

YSTRAD FFLUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
21.09.2023 @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:

Ifan Lloyd Davies, (County and Community Cllr).

Gareth Wyn Edwards.

Alun Price Jones.

Angharad Jones.

Non-Jones.

Richard Jones.

Gareth Owen.

Elgan Williams – Deputy Chairperson.

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

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Mel Briant and Ieuan Davies apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

4. POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO John Evans updated members on recent incidents during the last two months:

4.1 Dispute between neighbours at the Cwrt y Wern Estate.

4.2 8.09.2023: Disagreement between two individuals on the main bridge of the Village.

4.3 August 2023: discord between certain neighbours within the Village.

4.4 Malicious communication between 2 neighbours. Voice Mail. Third party involved.

4.5 Lisburne Row: legal matter concerning footpath.

4.6 Rails stolen: Coed y Bont.

4.7 No burglaries during this period.

5. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

None declared.

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 20TH of JULY 2023

It was PROPOSED (Cllr. Richard Jones), **SECONDED** (Cllr Non-Jones) and resolved that the Minutes of the 20th of July 2023, were a correct record, apart from the following amendment[]:

“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. “

Should read:

It was agreed to send a thank-you letter to Mr Paul Gough for cycling from Land's End to John O'Groats recently, to raise funds for the MS Charity.

The Minutes were signed by the Chairperson.

7. MATTERS ARISING

7.1 **Pantyfedwen Play Area:** A Site Meeting had been held on Tuesday 4 April 2023 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 e.g., 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**

Another Quote was expected via the Ysgol Feithrin, Pontrhydfendigaid; funding could be available via Sport Wales.

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

7.2 **Teifi Pools: signs to deter certain vehicles from using this area:** No developments.

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

7.4 Defibrillators within the vicinity

The total number of defibrillators within Ffair Rhos and Bont Fair was now 4 viz:

1. The Teifi Inn: Ffair Rhos (the Community Council had provided the box)

2. Pantyfedwen Hall, Bont: Clare Hughes authorised Guardian within the Circuit.
3. Village Shop, Bont: Ceredig: authorised Guardian within the Circuit.
4. 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 a further defibrillator to be positioned on the school premises (possibly within the carpark). Arrangements ongoing. It will be necessary to assign an authorised Guardian for this defibrillator.

- 7.5 **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 when the river's water level was low.
- 7.6 **Flags: Ffair Rhos and surrounding area:** It was AGREED for Cllr Ieuan Davies to purchase 6 Flags x £50. Ongoing. Pole and flag to be positioned adjacent to the Pantyfedwen Hall. Another flag could possibly fly on the Green.
- 7.7 **Sub-Committees: The Hall Committee:** will hold its annual Fair on Friday 22nd September 2023 at 7pm.
- 7.8 **Main bridge of the Village:** 10 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.
- 7.9 **Model Standing Orders** – Revised (as received from One Voice Wales): To assign attention to this document at the next meeting.
- 7.10 **Remembrance Sunday Service:** Sunday 12th November 2023 @ 10.40am at Bont War Memorial. Cllr Ifan Lloyd Davies will liaise with former Community Cllr John Jones re the Order of Service. Cllr Gareth Owen to ask Mr John Jenkins whether he was prepared to undertake the role of bugler, once again, this year.
Readings will be required in Welsh and English. (John Jones & Ifan Davies 2022)
Reading the names of the Fallen (Cllrs Non-Jones and Richard Jones)
Exhortation, "They shall not grow old...." In Welsh and English (Cllr GO & DR 2022)
Hymn: Neli Jones 2022
Laying of Wreath (Charles Arch and Ifan Davies 2022)

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 **"Have your say on Second Home and long-term empty property tax premiums"** Ceredigion County Council: Closing date 29.10.2023. Cllrs to respond individually should they wish.
- 8.2 **One Voice Wales: Pethau Bychain:** A Green Network for Town and Community Councils". An on-line hub, with regular meetings to discuss environmental issues, policies, funding and to share best practice and ideas.
- 8.3 **New Hospital Site Consultation – Feedback Report**
Earlier this year Hywel Dda Health Board invited people, who lived within the Health Board, to share views about three potential sites for a new urgent and planned care hospital as part of the health board's wider strategy to improve health and care in the region.

The 12-week public consultation, held between 23 February and 19 May 2023, sought the opinions of members of the public, health board staff, organisations, and the broader community on the three site options for the new urgent and planned care hospital in the south of the Hywel Dda area – two near Whitland and one near St Clears.

Last year, ambitious plans were submitted to the Welsh Government, which if successful, could result in around £1.3billion investment into health and care in mid and west Wales.

The foundation of the plan, which was developed following consultation with communities in 2018, was to bring as much care as possible closer to people's homes, with plans for a network of integrated health and care centres, designed with local communities, across Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, and Pembrokeshire.

A new urgent and planned care hospital was part of the strategy to be able to re-provide more care in community settings, by having a sustainable hospital model fit for future generations. This will improve and increase the specialist care services that can be provided in Hywel Dda and tackle some long-standing challenges, including old hospitals, problems in maintaining clinical rotas over several hospitals, and staff recruitment.

To ensure independence of the consultation process, Opinion Research Services (ORS) was appointed to advise and collate and manage the consultation responses. This included the production of a final report on the consultation findings. This report can now be found on the health board's website at: <https://hduhb.nhs.wales/about-us/healthier-mid-and-west-wales/> The consultation process for the selection of a site for the new hospital had achieved a Best Practice Quality Assurance from the Consultation institute.

Printed copies of the Executive Summary can be obtained by email hyweldda.engagement@wales.nhs.uk or by calling 0300 303 8322

As part of the formal consultation process, a number of health board stakeholder groups had since been asked to conscientiously consider the ORS report. In doing so, they were asked to consider:

- Are there any further mitigations the health board should be considering?
- Do you think the report had identified all the equalities issues?
- Were there any final points to be made, not captured in the report?

What happens next?

The ORS final report, together with the output of the conscientious consideration process, the equality and health impact assessment, and the technical and commercial reports, were considered at an extraordinary meeting of the Board at 10:30am on 14 September 2023.

During the meeting, Board members were asked to deliberate on the key findings from the ORS report and asked to consider reducing the short list of sites for the new urgent and planned care hospital from three sites to two, and to decide upon the two sites to take forward.

8.4 Welsh Language Provision Consultation - change of language provision.
Enclosed, the link to a consultation regarding amending Welsh language Provision within 5 primary schools in Ceredigion, as well as changing the admission age to include 3-year-old children on a part time basis in three of these schools. This consultation was a result of Ceredigion CC's Cabinet decision and supported the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan. Responses invited. The consultation closed on **October 30th 2023**

<https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/your-council/consultations/school-reorganisation/>

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

9. PLANNING

Parc Teifi Complex, Pontrhydfendigaid: copy of letter sent by Christine Major (CM), Manager of Parc Teifi Holiday Cottages to the Planning Officer, Ceredigion County Council. CM explored alternative opportunities for the site, which was running at a loss.

The site's planning status was currently *Holiday Lets*; therefore, the houses were presently unsuitable for permanent occupancy.

The Community Council had favoured no change in the present planning status. Strata Florida had expressed an interest in purchasing the site, but funding dictated otherwise.

The Community Council had highlighted the fact that there was a shortage of local housing for local people and was concerned that should the houses be sold on the open market, people outside the area would purchase; preventing local people who were struggling to start on the housing ladder, to do so.

CM mentioned that a clause could possibly be included with the Change of Use Application to enable local people to be offered the houses in the first instance.

Cllr Ifan Lloyd Davies will discuss the content of the letter with a Planning Officer, Ceredigion CC to establish the way forward.

10. FINANCE

10.1 Audit Wales: had now completed the audit of the Community Council's accounts for 2022-23. Included were:

- A copy of the certified annual return(s) for the outstanding audits
- An audit completion notices rights, which formed part of the Annual Governance Statement. *To display in the vicinity.*

10.2 Clerk's Salary August 2023 £238.33 (gross)

10.3 Clerk's Expenses £64.50 (inc Vat)

10.4 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES – ANNUAL RETURN

It was a statutory requirement for all Councils to submit an annual return to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales by no later than 30 September 2023 re expenses claimed by community clrs for the 2022-23 fiscal year. **AGREED:** To forward the annual return stating that the amount claimed was £0.

11. Items for Facebook

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

12. AOB

- 12.1** **Congratulations were extended to Cllr Alun Price Jones and Mrs Margaret Jones** for assuming responsibility for the floral displays within the Village over the summer months, which had been enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.
- 12.2** **Road leading to Cefnngaer:** drain sinking and water pooling on the road. To report to Clic, Ceredigion CC.
- 12.3** **Path leading to Bont Werdd, Dolebolion:** vegetation growing on both sides of the path. Cllr Ifan Lloyd Davies agreed to assign attention to the matter.
- 12.4** **Grass grew out of control over the summer months,** adjacent to a bench positioned on the outskirts of the Village. To ask the grass-cutter in 2024 to include this area within his schedule of work.
- 12.5** **The Christmas Committee** will arrange a meeting in the near future.

The meeting ended at 9.20pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 12th October 2023 at 7pm at the Pantyfedwen Hall Library.
The Clerk requested the date change as another meeting had been arranged for the 19th of October, the usual date of the meeting.

Signed/ Date -----