

**YSTRAD FFLUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
18.04.2024 @7pm
PANTYFEDWEN HALL LIBRARY, PONTRHYDFENDIGAID**

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME AND PERSONAL MATTERS

Chair Cllr Angharad Jones welcomed all to the meeting.

2. PRESENT

Cllr Mel Briant;
Cllr Ieuan Davies;
County & Community Cllr Ifan Lloyd Davies;
Cllr Gareth Edwards;
Cllr Alun Price Jones;
Cllr Angharad Jones;
Cllr Richard Jones;
Cllr Gareth Owen;
Cllr Elgan Williams;
Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) John Evans &
Eleri Thomas (Clerk).

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Non Jones apologised for his 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: zero
*Theft: zero
*Violence/ Assault: zero
*Fraud/ Scam calls: zero

Dog Behaviour: (as referred to in previous meetings)

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

Parking Problem at Maesydderwen. PCSO Evans had discussed the matter with the owner of the Vehicle and the issue had also been drawn to the attention of Ceredigion County Council.

5. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST: None declared.

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 27th March 2024

It was PROPOSED (Cllr Gareth Owen); **SECONDED** (Cllr Alun Price Jones) and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the 27th March 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 eg National Lottery Grant. Cllr Gareth Owen to discuss the matter with Mrs Clare Hughes.

Rust was an issue on a seat within the play area and it had been reported that the swings were squeaking. It was agreed to assign attention to these matters.

7.2 Defibrillators within the vicinity

The total number of defibrillators within Ffair Rhos and Bont Fair was now 4-5.

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.

Regrading the replenishing of Batteries and Pads it was agreed to contact Tomos Hughes, NHS Wales for further information.

7.3 Flags: Ffair Rhos and surrounding area: Cllr Ieuan Davies to purchase 4 heavy duty flags. £20 x 4.

7.4 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

The above quote was considered. It was resolved to make enquiries re the British War Memorial Grant, Royal British Legion Grant and Cadw Grant.

7.5 Tenders for grass-cutting, within the Village over the summer months.

It had been **AGREED** to accept the quote of £2,100 + VAT from Mr Dilwyn Benjamin. The first cut to be undertaken before the end of April. The Community Council will not liaise with Dilwyn to assess the situation, between cuts. The area of grass which requires to be cut in the environs of the Ysgol Feithrin has decreased.

7.6 Litter Collection within the Vicinity: Wednesday 1st 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).

7.7 **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. **It was AGREED to arrange an Open Meeting for Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 7pm at the Pantyfedwen Hall Library to discuss the Community Council's response.** To inform the public via Facebook, Posters, and email. The Report had been published electronically as requested by Ceredigion County Council and can be viewed on the [website](#).

7.8 **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. Cllr Ieuan Davies had arranged a site meeting for Monday 22nd April 2024 at 7pm between Mr Ted Jones and certain members of the Community Council. Awaiting a reply from the Highways' Dept Ceredigion CC regarding whether Mr Jones' request could be permitted.

7.9 **Dog Faeces: a problem within the Village.** To enquire in relation to Signs from Lewis and Hughes to be displayed within the Village. To forward a post on Fb asking dog owners to dispose of dog faeces in a responsible manner.

7.10 **Village Bottle Bank:** New Bottle Bank to be placed on the Pantyfedwen Hall Grounds.

7.11 **Ash Tree on the Village Green:** Cllr Richard Jones to fell the tree.

7.12 **Flooding remains** an issue in the vicinity of the Red Lion despite the fact a tree has been cut down.

7.13 **Representatives on Sub-Committees: Churchyard Committee:** Cllr Angharad Jones & Cllr Elgan.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 **Rospa Play Safety:** Pantyfedwen Play Area Inspection: £78 will take place in June 2024.

8.2 **Community Banking Survey: Ben Lake MP:** Over 120 organisations engaged with the survey to share their experiences of banking in Ceredigion. It is clear from the responses that there is widespread dissatisfaction with the service that banks currently provide. Many respondents noted frustration at the lack of in-person provision, in addition to inconvenient branch opening hours and more generally that the services provided failed to appreciate the needs of communities in rural areas of Wales. BL has since met with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) to raise the issues identified by the survey. They were surprised by the high level of engagement with the survey and were eager to learn more.

As the Vice-Chair of the Welsh Affairs Select Committee in Westminster,

he has launched an inquiry into high street banking in Wales.

Also he has been asking for the establishment of banking hubs for Ceredigion in Westminster since 2018. The gradual decline of local branches in Ceredigion's towns means that the reality of the situation means customers are left without a

single branch of their bank in Ceredigion. Customers of Barclays, Lloyds, and Halifax are especially impacted by recent decisions which will see these banks close all their Ceredigion branches before the summer. In order to advance the cause of banking hubs for Ceredigion, BL met with Link, the UK's main ATM network, who are responsible for designating banking hubs to towns all over the UK. Unfortunately, the current eligibility criteria for a banking hub reflect the needs of more urban areas, and require that a town must have a population of 7,000 residents with over 65 retailers and no remaining bank branch before they are considered for a banking hub. These criteria clearly do not reflect the situation in rural areas, where former market towns serve a much larger population living in surrounding areas in addition to their residents. During the meeting with Link, BL highlighted the need for a more case by case approach when assessing banking hub applications because rural towns would find it difficult to meet the current criteria. Although their formal decision is awaited, BL is pleased to report that the regulators are considering changes to the criteria which would hopefully make the regulations work better for rural areas.

BL has launched a petition to help gather public support in Ceredigion. To sign and share, please follow the link: [PETITION: Community Banking Hub - Ceredigion Preseli Plaid Cymru \(partyof.wales\)](#)

8.3 Road Closure: Ceredigion CC A485 8.05.2024-9.05.2024 (24 hours) Poling Works.

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

9. PLANNING

No Planning matters.

10. FINANCE

- 10.1 Precept First Instalment: £2,524.66**
- 10.2 Clerk's Salary April 2024 £238.33 (gross)**
- 10.3 Clerk's Expenses £35.25**

11. Items for Facebook:

11.1 Public Meeting 2.05.2024

11.2 Post for Dog Owners when walking their dog.

12. AOB

- 12.1 **Mrs Enid Hughes had enquired when certain trees within the park would be cut.** To check on bird-nesting before moving the matter forward.
- 12.2 **Public Footpath: Dolau Bychain – Dolebolion.** In need of attention. Pot holes are evident after passing the Black Lion and in the direction of Dolebolion.
- 12.3 **Two Bridges adjacent to Llyn Egnant at Teifi Pools** are damaged. To report to Ceredigion CC.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.

Date of Next Meetings: Thursday 16th May 2024 AGM @7pm to be followed by the Monthly Meeting.

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