

# CEFN CRIBWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Chairman: Councillor D. Gordon.

**Present:** Councillors D. Gordon, H. J. David, C. Holmes, A. Thomas, D. Evans and D. Dimond.

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

**2. Declarations of interest received in writing:**

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

Cllrs. H. J. David, A. Thomas and D. Dimond declared an interest in all matters concerning Stormy Brook Surgery as patients at that practice.

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 Athletic Club as a member of that organisation.

**3. Minutes:**

The minutes of the Cefn Cribwr Community Council meeting of Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018 were adopted and signed as a true record.

**4. Matters arising:**

*Stormy Brook Surgery:* The Chairman welcomed Mr. Matthew Haynes, Practice Manager of the Stormy Brook Surgery, who addressed the meeting.

The Stormy Brook Practice is currently split across two sites and discussions have been underway with the Community Health Council for many years regarding essential improvements to meet issues of capacity (increasing the number of GP appointment available) and enabling the Practice to expand the range of services it offers. The preferred option had been to enlarge the Waunbant Road Surgery, however planning permission had not been granted for that scheme. The opportunity now exists for a new, state of the art surgery, to be constructed in Cornelly. This location has the benefits of being adjacent to a regular bus route, is centrally located within the practice area, which stretches from Porthcawl to Cefn Cribwr, and has plenty of car parking. Planning permission is currently being sought. If planning permission is given, then an application will be made to the Welsh Government for funding, with 33% match funding be required from the practice partners. The Community Health Council will be undertaking a public consultation regarding the proposals.

A good discussion followed and it was agreed that lines of communication would be kept open between the Community Council and the Stormy Brook Practice.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Haynes for taking the time to attend the meeting and for his excellent and informative presentation.

*Application for Traveller Site near the Fountain:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that the appeal had been allowed and that the site could now legally be used by members of the Traveller Community.

*Seat at Bus stop opposite 8 & 9 Cefn Road:* The Clerk reported that he had experienced some difficulty with BCBC as they wish to install a bench without arms. This is completely unsuitable as those with physical mobility issues will find it extremely problematic to get up from a bench which does not offer the support of an arm. The Clerk was also concerned that given that the Community Council are paying the total cost of the bench and its installation (approx. £1,000) BCBC wish to dictate the style of the bench. This is at odds with the tone of the Town and Community Council Charter wherein collaborative working is encouraged. Furthermore, BCBC's

medium term budgetary policy aims to work with, and support Town and Community Councils in delivering positive outcomes for residents which are locally led. Cllr. H. J. David agreed to take this matter up with the highways dept.

*Bank Mandate:* Cllr. A. Thomas agreed to become a signatory to the Councils bank accounts.

*Plaques from the former village war memorial:* Cllr. D. Dimond reported that she had no further update on this matter at present.

*Farm Road pavement:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that he had received the following response: *In order to provide a footway from \*\*\*\*\* home to an existing footway in Cefn Cribwr would require possible land purchase in order to be able to construct a suitably wide footway and then take in to account the drainage requirements of the road. As you can appreciate in order to construct such a footway from Mr \*\*\*\*\*home to near Cefn Cross and take in to account the land / drainage issues would cost a considerable amount running into many thousands if not hundred of thousands of pounds which as you are aware in the current climate of austerity we have no funding available for such a scheme within the Traffic Management budget to allow us to prioritise this scheme.*

*Opencast / Bedford Road opening:* A letter from Mr and Mrs. J. Mason to BCBC Planning Dept objecting to the re-opening of Bedford Road had been copied to the Community Council for comment. Members discussed the issues in some detail. In conclusion, whilst they sympathized with the views expressed, they noted that there are others in the village who would like the route, which has been illegally closed, reopened as soon as possible in accordance with the original planning permission that allowed for the opencast extension.

*Community Defibrillator:* The Clerk reported that the heated cabinet and defibrillator had arrived and would be installed outside the school shortly. It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with the Headmaster regarding a suitable date and time for training to take place.

*20 MPH Speed Limit:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that he had not received a response to his request as yet. We await further information in due course.

**5. Footpaths:** It was agreed to ask Mr. John to undertake the final cut of the footpath network for the year.

*Council rose for a five minute comfort break.*

## **6. Clerk's Report:**

### **Correspondence:**

Chris Elmore MP: Surgery Poster.

The Clerk.

Independent Review Panel on Community & Town Councils in Wales; Outline Findings & Recommendations.

### **Bills for payment:**

Clerks Salary for July & August '18 (S.P. 27):	£888.50
HMRC:	£271.03
Transact Pensions:	£111.06
Mr. W. Evans: Cleaning Memorial Shelter (July & August' 18):	£65.00
Proctors Ltd (fertiliser):	£45.90

### **Planning**

#### *Applications:*

Mr. A. Jakubowski, Land on east side of Bedford Road: Notification to erect an agricultural building for storage of winter fodder and machinery.

Mr. C. J. & Mrs. B.D. Davies, Myrtle Cottage, Farm Road: Retention / completion of private garage & fuel store, hardstanding and means of enclosure forming an extension to the residential curtilage.

Mrs. D. Jones, 6 Maes Glas: Single storey wet room extension for registered disabled person.

Mrs. A. Keogh, Tirycoed, Heol Goedog: Proposed new outbuilding comprising of garage, workshop, store area and garden equipment.

*Appeals:*

Mr. O. Williams: Building adjacent to Seaview Farm, change of use from derelict workshop / store to use class D2 – personal training studio with parking.

**Financial Statement:**

*As on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018.*

Community Account	£349.85
Deposit Account (B.M.M)	<u>£51,052.91</u>
TOTAL	<u>£51,402.76</u>

**Current Liabilities** *(in no particular order):*

Budgetary Items to March '19	£25,831.80
Budgetary Items to March '18	£17,500.00
Bills for payment Sep '18	<u>£1,381.49</u>
	<u>£44,713.29</u>

**Contingency: Surplus / (Deficit)** £6,689.47

**7. Notice of the conclusion of the external financial audit for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018:**

Members noted the report of the external auditor and asked the Clerk to review Councils income and expenditure against budget regularly as suggested.

The Clerk reported that he would now place the notice of conclusion of the audit in the Council's Notice Board.

**8. Members Report:**

*Road resurfacing:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that the resurfacing of the final stretch of Cefn Road, near Bryn Glas, would be completed on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September between 4 and 8pm. Residents had been notified. It is anticipated that the pavements at East and West Avenue, Heol Newydd and Bryn Terrace would be re-surfaced in November.

**9. The Three Horse Shoes:**

The Clerk reported that he had received an email from a resident suggesting that Council should formally acknowledge the work undertaken to re-open the Three Horseshoes for the benefit of the community. The Clerk reported that he had been in touch with Mr. Reynolds again regarding a practical way the Council could make a tangible contribution to this exciting project. Mr. Reynolds asked that his thanks be expressed to Council for their support and that he would be in touch in due course with suggestions.

**10. Remembrance Sunday:**

The Clerk reported that all was in hand with the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday. A draft Order of Service would be prepared for discussion and approval at the October meeting.

The Clerk reported that the War Memorial required some landscaping work. It was agreed the Clerk should proceed to get the necessary work done in time for Remembrance Sunday.

**11. Co-option of Two Community Councillors :**

It was unanimously agreed, on the proposition of Cllr. D. Evans, seconded by Cllr. H. J. David to co-opt Miss V. Jones and Mrs. A. Beckett as Community Councillors.

**12. Any other Business:**

*Sports Pavilions:* Cllr, H. J David reported that work was proceeding at the sports pavilions. The Boys and Girls Club have been in discussions with BCBC and the Athletic Club as they would like to take this opportunity to upgrade facilities as part of the refurbishment work to meet the standards required of them by the football league. These extra works are in the region of £14,000. BCBC have agreed to meet 50% of the cost and the Boys and Girls Club will contribute £5,000. It was unanimously agreed to make a contribution of £2,000 towards these works.

*Spring Flowering Bulbs:* The Clerk reported that he had ordered twenty sacks of daffodil bulbs which should be delivery in October.

The Clerk reported that he had taken advice from Pheasant Acre Plants who had suggested that planting snowdrops that had already been grown in pots was the most successful way of creating a self-propagating scheme. This was confirmed by Cllr. A. Thomas. It was agreed to proceed with this in January.

The Clerk reported that he had taken advice from Pheasant Acre Plants who had suggested that planting Crocosmia would be an economic way of adding to the Summer planting scheme. This was confirmed by Cllr. A. Thomas. It was agreed to proceed with this in March.

**11. Date and time of next meetings:**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.00 pm.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.00 pm

David Lloyd Jones, Clerk, September 2018.

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