

**YSTRAD FFLUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING**  
**27.03.2024 @7pm**  
**PANTYFEDWEN HALL LIBRARY, PONTRHYDFENDIGAID**

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

Chair Cllr Angharad Jones welcomed all to the meeting.

**2. PRESENT**

County & Community Cllr Ifan Lloyd Davies;  
Cllr Alun Price Jones;  
Cllr Angharad Jones;  
Cllr Non Jones;  
Cllr Gareth Owen;  
Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) John Evans &  
Eleri Thomas (Clerk).

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Mel Briant; Ieuan Davies; Gareth Edwards; Richard Jones & Elgan Williams 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: zero

\*Burglary: zero

\*Criminal Damage: incident at Ffair Rhos, sensitive property damaged.

\*Theft: 18.03.2024 sheepdog had gone missing.

\*Violence/ Assault: zero

\*Fraud/ Scam calls: Phone fraud calls continued.

Dog Behaviour: (as referred to in previous meetings)

Awaiting a reply re the concern, from the Police Commissioner of Wales (Dyfed Powys).

PCSO John Evans reported that representatives of the Police were in regular contact with the owners . One individual had submitted a Statement to the Police re the behaviour of the dog. The outcome was awaited.

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

**5.1 Minute ref: 10.2 YFC Rally:** Tregaron and Area 2024 – Community and County Cllr Ifan Lloyd Davies

**6. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2024**

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED** and resolved that the Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2024, were a correct record and were signed by the Chairperson.

**7. MATTERS ARISING**

**7.1 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 re-opened for a second round of applications on the 1 February 2024. Certain Cllrs will assign attention to grant sources in the future.

**7.2 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.
3. 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.

4. Village Shop: Ceredig authorised Guardian within the Circuit.
5. The Headteacher of Bont School had agreed for a further defibrillator to be positioned on the school premises. Angharad to contact the Headteacher to move the matter forward.

**7.3 MS Elin Jones: Questionnaire:** The effect of the WG's introduction of the 20mph speed restriction within designated areas:

**Two key questions:**

*Are there any roads in your area where there is need to change the speed limit from 20mph to 30mph?*

*Are there any other roads in your area where there is need to change the speed limit?*

It was agreed to express the following:

"20mph should be retained at the centre of the Village and in the environs of the school.

Entrances to the Village e.g. by Dolawel, should be amended to the former speed of 30mph.

The Community Council expressed concerned regarding the cost. Many motorists did not comply with the 20mph speed restriction. Balance needed between speed, convenience and safety with a view to reducing deaths and noise."

Community and County Cllr Ifan Lloyd Davies wished it to be noted that his preference was that no changes be made to the current 20mph speed restrictions within the Ystrad Fflur Community Council's Wards.

**7.4 Floods in the environs of the river Teifi:** Trimming of certain trees in the vicinity. Cllr Non Jones and Cllr Richard Jones had felled a tree near the Red Lion.

**7.5 Flags: Ffair Rhos and surrounding area:** Cllr Ieuan Davies to visit a store, which sold suitable flags, in Cardiff. No developments during this meeting.

**7.6 Meeting between representatives of the County Council and Town and Community Councils Ceredigion CC:**

Questions had been submitted (please refer to the 18 January 2024 Minutes):

1. Rural areas that are similar to Ystrad Fflur Community Council and the area have lost a lot of key public services over the past years e.g., the swimming pool in Tregaron, which contrasts unfairly with other urban areas within the county e.g., Aberystwyth. Which steps are in place to ensure consistency of services/facilities between rural and urban areas? There needs to be consistent coverage between the geographical areas.  
*In Corporate Strategy the County is divided into three areas. Consistency between the towns and villages/rural areas is more difficult and this is a debate we are constantly having with the Welsh Government, which is that rural poverty and lack of access to services need to be considered. This needs to be included as a factor in the WG funding formula. An example of this – the Welsh Government has made a major investment in the train network in the populated areas; but at the same time taking £1m out of the Bwcabus system. It is the rural areas that are suffering.*
2. Future Class 6 Site: will it be statutory for the transport cost to be free for pupils travelling to the 6th Form site?  
*A feasibility study was currently being undertaken to look at the possibility of developing post-sixteen provision in Ceredigion. During a Cabinet meeting held on 7 November 2023, Cabinet Members instructed School Lifelong Learning Services to undertake a detailed feasibility study to look at various options to ensure the future sustainability of post-16 education provision in the county. Four options were considered by Cabinet Members for the future of the provision, which included: • Option 1: Maintain the Status Quo • Option 2: Develop the Post-16 Current Situation – post-16 provision would continue at the six existing sites • Option 3: Provision in some schools – this would mean closing post-16 provision at one or more sites. • Option 4: One Centre of Excellence - establish a Centre of Excellence, comprising a range of partners, in one or more suitable geographical sites. It was concluded that the feasibility study should focus on options 2 and 4. Transport and the cost of transport for post-16 learners will be considered as part of the feasibility study.*
3. Following the letter from the Leader and Chief Executive of Ceredigion County Council (enclosed) could you offer practical advice on how the Community Council can continue with the services you mention in the letter? (letter sent out to all Clerks)

This was discussed in the meeting-please see the meetings' notes. (attached) Appendix 1 27.03.2024

- 7.7 Inscribing additional names on the Bont War Memorial.** In a previous communication Mr John Jones, Ffair Rhos asked whether it would be possible to inscribe additional names on the War Memorial. Thanks to the dedicated research of Lyn Ebenezer, the names of the three 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.

**James Memorials Ltd had submitted a Quote.**

To supply one no Balmoral red polished granite plaque twelve" x 8" x 2". Inscription cut as requested and finished in gold leaf. Plaque fixed to war memorial below existing plaque as required.

Adding of new inscription (Richard David Davies, Rock House) onto the south side of the war memorial cut by hand to match existing lettering and finished in gold leaf.

Draft layout of the inscription had been enclosed.

All for the sum of	£ 1495.00
VAT @ 20%	£ 299.00
TOTAL	£ 1794.00

AGREED: to discuss at the following meeting.

- 7.8 Tenders for grass-cutting, within the Village over the summer months.**  
**One expression of interest had been received from Mr Dilwyn Benjamin**

1. Glan-yr-Afon £65 /cut x3 cuts
2. No. 1-5 Maesydderwen £65/cut x 3 cuts
3. Village entrance approximately two metres from the sign at the main entrance to the village including the Green £125 x 6 cuts
4. Around Pantyfedwen Hall to include within the fence of the Ysgol Feithrin and Park £160 x 6 cuts

First cut – at the end of April 2024.

Quote per cut.

TOTAL £2,100 + VAT

It was AGREED to accept the quote. The first cut to be undertaken before the end of April and after that time a community Cllr will liaise with Dilwyn to assess the situation. It was agreed to nominate a Cllr for this role during the next meeting.

- 7.9 Litter Collection within the Vicinity:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 @5.30pm was chosen as the date to collect litter. To convene by the Pantyfedwen Hall, Football Field. To collect equipment, form Clare (Hughes). To post onto Fb.  
It was AGREED to thank Clare for her recent and ongoing efforts in collecting litter within the Village and beyond.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 8.1 Local Democracy and Boundary Commission of Wales:** Community Ward Boundary Proposals Consultation: The Commission proposed to abolish the communities of Ysbyty Ystwyth, Ystrad Fflur and Ystrad Meurig and merging the 3

areas to form a new ward viz the Community of Ystrad Fflur. The proposed community council arrangements of the new Ystrad Fflur community council were proposed to have a total electorate of 1,274 and be represented by seven community councillors as compared to the present twenty-six. **AGREED:** to discuss the matter further at the next meeting.

The Report had been published electronically as requested by Ceredigion County Council and can be viewed on the [website](#).

- 8.2 Banking Survey: Ben Lake (BL) MP: thanked the Community Council for completing the Survey.** The general conclusion was that the current service provided by banks in Ceredigion was by no means sufficient. Some officers and members of charitable and community organisations travelled long distances to reach their branch, and even then, were unable to complete the tasks they had hoped to. As banks continued to close branches across the county, this was not good enough, to say the least.

Moving forward, BL will be arranging a meeting with representatives from the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) to discuss this situation and to express his concerns about the future of banking in Ceredigion. Responses from the survey and experiences (anonymously) will be used to show the reality of banking and the difficulties faced by people and organisations, to convey that the service did not currently comply with the requirements of the 'Consumer Duty' published by the FCA in 2022. Banks needed stricter conditions to provide the service they had promised, to ensure that their customers were protected and that their needs were the number one priority.

As well as meeting with the FCA, BL hoped to meet with LINK. LINK was the UK's largest ATM network, connecting almost all of the UK's ATMs and ensuring communities had the access to cash they needed. LINK was also responsible for assessing whether there was enough community demand and need for a banking hub. BL intended meeting with LINK to insist that they looked at the possibility of establishing a banking hub in Ceredigion as soon as possible, considering how many towns had been left without any branches or sufficient banking services.

Charitable and community organizations enriched the lives of everyone in Ceredigion in one way or another and BL was determined to make sure that the current situation with the banks did not affect the way they operated.

- 8.3 Communication from Cllr Ieuan Davies on behalf of Mr Ted Jones, Ffair Rhos** asking whether it would be possible to position a new bus-stop at Ffair Rhos to help passengers who travel in the direction of Ystrad Meurig. **AGREED:** to ask Cllr Ieuan Davies to arrange a meeting between Mr Ted Jones and certain members of the Community Council. Also to inform the Highways' Dept Ceredigion CC and to ask whether Mr Jones' request could be permitted.

- 8.4 Town and Community Councillor Representative for Ceredigion County Council's Ethics and Standards Committee**

A new Town and Community Council councillor will need to be appointed onto the Ethics and Standards Committee following a recent resignation. Ceredigion CC asked for names of Councillors within Town & Community Councils who were

interested in the role of: *Elected Member Town & Community Councillor* within the Council's Ethics and Standards Committee.

Interested Councillors were asked to submit their CV to [ethicsandstandards@ceredigion.gov.uk](mailto:ethicsandstandards@ceredigion.gov.uk) by **30 April 2024**.

- 8.5 Urdd's Fund for All**, which this year will offer three hundred free places at the Urdd's summer camps for children and young people in Wales. Specific places have been set aside funded by certain communities, but there were places left for any child or young person who was eligible. The Community Council was asked to share a leaflet within the community to allow as many people as possible the opportunity to apply if interested. Applications can be made on the website:  
<https://www.urdd.cymru/en/support-us/cronfa-cyfle-i-bawb/gwneud-cais-ir-gronfa/>

**AGREED:** To display on FB and to inform the local School.

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

## **9. PLANNING**

**No Planning matters.**

## **10. FINANCE**

- 10.1 One Voice Wales:** Annual Membership: £69
- 10.2 YFC Rally:** Tregaron and Area 2024: £100
- 10.3 Lampeter Tree Services Ltd:** Tree work to rear of Maesydderwen, Pontrhydfendigaid £210 VAT £42
- 10.4 Clerk's Salary Feb/ March 2024** £238.33 x2 (gross)
- 10.5 Clerk's Expenses** £51.50 VAT £10
- 10.6 Pantyfedwen Hall Audit c/o Mrs Enid Hughes:** £100

## **11. Items for Facebook:**

- 11.1 Minute ref: 8.5** *Urdd's Fund for All, Poster and Information*
- 11.2 Litter Collection 1.05.2024**

## **12. AOB**

- 12.1 Dog faeces** posed a problem on the streets of Pontrhydfendigaid to include the environs of the Red Lion.
- 12.2 Pot** – holes were evident on many roads e.g. Ffair Rhos Junction, Heol Mynachlog, Heol Black Lion, Junction from Abbey Road. To report to Ceredigion CC.
- 12.3 Village Bottle Bank:** Ceredigion CC will provide a Bottle Bank to replace the former Bottle Bank, owned by a private company.
- 12.4 A tree positioned on the Green** (first/2<sup>nd</sup> From former Church) did not appear to be safe. Community Council to investigate.
- 12.5 Static Home by former Church & War Memorial:** Community and County Cllr Ifan Lloyd Davies to consult the Planning Dept. Ceredigion CC for advice.

**The meeting ended at 8.30pm.**

**Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024 @7pm.**

**Signed/ Date** \_\_\_\_\_