

YSTRAD FFLUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
25.01.2023 @7.00pm
PANTYFEDWEN HALL LIBRARY, PONTRHYDFENDIGAID

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME AND PERSONAL MATTERS

Chairperson Cllr Angharad Jones welcomed all present to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

2. PRESENT

Cllr Ieuan Davies (ID);
Cllr. Alun Price Jones (APJ);
Cllr Angharad Jones (AJ);
Cllr Non Jones (NJ);
Cllr Richard Jones (RJ);
Cllr Gareth Owen (GO);
Cllr Doug Rowbotham;
Cllr Elgan Williams (EW);
County Cllr Ifan Lloyd Davies (ILD);
Eleri Thomas (ET) (Clerk) &
PCSO John Evans.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Roland Bago (RB) & Cllr Mel Briant (MB) 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 Two incidents had taken place** in Ffair Rhos before Christmas. Branches of trees had been cut illegally.
- 4.2 A Laptop theft had taken place** in Teifi Street, Pontrhydfendigaid on the 20.01.2023.
- 4.3 Poster produced by Dyfed Powys Police, headed "Can you spot a cannabis farm?"**-it was agreed to display in the Village Shop, Website and FB.

5. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

None declared.

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE MEETING OF THE 17TH of NOVEMBER 2022

It was **PROPOSED** (Cllr Richard Jones), **SECONDED** (Cllr Alun Price Jones) and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the 17th November 2022, were correct. They were signed by the Chairperson.

7. MATTERS ARISING

- 7.1 Gauging the Precept: 2023-24:** After careful deliberation, it was unanimously agreed *not* to increase the Precept for the next financial year (please refer to the attached Budget Report) in light of the cost of living crisis and the fact the Ceredigion

County Council and the Dyfed Powys Police were likely to impose an increase. It will remain at £7,213. It was felt that running costs could be met from the Precept and the anticipated reserve of approx. £4,000. Should additional funds be necessary, a fundraising activity could be arranged to involve the community.

- 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. A grant could be sourced; the clerk will assign further attention to the matter. 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. Cllr Richard Jones and Cllr Mel Briant had explained the situation to the Hall Committee and the state & health of the boundary trees. The Hall committee members who were present agreed that if the trees were considered unsafe they should be cut down. This was offered to be done at no cost to the hall committee as 2 community councillors were qualified and insured to cut down trees. It was suggested that they could potentially be replaced by selected shrubs or small low-growing trees. This would add to the biodiversity/ecological value of the park and be manageable in years to come.

For the tourist information sign, the members of the Hall Committee pointed out that there was already a sign present just inside the gates (looking a bit aged) and could be replaced if the sign provided the same information or placed side by side if different information was displayed.

It would be asked whether the sign, which offered different information to the present sign in place, could be displayed under the present notice board.

- 7.3 Defibrillators within the Village:**
Cllr Ieuan Davies and Cllr Elgan Williams had located the new defibrillator and box, in close proximity to the Teifi Inn, Ffair Rhos. Cllr Ieuan Davies will arrange a Defibrillator Training Session in the next few weeks and inform the public via Facebook.
- 7.4 Glan-yr-Afon: Japanese Knotweed** posed a problem in this area. Glan yr Afon and the area extending to the Green Bridge was considered. Investigations had been made in the past to register the land with the Land Registry. It was agreed to find these documents by the next meeting.
- 7.5 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.
Information received from Ceredigion CC stated that the grant was no longer available but it is hoped to reintroduce the grant in the near future.
- 7.6 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. *It was agreed to invite Mr Cowie to the February Monthly Meeting.*

- 7.7 Flooding of River Teifi in the environs of the Red Lion:** A site meeting will take place on Monday 30th January 2023 @11am with a representative of Natural Resources Wales.
Cllr Richard Jones and Cllr Alun Price Jones are expected to attend.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 Email from resident expressing concern that banners and fixings were not removed after staging certain events at the Pavilion. Attention was also drawn to torn/redundant bunting within the Village. Cllr Roland Bago had attended to the issues and the resident had been informed.

- 8.2 Ceredigion County Council: Changes to bus services in Ceredigion: Changes to local

Bus Services in Ceredigion were introduced on Tuesday 3 January 2023.

The tenders received as part of a procurement process for operating several services showed significant cost increases. This resulted in substantial increases in subsidy requests at a time when public finances were under tremendous pressure. The higher costs were largely reflective of particular challenges affecting the bus industry currently which included considerable increased operating costs, lack of qualified and available drivers, uncertainty around future funding mechanisms as well as declining passenger numbers and changing travel behaviours.

Bus passenger numbers had been in decline across Wales and had essentially halved in the period between 1982, where there were 181 million passenger journeys and 2019/20 where there were 91 million passenger journeys. This had been severely compounded by the Covid-19 pandemic, which saw a drop to 26 million passenger journeys in 2020/21, that had further impacted on the viability of local bus services.

The 22T (Aberystwyth-Devil's Bridge), 27T (Penrhynoch-Penbontrhydybeddau) and T29 (Tregaron Circular) demand responsive services stopped at the end of December 2022. This was due to the significant costs associated with providing them and the very low level of usage, which equated to unviable levels of public subsidy per passenger journey.

There had been changes to the timetables on the 525 (Aberystwyth-Ponterwyd), 526 (Aberystwyth-Penrhynoch) and 585 (Aberystwyth-Tregaron-Lampeter) services. The timetables for these services, subject to submission by the operators and approval by the Traffic Commissioner, are attached. These timetables were based on proposals provided by the local bus operators and reflected what was operationally deliverable with the resources available, in terms of buses and drivers, at this time.

The T21 (Aberystwyth-Llanafan-Tregaron) and 552 Cardi Bach (New Quay-Cardigan) services will continue as previously.

All these contracts have been awarded on a 6 month basis to allow for a wider

review.

Online Link:

www.ceredigion.gov.uk/resident/news/changes-to-bus-services-in-ceredigion/

8.3 Ceredigion CC: seeking views on how to make use of CCC empty spaces.

This situation had arisen due to the fact that many members of staff now worked from home, a practice introduced during the COVID19 Pandemic. (closing date 31.01.23)

8.4 The Ceredigion Public Services Board (PSB) draft [Local Well-being Plan](#) for 2023-2028 Public Consultation.

The Plan outlined the collaborative working of Ceredigion PSB over the next Five years, and had been based on the

[Assessment of Local Well-being 2021-2022](#)

which looked at the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being across Ceredigion.

Through this consultation, Ceredigion PSB requested feedback. This will provide a better understanding of how to enhance the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of the area.

Further information can be found on Ceredigion County Council's

[Consultations page](#) and on the [Public Services Board website](#)

The consultation is open until 31st of January 2023.

8.5 Ceredigion County Council: Guidance notes regarding the application to The Council for Special Events that involve the closing of a highway.

This Guidance can also be found at the bottom of CCC's Road Closures Webpage:

<http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/resident/travel-roads-parking/roadworks/road-closures/>.

All applications are to be presented at least 3 months in advance of the proposed event date. Sending in an application late, may risk in consent under Order being denied. Without an Order in place Police, marshals or stewards are unable to legally enforce the holding or direction of traffic and can be challenged by other highway users. In essence, without a legal order, you will be committing an act of obstruction which is illegal.

All applications had to be presented to a dedicated Activities and Events Group which met every week to consider all events held in Ceredigion. For an event on the highway to be considered by the group, the application had to be accompanied by the appropriate Risk Assessment, Public Liability Insurance Certificate and a Traffic Management Plan. The Traffic Management Plan should include the positioning of all signage and barriers. The advice of a Traffic Management Company should be sought or even procure their services; costs will determine whether the latter is feasible.

It is the applicants/organisers' responsibility to make sure that all the marshals and stewards are competent in directing traffic and pedestrians and that sufficient numbers are deployed to manage the event. Proof of this competency must be provided as part of the application. Any documentation not received or received late may jeopardise the application. Organisers cannot be reliant solely on the Police to carry out this service.

8.6 Update on proposed Ukraine fundraiser

Communication from Jasmine Wilson apologising for not being able to arrange the Coffee Morning last October, as planned due to other fundraising days and events being held in the Village. She drew attention to the Ukraine Train fundraising group based at The Hub in Penparcau 01970 612099 where she contributes on a regular basis.. Jenny Jenkins & Phil Westbury will gladly accept monetary donations, toiletries, clothing, blankets, medical supplies etc. Part of the last consignment included generators to the value of £8,000, 300 Christmas boxes for children, etc.

8.7 Tregaron Town Council expressing concern re the Welsh Government's Glastir Woodland : Creation Schemes taking place in the area.

In recent months, several schemes in Tregaron Ward have come to the council's attention and they have concerns about the impact of this and the future of agriculture in the area.

They have opposed plans when consulted about them and have also written to Elin Jones, Ben Lake, Cefin Campbell and the Welsh Government Minister, to voice their concerns.

8.8 Drop In Sessions: CUPHAT project: Have your say about heritage tourism in your area: 27.01.23: Tregaron Memorial Hall 11am-1pm.

8.9 Other Correspondence: for information only.

9. FINANCE

9.1 Signing of Cheques: Authorised signatories had been 2/3 Clare Hughes, Non Jones & Doug Rowbotham. Cllr Gareth Owen had visited Barclays Bank, Aberystwyth and the name of Mrs Clare Hughes was removed and the name of Cllr Gareth Owen will take her place.

9.2 Clerk's Salary: Dec. 2022 & Jan 2023 £193.83 x2.

9.3 Clerk's expenses: stationery etc £34.76.

9.4 Bunting: Jubilee 2022 £270

9.5 Road Grit £16.60

10. PLANNING:

10.1: Planning Application: A230035

Applicant: Chloe Hatton, Natural Resources Wales

Proposal: Construction of a disabled angling platform (2x2m) and disabled

Access path from road (20m) for use by Tregaron Angling Association members.

Location: Northwest Corner of Llyn Egnant, Pontrhydfendigaid, Ystrad Meurig, SY25 6ET.

Community Council's Observations: No Objections.

11. AOB

**TO REPORT THE FOLLOWING TO CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL
(11.1:11.6)**

11.1 Potholes are evident outside Argoed, Mill Street, Pontrhydfendigaid;

11.2 Blocked drains pose a problem, from the Village Shop to the main bridge of the Village;

11.3 A stile needs to be replaced in the environs of the Parc Teifi Caravan site;

11.4 The gully remains a problem outside Llidiart y Ffair, Ffair Rhos;

11.5 Grit bin: outside Cwm Meurig, Ffair Rhos – in need of replenishing;

11.6 Water pools in close proximity to Cwm Meurig, Ffair Rhos.

11.7 It was asked whether the Community Council will make arrangements to mark the Coronation of the former Prince Charles in May 2023.

To make enquiries.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.00pm.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monthly Meeting, Thursday 16th February 2023 at 7pm.

===== (Signed/Date)