

**YSTRAD FFLUR COMMUNITY
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
16.01.2025 @ 7PM
PANTYFEDWEN HALL LIBRARY
PONTRHYDFENDIGAID**

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME AND PERSONAL MATTERS

Chair Cllr Elgan Williams welcomed all to the meeting.

2. PRESENT

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

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:

***Antisocial behaviour / Harassment:** zero

***Burglary:** 0

***Criminal Damage:** 0

***Theft:** 0

***Violence/ Assault:** 0

***Fraud** – certain bank accounts had been frozen because of fraudulent attempts to steal money on the part of scammers.

Assessment undertaken: Economic Crime Team.

Money had been stolen from a bank account in Blaenpennal. It had been reported to the Action Fraud Team.

Automated Scam phone calls had been received by people in the area during December 2024 and scam phone calls were in general, on the increase.

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

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 21st NOVEMBER 2024

It was **PROPOSED** (Cllr Gareth Owen); **SECONDED** (Cllr Ieuan Davies) and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the 21st November 2024 were a correct record and were signed by the Chairperson.

7. MATTERS ARISING

7.1 Pantyfedwen Play Area

Mr Jim Cowie had been contacted for advice in relation to the grant funding process. He had drawn attention to the National Lottery Awards where a grant of £300-£20,000 could be sourced. It will be necessary to include details of the proposed work within the Application e.g. new rubber floor, fence. Contact details of two people within the Organisation were also required.

Cllr Gareth Owen will assign attention to the matter and report at the next meeting.

7.2 Defibrillators within the vicinity

Carys Aldous Hughes was the nominated Guardian of the defibrillator based near the Abbey. To inform Gwenllian Beynon.

7.3 Inscribing additional names on the Bont War Memorial.

Cllr Richard Jones to assign attention to the cost of a stainless steel A5 Plaque where the names of 4 persons could be inscribed.

7.4 Request to position a new bus-stop at Ffair Rhos

Cllr Ieuan Davies had located a suitable bus-shelter. A Lease would be required on the proposed land. Fundraising activities were considered to meet costs.

7.5 Felling of Ash Tree on the Village Green: work in progress – Cllr Richard Jones. Cllr Richard Jones reported that trees required trimming in the environs of the park.

7.6 Water Encroaching onto the School Car-Park: Cllr Ifan Lloyd Davies to assign attention to the matter.

7.7 Remembrance Sunday Service – Pontrhydfendigaid – 10.11.2024 at 10.30am. 150 people present. To send thank you letters to the Rev. Aled Lewis, Bugler John Jenkins and former Community Cllr John Jones who had made valuable contributions.

7.8 Annual Dinner: Friday 28th February 2025, Teifi Inn, Ffair Rhos.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Ceredigion County Council, Code of Conduct Training for Cllrs, and Clerks: 11.02.2025 via Zoom: for information.

8.2 BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES: REVIEW OF SENEDD CONSTITUENCIES

The Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru had published its Revised Proposals Report in relation to the review of Senedd Constituencies in Wales. The Report had been published and could be viewed on the Boundary Commission for Wales [website](#).

The Commission would welcome comments on the Revised Proposals. The 4-week consultation period - 17 December 2024-13 January 2025 (inc).

The Commission will consider representations made during the consultation period before preparing the Final Decisions Report.

8.3 Invitation: Evidence-Based Policing Conference- Dafydd Llywelyn, Police and Crime Commissioner: Tuesday 4th March 2025: Dyfed-Powys Policing Headquarters. This year's conference will explore the principles and practical applications of evidence-based policing, demonstrating its potential to transform approaches and ensure the best use of resources.

8.4 RE: WALES & Victory in Europe VE DAY 80 - 8TH MAY 2025

Registration of involvement in VE Day 80 - 8th May 2025 in celebration of the Anniversary, allowing those throughout Wales to pay their personal, group and community 'tribute' to the 300,000+ brave souls from Wales who gave so much for the peace we enjoy today - "Less We Forget".

Attachments included:

VE DAY 80 GUIDE TO TAKING PART: The Guide outlined various possible activities, mainly the lighting of Beacons and Lamp Lights of Peace at 9.30pm, with the flames from both representing the 'light of peace' that emerged from the darkness of war all those years ago, and for the ultimate sacrifice of millions of lives to achieve it, (military and civilian), as well as encouraging the Nation to eat of Fish and Chips as part of this event on that day.

RINGING OUT IN CELEBRATION - 6.30PM: The ringing of church bells throughout the world had always been an important part of national and international occasions, celebrating and marking unique moments in history, so it was only fitting that all Cathedrals and Churches of all denominations throughout Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, England, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man were encouraged to ring their bells in celebration of what was achieved on 8th May 1945, at 6.30pm on 8th May 2025.

I VOW TO THEE MY COUNTRY - 9.30PM: All those taking part, and indeed, the whole of the Nation to stop, and collectively sing this hymn

This will be the first time in history that individuals, choirs and communities will have the unique opportunity to come together **at this one special moment in time - 9.30pm**, and collectively sing this British Hymn for such an occasion, and will bound attract worldwide interest from, local, regional, national and all international aspects of the media, especially as Wales "leads the world in song", with its choirs and the overall love of music.

It was AGREED to register involvement.

8.5 Covid-19 Day of Reflection 2025:

The UK Government had just announced that the 2025 COVID-19 Day of Reflection will take place on Sunday 9 March 2025.

It will be an opportunity for communities across the UK to come together in a Day of Reflection for the COVID-19 pandemic and remember those who lost their lives, reflect on the sacrifices made by many during the COVID-19 pandemic and provide an opportunity for people to ponder on their experiences of the pandemic in a way that suited them best.

- 8.6 Resident: Maesydderwen Estate:** asked who had responsibility for the Riverbank. To explain that the land in question was unregistered – the Land Registry cannot identify the owner.
- 8.7 Yes Cymru: Llambled & Dyffryn Aeron:** asked for the support of the Community Council to transfer the management and the assets of the Crown Estate in Wales to the Welsh people. Yes Cymru was fully persuaded that profit from the Crown Estate should be directed into a Welsh Sovereign Wealth Fund and used to benefit and support the needs of the communities in Wales. It was agreed for Cllrs to respond individually, should they wish to do so.
- 8.8 Other Correspondence: For information only- many emails had been forwarded to Cllrs, between meetings, electronically.**

9. PLANNING

9.1 Planning Application: A240922

Location: Great Abbey Farm, Abbey Road, Pontrhydfendigaid, Ystrad Meurig, SY25 6ES.

Proposal: Take down and rebuild (south wall) in lime, using the same stone. Remove defective lime pointing, re point in lime and grout (east wall)

Applicant: Carys Aldous Hughes.

Community Council's Observations: No Objections.

9.2 It was reported that Ceredigion CC had granted planning permission to replace the Garage (to include demolition of existing Garage) – Moduron Strata Motors, Bridge Street, Pontrhydfendigaid, Ceredigion, SY25 6EE.

9.3 Parc Teifi A scheme to turn a “financially unviable” Pontrhydfendigaid holiday complex into housing had been backed by county planners.

An application before the 15 January meeting of Ceredigion County Council's development management committee, sought permission for a change of use of Parc Teifi Chalets, Bridge Street, to ten semi-detached houses and five one-bed apartments, the latter being affordable units.

A planning statement said that running Parc Teifi as a sole holiday complex was “not financially viable.”

“During the past four years there had only been one instance where all 10 holiday units were full and that was due to a block booking by a company who attended the National Eisteddfod in Tregaron in August 2022 –a one off event in the area,” it said “Year-upon-year there were less bookings and higher costs involved in the running of the units.”

The statement stated that the current open-market value of the houses was circa £170,000, and the flats at £65,000 to £70,000, which would be discounted by some 30 per cent.

An officer report conveyed that Ystrad Fflur Community Council did not object to the proposed development, but had asked for an agreement to ensure residents were Welsh-born and key workers.

County Cllr Ifan Davies explained that the applicant had met to discuss the proposal with the community council on a number of occasions and believed the business was “no longer viable” despite Mr Hughes’ “best efforts”.

Cllr Davies told Ceredigion CC members that a local clause had been asked for but was not viable, but a “gentleman’s agreement” to favour local links had been agreed. Ceredigion CC officers stated that a blanket locals-only condition on the open market units was not currently part of Ceredigion’s planning policy, with potential implications for obtaining mortgages from such a clause.

Planners conditionally approved the application.

10. FINANCE

- 10.1 **Audit Wales; Full Audit of Ystrad Fflur Community Council 2023-24.** Had been approved by Audit Wales. To inform the electorate of the Completion of Audit. Accounts 2023-24 available on the Community Council's website.
- 10.2 **Clerk's Salary Nov/ Dec. 2024** £238.33 x2
- 10.3 **Poppy Wreath:** £25
- 10.4 **Clerk's Costs:** £32.70; £30 (inc VAT)
- 10.5 **Precept 2025-26. The Budget Report** (attached) was considered. After careful deliberation it was PROPOSED (Cllr Gareth Edwards), SECONDED (Cllr Gareth Owen) and RESOLVED to increase the Precept by 15% for the next fiscal year i.e from £7,574 + £1,136 =£8, 710, which represented an additional £0.08 per week for the Band D Council Tax Payer in aid of Ystrad Fflur CC. All voted FOR the Proposal, apart from Cllr Angharad Jones, who voted AGAINST.

11. Items for Facebook: None.

12. AOB

- 12.1 **Grit/ Salt Bin:** To establish the cost - Ceredigion CC and the Co-op, Tregaron.
- 12.2 **Recent work** undertaken by Welsh Water on the Green had meant that the Sign near the flowerpot had been moved. To ask Welsh Water to return the sign to its original position.
- 12.3 **It was resolved to forward** a letter to the Vice Chancellor of the University of Wales Trinity St David, Lampeter opposing the proposal to move undergraduate teaching to the Carmarthen campus at the beginning of the next academic year.
- 12.4 **Former Community Cllr Mair Jones** had celebrated her 90th Birthday on the 13.01.2025. It was agreed to send a card on behalf of the Community Council extending best wishes to Mair on her landmark birthday.
- 12.5 **Potholes were** evident on the turning to Maesydderwen Est: to inform Ceredigion CC and to ask them to rectify other potholes within the Village.

As there was no other business the meeting ended at 8.35pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 20th February 2025 @7pm.

Signed/ Date -----