of the service.

Mr Charles Arch had laid the wreath.

GO had ordered the wreath.

Reading of the Word in English: Chairman of Ceredigion CC Ifan Davies & laying of wreath on behalf of Ceredigion CC.

Prayers: Rev. Aled Lewis and Rev Elizabeth Arnold Lewis

Reading the names of the Fallen: RJ & NJ

Exhortation: DR & GO

Inform the Public: Clerk; ID

- 7.2 ROSPA Inspection of Pantyfedwen Play Area 2022:** A general clean-up of the park and the painting of certain features will be undertaken by a working party. Branches of trees were in need of trimming. It was agreed to find out who insured the boundary between the park and the football field- the Hall Committee or the Community Council. Also to display the *Pentir Pumlumon* sign in the vicinity: to ask the Hall's permission.

- 7.3 Defibrillators within the Village:** Communication from Pauline Bett, Community First Responder WAST reported that she had contacted Clare (Hughes) and Ceredig (Bont Village Shop) who were happy to assume the role of Guardianship of the Village Defibrillators at the Pantyfedwen Village Hall and Village Shop respectively. It had been agreed to purchase a defibrillator for Ffair Rhos, in a previous meeting. The two landladies of Teifi Inn had granted permission to position the defibrillator adjacent to the Teifi Inn. The Clerk had ordered: Calan Hearts Defibrillator: **Mindray C1A Defibrillator, £1045.00 however taking into account their £200 donation, the required minimum donation for the Defibrillator alone was currently £895.00 + £8 P&P. A cheque had been forwarded and the defibrillator had been delivered.** **Cllr Elgan Williams and Cllr Ieuan Davies had put the box in place and will now install the defibrillator in Ffair Rhos.**

Communication from Gwenllian Beynon (GB) on behalf of Bont Christmas Market regarding the Defibrillator, which was purchased for Strata Florida several years ago. (Bont Christmas Market aimed to donate proceeds from the Market to charities and at the time, pre COVID, a Defibrillator at Strata Florida was deemed a priority to the organisers of the Market); to date, the Defibrillator had not been set up and had been stored at Strata Florida's small shop for almost 3 years.

The organisers had contacted Cadw, the situation at Ystrad Fflur's small shop had now changed. 2 options arose::

1. That the defibrillator was returned to the keeping of Bont Christmas Market;
2. Cadw installed the defibrillator but did not undertake maintenance (this option was yet to be discussed with the relevant parties).

GB sought the Community Council's advice. As Bont Christmas Market was not a registered Organisation, problems could arise if the defibrillator was returned to their care.

It was asked whether the Community Council could discuss the situation and possibly assume responsibility for the defibrillator. The availability of a defibrillator at Ystrad Fflur was paramount as many people visited this site.

It was noted that the defibrillator had been purchased without the box. CADW was prepared to donate a box.

It was agreed to take responsibility for the defibrillator. Cllr Ifan Davies will liaise with the Ystrad Fflur Committee to establish the way forward: he will attend a meeting on the 24/11/2022.

Cllr Ieuan Davies reported that the NHS provided free defibrillator training. Cllr I Davies agreed to investigate further and to offer the public an opportunity to attend the training sessions. It was hoped that the training sessions could be arranged for December 2022.

- 7.4 Flooding of River Teifi in the environs of the Red Lion:** A site meeting had taken place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 11am with Natural Resources Wales' (NRW) representative, Mr Nicholas Thompson. Cllr Richard Jones attended. It was agreed to arrange another site meeting.

The flap valve shown was not owned or maintained by NRW, it was indicated that the local authority had jetted and cleaned the pipes, thus it was likely they were the responsible authority for its ownership and maintenance.

Concern was expressed in relation to the fact that the valve had been tied open. By keeping it open the system surcharged as soon as the river levels arose, and caused the flooding on the B4340.

It was mentioned that the flap valve was changed from a metal to plastic a number of years ago. Flooding was also relatively recent, in the last 20yrs.

In retrospect from the site visit it was questioned whether these two points were causation and effect? The alignment of the flap valve to the river flow may cause it to be opened as the velocity of the stream caught it, allowing water to surcharge the system and consequently cause the flooding on the B4340 and in the basement of the Red Lion. If previously the flap was cast iron, it would have been heavier and more difficult for the river flow to lift the flap valve?

Having discussed on site the proposal to advance the river bank to protect the flap from stream flow, the NRW representative asked whether reverting to a cast iron valve may be more appropriate?

The Community Council was directed to the wrong person in NRW to discuss the works proposal to advance the bank and install hard engineering in the Teifi, Rachel Thomas ([DFRSouthPermitting@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk](mailto:DFRSouthPermitting@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk)) was the team leader for Development and Flood Risk; it was AGREED to request a site meeting.

Useful links:

[A guide to your rights and responsibilities of riverside ownership in Wales \(naturalresources.wales\)](https://naturalresources.wales)  
[Natural Resources Wales / Flood risk activity permits](#)  
[Natural Resources Wales / Environmental permits for flood risk activities](#)

- 7.5 Glan-yr-Afon: Japanese Knotweed** posed a problem in this area. It was agreed to find out whether grant funding would cover the cost of treating the Japanese Knotweed. (**Welsh Government and National Lottery Heritage Fund** - Local Places for Nature grant scheme will once again be open for applications from Thursday 9June 2022. £920k available to allocate until March 2023. Visit [www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding](http://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding) for further details - [rcarter@onevoicewales.wales](mailto:rcarter@onevoicewales.wales) **Nature Networks Fund (round 2) / National Lottery Heritage Fund**)

**A delegation of the Community Council had not met, as yet, to discuss grant funding for certain projects.**

- 7.6 Public Conveniences:** a previous communication from Mrs Mair Jones asked if Public Conveniences could be installed in the Village. It would be explained that a £500 Ceredigion County Council grant had once been available. It was agreed to investigate further and approach the Red Lion and Chapel to find out whether they would be interested in providing this facility, should the grant be available. *Awaiting a reply.*
- 7.7 Hall Committee:** asked whether another representative to Cllr Mel Briant, could attend from the Community Council.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 8.1 Pentir Pumlumon:** Launch of new Area Guide at Y Beudy, Strata Florida. 8.12.2022 6-8pm. An opportunity to learn more about the activities of the Strata Florida Trust and visit their permanent exhibition. This event was open to anyone affiliated to tourism, hospitality and arts and crafts in the Uplands of Ceredigion.
- 8.2 One Voice Wales:** asked whether the Community Council was in possession of Bus Stops, Cycle Stops and Public Toilets. Keep Wales Tidy had a few Starter Packs remaining. It was agreed to assign further attention to the Application.
- 8.3 Wales Air Ambulance Charity:** invitation to an engagement session in the region and an opportunity to learn more about the 5 Year Strategy to include service development.
- 8.4 Taith Dyffryn Teifi Valley Trail:** Mr Jim Cowie attended the April 2022 Community Council meeting to make a presentation re the Teifi Valley Trail. It had not been possible to use the Video, to be incorporated within the Presentation, at that time. The Teifi Valley Trail Association had since produced a leaflet to explain and promote its aims and objectives. The leaflet invited responses and comments, and messages of support were appreciated. He asked whether he could attend a future meeting of the Community Council to provide further clarification and to show the content of the video, scheduled for last April. *To discuss the request at January's meeting.*
- 8.5 Written Statement: Council Tax: Consultations on draft Regulations to extend exceptions to second home premiums and on Guidance**

A Technical consultation on the draft Council Tax (Exceptions to Higher Amounts) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2023.

Consultation: Guidance on Council Tax Premiums on Long-Term Empty Dwellings and Dwellings Periodically occupied in Wales.

A copy of the consultation documents and the response form can be found at:

[Draft council tax \(exceptions to higher amounts\) \(Wales\) \(amendment\) Regulations 2023 | GOV.WALES](#)

[Council tax premiums for long-term empty and second homes: guidance for local authorities | GOV.WALES](#)

- 8.6 Unveiling of Plaques of pupils who had made the ultimate sacrifice during great World Wars and military conflicts:** Ysgol Henry Richard, Tregaron. 11.11.2022 @ 10.30am, Invitation had been extended to the Chairman of the Community Council.
- 8.7 Other Correspondence: for information only.**

## **9. FINANCE**

- 9.1 Signing of Cheques:** Authorised signatories at present 2/3 Clare Hughes, Non Jones & Doug Rowbotham. **It was agreed to**

remove Clare Hughes and to add Gareth Owen.

**It was resolved to contact Barclays Bank.**

**9.2 Clerk's Salary:** Oct 2022 £193.83.

**9.3 Clerk's expenses:** stationery etc £36.11

**9.4 Poppy Wreath £25.** Royal British Legion.

**10. PLANNING:**

**10.1: Planning Application:** A220803; **Applicant:** Roland Bago;

**Proposal:** Install a dropped kerb on the front driveway.

**Location:** Bro Hedd, 2 Heol y Bannau, Ponthrydfendigad, Ystrad Meurig, SY25 6AZ

**Community Council's Observations:** No Objections.

**10.2 Planning Application: A220779**

**Applicant:** I Wyatt Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water

**Location:** To the north of Llyn Egnant Reservoir at the junction of the minor Teifi Pools Road centred at grid reference SN79 4680

**Proposal:** Proposed development for a temporary compound to facilitate necessary works to Llyn Egnant Reservoir

**Community Council's Observations:** No Objections.

**11. AOB**

**11.1 It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Bont School** for the provision of signs/paintings for the Village in preparation for the National Eisteddfod 2022 at Tregaron. The signs will have to be returned to the School. A delegation of the Community Council to organise.

**11.2 The Village Christmas Tree** will be put up by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

**11.3 The drain adjacent to Llidiart y Ffair, Ffair Rhos** remains a problem.

**11.4 Water pools** in close proximity to Cwm Meurig. **To report to Cerediigon CC.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8.30pm.**

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monthly Meeting & Budget Meeting, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7pm.**

===== (Signed/Date)