

**YSTRAD FFLUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
20.07.2023 @7pm
PANTYFEDWEN HALL, PONTRHYDFENDIGAID**

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME AND PERSONAL MATTER

The Chair, Cllr Angharad Jones, welcomed all to the meeting.

2. PRESENT

Community Cllrs:

Mel Briant;
Ieuan Davies;
Ifan Lloyd Davies;
Gareth Wyn Edwards;
Alun Price Jones;
Angharad Jones;
Non Jones;
Richard Jones;
Gareth Owen;

Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) John Evans &
Eleri Thomas (Clerk)

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Elgan Williams apologised for his inability to attend the meeting.

4. POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO John Evans updated members on recent incidents in the area:

Car-accident: car had driven into fencing, which had resulted in friction between concerned parties.

8.07.2023: a group of children competing in the Duke of Edinburgh Award, had been offered alcohol.

Right of Way: Lisburne Row: one person had been found guilty of criminal damage.

Boards in the environs of Coed y Bont had been damaged. Fencing had also been stolen between the months of January and June 2023.

Teifi Pools: off-road use by motor-bikes: Cllr Ifan Lloyd Davies to look into the feasibility of installing signs at this location in a bid to alleviate this practice. Natural Resources Wales (NRW) could be contacted.

5. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

Cllr Angharad Jones declared a personal interest when it was agreed to forward a letter of congratulations to Bont School on its success in the recent Estyn School Inspection. Minute 7:10.

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 15TH JUNE 2023

It was PROPOSED (Cllr. Richard Jones), **SECONDED** (Cllr Mel Briant) and **AGREED** that the minutes of the 15th June were correct.

They were signed by the Chairperson.

7. MATTERS ARISING

7.1 **Pantyfedwen Play Area:** A Site Meeting had been held on Tuesday 4 April at 10.30am under the direction of Stefano Antoniazzi (SA), Ceredigion County Council, Cllr Gareth Owen and Mrs Clare Hughes. New mats were required. Match funding will be necessary when applying for a grant. Grants could be available to meet the match-funding eg for a grant of £10,000, £10,000 could be met by another grant. SA to seek further information.

Cllr Gareth Owen had contacted 5 Play Area Surface providers.

1. RTC Safety Surfaces Ltd

Option 1: RTC to remove old tiles and exchange for black wet pour: Estimate: £11,919.00 ex VAT

Option 2: Black Wet Pour: Existing tiles to be removed and disposed of by others: Estimate: £8,217 excluding VAT.

2. DCM Surfaces: Wet Pour: £8,819 ex VAT.

3. Playtop

Wet Pour Rubber Surfacing (recycled product): £13,979 ex VAT.

4. Abacus Playgrounds Ltd

To supply and install wetpour £16,775 (ex VAT)

Groundworks had not been factored in.

5. Adventure Playgrounds: Lappset

To supply and lay Rubber Wetpour surfacing to prepared base.

Junior Swing 21m²

Toddler Swing 18m²

Springers 8m²

Roundabout 49m²

Multiplay 49m²

Three options:

1. **Black £12,325**

2. **Fleck £13,673**

3. **Single Colour: £16,718**

ROSPA Play Inspection 2023: had taken place in June £75 + VAT. The Report was circulated to members, who will assign attention to the matters arising, during the forthcoming months.

7.2 **National Lottery Grant:** further attention will be given to the Grant's conditions to meet various projects in the Village.

7.3 **Defibrillator near The Teifi Inn, Rhos Fair**

The total number of defibrillators within Ffair Rhos and Bont Fair is now 4 viz: The Teifi Inn: Ffair Rhos (the Community Council had provided the box) Pantyfedwen Hall, Bont: Clare Hughes authorised Guardian within the Circuit. Village Shop, Bont: Ceredig: authorised Guardian within the Circuit.

Strata Florida Abbey. (the Community Council provided the box): Cllr Ifan Lloyd Davies to liaise with the Committee. It will be necessary to assign an authorised Guardian for this defibrillator.

The Headteacher of Bont School had agreed for the remaining defibrillator to be positioned on the school premises (possibly within the car-park). Arrangements ongoing. It will be necessary to assign an authorised Guardian for this defibrillator.

- 7.4 Floods in the environs of the River Teifi:** Attention to be assigned to the trimming of certain trees in the vicinity. Cllr Richard Jones will attend to the matter.
- 7.5 Flags: Ffair Rhos and surrounding area:** It was AGREED for Cllr Ieuan Davies to purchase 6 Flags x £50.
- 7.6 Sub-Committees: School Governors:** Scholarship: a formal invitation to the Prize Giving Day in July and addressed to the Chairman should be forwarded to the Community Council annually.
- 7.7 Street Lights by main bridge of the Village:** 8 months had lapsed since the accident had taken place, on the bridge. Cllr Ifan Lloyd Davies had discussed the matter with Ceredigion County Council's Highways Officer, who will assign attention to the matter in August 2023.
- 7.8 Model Standing Orders – Revised (as received from One Voice Wales):** To assign attention to this document in the future.
- 7.9 Contact details of Cllrs in the Public Domain:** It was AGREED to include only the names of Cllrs and their email addresses within the Community Council's Website.
- 7.10 It was agreed to forward a letter of congratulations to the Headteacher and staff of Bont School on achieving an outstanding Estyn School Inspection in May 2023.**

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 Communication from Alex Hollick, Facilities and services administrator for HAHAV.** HAHAV is a charity that supports people with life limiting illness, their carers and bereaved people through Bereavement support and Activities, at their base at Plas Antaron, Penparcau SY23 1SF. They also have a Home Support Service run by Volunteers, who visit people's homes once a week throughout Ceredigion to provide companionship to those with life limiting illness (No personal care) Alex Hollick enquired whether the Community Council published a Newsletter and if so, would it be possible to include a small article about volunteering and their services. It was resolved ask Alex Hollick to forward the relevant information, which could then possibly be displayed within the Village's Noticeboard, Facebook and Website.
- 8.2 Minutes of the National Executive Committee Meeting, One Voice Wales,** held on Friday 23 June 2023 at 11.30am at the International Pavilion, Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells: for information.
- 8.3 Ceredigion County Council (CCC): Regional Equality Survey seeks views on service experiences**

CCC were revising their Equality Plan and were working with other public services in Mid and West Wales to seek views.

To take part in the engagement please follow the Link:

Strategic Equality Plan Survey

Paper copies and versions in other formats were available at libraries and leisure centres.

The information provided will help to develop a refreshed set of Equality Objectives for Ceredigion.

8.4 Ceredigion Local Nature Partnership: Summer Meeting: 21.07.2023: National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth. Themes covered: Swifts, Habitats and Communities, Aberystwyth Town Centre, Biodiversity Consultants' Updates.

8.5 One Voice Wales & Friends of the Earth Cymru launch a new Guide for local Councils

One Voice Wales and Friends of the Earth Cymru launched a brand-new climate change and nature action guide for community and town councils in Wales at the One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Conference recently.

Welsh Government Minister for Finance and Local Government Rebecca Evans MS delivered a keynote speech at the same conference which looked at how community and town councils can 'Face the Challenges of a Demanding Future'.

The new document, a collaboration between One Voice Wales and Friends of the Earth Cymru, seeks to give councils around Wales some practical ideas on what they can do on a range of issues such as energy use, water use, protecting nature, finances, chemicals, waste, food, and transport. It also draws together case studies of the good work already done by community and town councils around Wales.

8.6 Other Correspondence: For information only- many emails had been forwarded to Cllrs, between meetings, electronically.

9. PLANNING

None.

10. FINANCE

10.1 RoSPA Play Area Inspection 2023 £102.60 (inc VAT)

10.2 Clerk's Salary May 2023 £213.92 (gross)

10.3 Clerk's Salary June, July 2023 £238.33 x2 (gross)

10.4 Clerk's Expenses £104.30 (inc Vat)

10.5 Mrs Enid Hughes: Internal Auditor £100

10.6 Accounts: Ystrad Fflur Community Council 2022-23: were circulated to members. (Available also on the website). Mrs Enid Hughes had undertaken the Internal Audit. *Comments attached.*

The Community Council had approved the Accounts. The Clerk had presented appropriate documents to the External Auditors, Audit Wales. They will also be available for the public to view.

10.7 Current financial situation of the Community Council:
30.06.2023 Current Account Balance: £7,635.19
O/S CHEQUES: Tree felling £252; Zurich Insurance £555; Clerk's Salary May £214; June £238; July £238; Enid Hughes £100; Street Lights £562; Play Inspection £100; Clerk's Costs £104. TOTAL £2,365
C/F £5,270 + 2/3 Precept Ceredigion CC £2,234 + £2,234
C/F £9,918

10.8 A new cheque book had been received. Authorised Signatories: Cllrs Gareth Owen and Non Jones. Clare Hughes and Doug Rowbotham had been removed.

11. Items for Facebook

11.1 Litter Collection: April 2023

11.2 Communication from HAHAV (Minute 8.1)

Cllr Ieuan Davies to post the above onto the Community Council's Facebook.

12. AOB

12.1 Grass Cutting within in the Village: to ask Mr D Benjamin whether it would be possible for him to undertake the first cut of the season at Glan-yr-Afon.

12.2 Lôn Fach: trees were in need of trimming. To contact Clic, Ceredigion CC. Also, there was no street light in operation, adjacent to the previous Public Conveniences.

12.3 It was noted that Bont Ysgol Feithrin celebrated 50 years of pre-school education through the medium of the Welsh Language on the 21.07.2023.

12.4 Annual Fair: Pantyfedwen Hall 22.09.2023: new windows were required within the Hall.

12.5 It was agreed to send a thankyou letter to Mr Paul Goth for cycling from Ffair Rhos to Loch Ness, recently to raise funds for the MS Charity.

12.6 Certain Cllrs and members of the public experienced problems when attempting to use the Community Council's email address viz clercystradfflur@gmail.com. The clerk to assign attention to the matter.

The meeting ended at 9.20pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 21st September 2023 at 7pm at the Pantyfedwen Hall Library.

Signed/ Date -----