

**YSTRAD FFLUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
18.01.2024 @7pm
PANTYFEDWEN HALL LIBRARY, PONTRHYDFENDIGAID**

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME AND PERSONAL MATTERS

The Chair, Cllr Angharad Jones, welcomed all to the meeting and wished all present a happy new year.

2. PRESENT

Community Cllrs:

Mel Briant

Ieuan Davies

Community and County Cllr Ifan Lloyd Davies

Gareth Wyn Edwards

Alun Price Jones

Angharad Jones

Richard Jones

Gareth Owen

Elgan Williams &

Eleri Thomas (Clerk)

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Non-Jones and PCSO John Evans apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

4. POLICE MATTERS:

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

*Antisocial behaviour / Harassment: 0

*Burglary: 0

*Criminal Damage: 0

*Theft: 0

*Violence/ Assault: 0

*Fraud/ Scam calls: 0

Misc: -On the afternoon of 27-12-23 emergency services were alerted to a report that a member of a group of off roaders, who were in the Tywi forest area, had attempted to cross a river crossing on a quad bike and in so doing had been swept away. The exact location where this had occurred was not known. A large-scale search and rescue operation was undertaken. Thankfully some two hours later the missing person was located safe and well at a petrol station in Beulah!!

Dog Behaviour:

The Community Council had received deep concerns during a previous meeting regarding the aggressive behaviour of a certain dog within the village. It was agreed to send a letter to the owners asking them to address these concerns as soon as possible in the interest of the wellbeing of the residents of the Village.

In the response (13.10.2023) it was stated that the owners deeply regretted the recent incidents that had involved the rescue dog and were following all possible steps to ensure that there were no further incidents.

They had asked the rescue centre charity in Bulgaria to take him back and this had been agreed as soon as the Police had discharged the Case.

It was **AGREED** in the previous meeting to request an update on the current situation. Awaiting a reply. To resend the request.

5. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

None declared.

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 16th of November 2023

It was PROPOSED (Cllr Gareth Owen), SECONDED (Cllr Angharad Jones) and resolved that the Minutes of the 16th November 2023, were a correct record and were signed by the Chairperson.

7. MATTERS ARISING

7.1 **Precept 2024-25 (part of the Council Tax** claimed by Ceredigion County Council on behalf of the Community Council). Members considered the Budget Report (attached). The Community Council's Precept of £7,212 had remained unchanged for the past 3 years, representing a charge of £23.05 per year for the Band D (average) Council Taxpayer.

After careful deliberation it was resolved to increase the Precept by 5% (lower than the inflation rate for the past financial year) to £7,574, an increase from £23.05 per annum to £24.20 per annum for the Band D (average) Council Taxpayer, which can be equated to an increase of £0.022 per week.

During the next fiscal year, it was hoped to undertake improvements within the Pantyfedwen Play Area and additional work to the War Memorial.

7.2 **Pantyfedwen Play Area:** Grants will have to be sourced to meet the costs of the matting of the play-area. Details re the *Cynnal y Cardi* Community Development and Support Fund were circulated for consideration.

7.3 **Defibrillators within the vicinity**

The total number of defibrillators within Ffair Rhos and Bont Fair was now 4-5 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. Clare had reported during the previous meeting that new pads were required. They should be available via the Circuit. Clare had submitted an invoice to the Community Council, during this meeting, in relation to the purchase of the pads. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact the Circuit to find out whether they were provided, free of charge.
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 and will make the necessary arrangements to assign an authorised Guardian for this defibrillator.
5. The Headteacher of Bont School had agreed for a further defibrillator to be positioned on the school premises. Cllr Ieuan Davies to contact the Headteacher to move the matter forward.

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:** County Cllr Ifan Davies to make enquiries.

7.6 **The Hall Committee and Bont Football Club** in partnership with the Community Council were considering positioning a disabled ramp from the Pantyfedwen Hall Games Room, to form a path from the park to the Hall. Site Meeting to be arranged. Fire and Safety Risk Assessment required.

7.7 **Model Standing Orders** – Revised (as received from One Voice Wales). Attention was assigned to this document and relevant information added, at a previous meeting. It had, by now been uploaded onto the website.

7.8 **One Voice Wales: Ceredigion Area Committee Meeting:** Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the 25.10.2023. Apologies forwarded re the Area Meeting, which coincided with the Community Council meeting of Thursday 18th January 2024. Cllr Ieuan Davies enquired whether another representative could be appointed to attend future quarter One Voice Wales meetings.

- 7.9 **Community Council's Annual Dinner:** Friday 19th January 2024 had been proposed at the previous meeting but had not been convenient. Chair Cllr Angharad Jones to ask the Red Lion, Bont whether Friday 9th Feb. 2024 was convenient and if so, to request and circulate the Menus.
- 7.10 **Drains: remained blocked:** in the vicinity of Dolebolion and the Green Bridge. To report to Ceredigion CC.
- 7.11 **Four Trees within the Pantyfedwen** Park will be trimmed in the near future under the direction of Cllr Richard Jones. 12-15 inches.
- 7.12 **Road leading to Cefnogaer, Ffair Rhos:** drain sinking. Water pooling. It was reported that Ceredigion CC had assigned attention to the matter.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 **Bruno Peek, Pageant master, D-Day 80:** Plans for D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024, were proceeding at an extremely great pace involving all areas of local communities, including Town, Parish and City Councils, Hospitals, Care Homes, Churches, Charities Farms, Pubs, Hotels, Pipers, Town Criers, individual families and much more. Please go to the D-Day 80 website to find out more: www.d-day80beacons.co.uk
- 8.2 **Communication from former Community Cllr John Jones** thanking the Community Council for the privilege of taking part in the Remembrance Sunday Service of the 12.11.2023. He enquired whether it would be possible to carve additional names on the War Memorial. Thanks to the dedicated research work of Lyn Ebenezer, the names of the 3 who were killed in a plane accident in Pen-Bwlch were now known viz: Pilot: Air Officer GB Bainbridge Assistant Pilot: RG Cosgrave; Auxiliary Air Sergeant: W. Powell In addition, another name was missing from the memorial of the First World War Thanks again to Lyn, - Richard David Davies, Rock House. He lived in Pontrhydfendigaid until he emigrated with his family to Australia and joined the army of that country. He died in Fromelles in 1916. It was agreed to contact Paul James, John Jones and Siop Dop Tregaron to ask whether they could inscribe the names of the above on a plaque.
- 8.3 **Communication from Cllr Bryan Davies, Leader of Ceredigion CC and Mr Eifion Evans Chief Executive**, dated 4.01.2024 stating that the Welsh Government (WG) issued the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement for 2024/25 to all Local Authorities in Wales on the 20 December 2023. As a result, CCC had a significant Budget shortfall to address and difficult decisions had to be made in balancing which Services were essential to continue due to statutory obligations, which Services were right to continue and protect, which services were more appropriate to partially or fully withdraw from and also to gauge an appropriate level for setting CCC's element of the Council Tax. Formal political decisions were yet to be made; there were a number of services currently operated by CCC that Town and Community Councils could consider taking responsibility to ensure their continuity at a local level. When considering the Community Council's Precept for the Fiscal Year 2024-25, Community Cllrs could assign attention, where applicable to Public Conveniences, Seasonal Street Cleaning and Grounds Maintenance of Public Spaces. The contents of the communication were noted.
- 8.4 **Meeting between representatives of the County Council and Town and Community Councils Ceredigion CC:** Invitation for the Community Council to send up to two representatives to meet the Leader of the Council, Councillor Bryan Davies and the Chief Executive, Mr Eifion Evans, to discuss matters of current mutual interest.

- Wednesday 31 January, Council Chamber, Penmorfa at 6.30pm.

Questions to be submitted in advance. It was agreed that County and Community Cllr Ifan Lloyd Davies would represent the Community Council on this occasion.

Questions to be submitted:

1. Further to the letter of the Leader and Chief Executive of Ceredigion County Council (Minute ref 8.3) could you offer practical advice on the continuation of the services under the auspices the Community Council?
2. Rural areas similar to the Ystrad Fflur Community Council area and the district had lost a number of key public services, in recent years e.g. the swimming pool, Tregaron which compared unfavourably with urban arrangements within the county eg Aberystwyth. Which steps were in place to ensure parity of services/ facilities between rural and urban areas?
3. Future 6th Form Site: will it be a statutory requirement to provide free transport for pupils travelling to the 6th Form site?

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

9. PLANNING

No Planning matters.

10. FINANCE

10.1 Hire of Pantyfedwen Hall for Community Council meetings: £45

10.2 Clerk's Salary Dec. 2023 £238.33 (gross)

10.3 Clerk's Expenses £36.40 (to include VAT)

10.4 Precept Form Ceredigion CC 2024-25: to be completed and £7,574 to be claimed by the Community Council.

10.5 Teifi Valley Trail: request for financial support. Agreed not to make a contribution on this occasion due to the financial challenges faced by the Community Council.

11. Items for Facebook: none.

12. AOB

12.1 An electric cable was faulty in the vicinity of Tyllyn, Ffair Rhos.

12.2 A Christmas Lights' Meeting will be arranged shortly to assess the condition of the Christmas lights. It was agreed to thank Cllr Elgan Williams, Cllr Richard Jones, Catrin Williams and Ffion Jones (had provided the Christmas Plaque on the Village Green) for distributing Christmas gifts and helping with arrangements re Santa within the Village in December 2023.

12.3 Slates appeared loose on the previous Post Office Building in the village and could pose a hazard.

12.4 The pavement extending from the School towards the Village was in need of brushing. Also, water stagnated within the school's carpark and posed a safety issue during inclement weather. To report to Ceredigion CC.

The meeting ended at 9.10pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 15th February 2024 @7pm.

Signed/ Date -----