

CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL CEFN CRIBWR CEFN CRIBWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 8th February 2017.
Chairman: Councillor C. J. Holmes.

Present: Councillors C. J. Holmes, H.J. David, J.B. Johnson, D. Evans, D. Gordon, M. Goudge and D. Dimond.

1. Apologies: Councillors I. Thomas, M. Grabham and J. Short.

2. Declarations of interest received in writing:

Cllrs. D. Dimond, D. Evans and H. J. David declared an interest in all matters concerning the Cefn Cribwr Community Association as members of that organisation.

Cllr. H. J. David declared an interest in all planning matters as a member of Bridgend County Borough Council.

Cllr. H. J. David declared an interest in all matters concerning the Y Cefn Gwyrdd as a member of that organisation.

Cllr. H. J. David declared an interest in all matters concerning the Cefn Cribwr Rugby and Athletic Club as a member of that organisation.

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the Cefn Cribwr Community Council meeting of Wednesday 11th January 2017 were adopted and signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

Flooding near Post Office: The Clerk reported that he had written to BCBC about this matter but had not received a response as yet.

Remembrance Sunday: The Clerk reported that he had received an acknowledgment of his email from Mrs. Griffiths who is content with the situation at present. The Clerk reported that he had received verbal confirmation from Mr. Reynolds that the Cefn Cribwr Branch of the Royal British Legion will probably close imminently. We await an update in due course.

School Council: Cllr. D. Dimond reported that she is awaiting a date from the Headmaster of the Primary School and will then progress the meeting.

Clerks Pension Provision: It was unanimously agreed, on the proposition of Cllr. J. B. Johnson, seconded by Cllr. D. Evans, to amend the Clerk's contract to remove a gratuity payment and replace it with a pension contribution of 20% paid to a pension fund of the Clerks choosing. This to be reviewed in fifteen years.

5. Footpaths:

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Countryside Access Management on behalf of BCBC in regard of establishing the status of Mountain Lane as a byway open to all traffic. It was agreed the Clerk would follow this up.

6. Clerk's Report: Council noted the following correspondence:

BCBC: Beach & Water Safety Service.

Ann Picton: M4 Black Route consultation.

Chris Elmore MP: Advice Surgeries.

Insurance Renewal:

Zurich Municipal: it was agreed to accept the quotation of Zurich Municipal Insurance for a fixed term of five years at £794.18.

Bills for payment:

Clerks Salary for January '17 (S.P. 27):	£426.99
HMRC:	£106.80
AVIVA Pensions:	£106.76
Mr. W. Evans: Cleaning Memorial Shelter (January'17):	£31.20
One Voice Wales, Membership Renewal:	£195.00
Wales Audit Office:	£383.55

Planning

Approvals:

Cefn Farm, Farm Road, Cefn Cribwr: Outdoor All weather riding arena and 4no four-meter-high area lights for the personal enjoyment of the applicants.

Financial Statement:

As on 5th February, 2017.

Community Account		£349.55
Deposit Account (B.M.M)		<u>£39,535.61</u>
TOTAL		<u>£39,885.16</u>
Current Liabilities (in no particular order):		
Budgetary Items to March '17	£26,000.00	
Bills for payment February'17	<u>£1,250.30</u>	
	<u>£27,250.30</u>	
Available undesignated Surplus / (Deficit)		<u>£12,634.86</u>

7. Blue Plaques:

Deferred until March meeting.

8. Members Report:

One Voice Wales: Cllr. D. Evans reported that OVW now circulate all their information by email. It was agreed that Cllr. Evans / The Clerk would forward this to all Members in future.

Bungalows at Bryn Glas: Cllr. M. Goudge reported that V2C had engaged a new contractor, work at recommenced and was progressing well. It is hoped that the improvements to the lane behind John Street will be undertaken in the next few weeks.

Traffic at Farm Road: Cllr. H. J. David reported that the speed of traffic at Farm Road had been referred to him by residents. It was noted that the mobile speed enforcement camera is located there regularly.

Parking at Gwelfor and Heol Castell: Cllr. H. J. David reported that he had received a request from residents for the new parking area at Gwelfor to be divided into parking bays and for a similar parking area to be created at Heol Castell.

9. Any other Business:

Empty Buildings in the Village: Cllr. D. Gordon reported that he had been asked by a group of residents for an update about several empty buildings in the village:

The Three Horse Shoes: The Clerk reported that planning consent for the building to be converted into two residential units had been granted subject to conditions.

Athletic Club & Ambulance Hall site: The Clerk reported that work was supposed to start imminently however, a legal problem had recently arisen. We await further information in due course.

Old Co-op: The Clerk reported that he understood this building was owned by a Gentleman from Maesteg. It had been available to lease for several years since Mr. Patel had moved to smaller premises opposite due to the size of the premises making the business model unviable at that location. This being borne out by Mr. Patel having recently closed his smaller shop, again due to it no longer being financially viable to continue.

House opposite the school: Cllr. H. J. David reported that BCBC had been in touch with the owner on several occasions when public protection issues had arisen. Council noted that whilst the local authority do have powers to make premises safe it is very difficult to force owners to make properties habitable again if they do not wish to.

Wall adjacent to Jill Evans Newsagents: Cllr. D. Gordon reported that residents had raised their concern regarding the wall between Jill Evans Newsagents and the adjacent field as it looks unstable. It was agreed the Clerk would write to Mr. Evans.

Parc Slip Opencast Site: Cllr. D. Dimond asked if there was any progress about the commencement of restoration works. Cllr. H. J. David agreed to ask for an update from BCBC.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 8th March 2017 at the Cefn Cribwr Community Centre at 7pm.

David Lloyd Jones, Clerk, February 2017.

Signed..... date.....