

# CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL CEFN CRIBWR CEFN CRIBWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2014.  
Councillor H. J. David, Vice Chairman.

**Present:** Councillors J. Short C. Holmes, D. Evans, J. B. Johnson, M. Grabham, H. J. David, and M. Goudge.

**1. Apologies:** Councillors D. Dimond and C. Howe.

**2. Declarations of interest received in writing:** Councillors H. J. David, M. Goudge and D. Evans declared an interest in all matters concerning the Cefn Cribwr Community Association as members of that organisation.  
Councillor H. J. David declared an interest in all planning matters as a member of Bridgend County Borough Council.  
Councillor H. J. David declared an interest in all matters concerning the Y Cefn Gwyrdd as a member of that organisation.

**3. Minutes:** The minutes of the Cefn Cribwr Community Council meeting of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2014, were adopted and signed as a true record.

**4. Matters arising:**

*Bins at Cae Gof:* The Clerk reported that he had emailed Mr. Jonathan Powell and Cllr. C. Howe about this matter but had not received a response as yet.

**5. Footpaths:**

The Clerk reported that Mr. P. John had now completed the maintenance of the footpath network and there is still £300 left in the budget for this financial year. It was agreed the Clerk would ask Mr. John for a quote to cut back Mountain Lane and also repair the bridge across the brook and cut the low branches on FP 8.

FP 40 is impassable at present because of an accumulation of debris and overgrowth. It was agreed that a job of this scale was a matter for BCBC.

**6. Clerk's Report:**

**Correspondence:** *Council noted the following items:*

Cefn Cribwr Community Association: Letter of thanks.

One Voice Wales.

The Clerk.

BCBC: review of Polling Stations.

Natural Resources Wales.

**Bills for payment:**

Clerks Salary for October '14 (S. P 27):	£313.35
HMRC :	£78.20
W. Evans, Cleaning Memorial Shelter Sept & Oct:	£50.00
P J Landscapes (£300 FP / £300 Daff Planting)	£600.00
Afan Landscapes: war Memorial	£1,060.93*

*\*it was agreed that the Clerk would seek clarification that this was the final payment due.*

**Planning**

**Applications:**

BCBC Regeneration: Install 19 A1 Interpretation Panels (3 at Cefn Cribwr)

**Financial Statement:***As on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2014.*

Community Account	£349.06
Deposit Account (B.M.M)	<u>£32,656.74</u>
TOTAL	<u>£33,005.80</u>

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

Budgetary Items to March '15	£25,000.00
Bills for payment October '14	<u>£441.55</u>
	<u>£25,441.55</u>

<b>Available undesignated Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b><u>£7,564.25</u></b>
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**7. Members Reports:**

Cllr. D. Evans reported that he had attended the area meeting of OVW on Councils Behalf. Mr. Martyn Thomas had addressed the meeting in regard of his role in the NATO Summit, there is a need for greater levels of communication between all agencies if violent extremism is to be kept at bay. The responsibility to report suspicious behaviour lies with all citizens and groups and this should always be borne in mind.

A report was made about the devolution of services from County Borough Councils to Town & Community Councils due to the current financial pressures and the Welsh Governments wish to group County Councils in the near future.

**8. War Memorial, Pentice site and Bus Shelters:**

The Clerk reported that Groundwork Bridgend Neath Port Talbot had recently gone into Administration. He, Cllr. H. J. David, Cllr. C. Holmes and Susan Evans (REACH) together with the Legal Dept of BCBC had been in negotiations with the Administrators and the contractors Landcraft. A solution has been agreed that will mean that Landcraft can finish the projects, even though they have not been paid for the works completed this far. Tidy Towns have agreed to act as the Agent and supervisor for the works going forward as they have the necessary authorisation from European Union to draw down the funding. The Community Council will still be required to provide match funding of £19,366 however, a grant of £17,600 has been awarded from the Town & Community Council Fund. The Clerk confirmed that all 3 projects must be completed and claims and supporting documentation submitted by Friday 12 December 2014 if the REACH funding is to be drawn down. It was unanimously agreed that the works must now proceed without further delay.

Project work to be completed as follows:

- A. Bedford Park entrance feature – Ground works – hard-core surface and tarmac entrance. Works to the adjoining walls – rendering side wall facing Valleys to Coast property and install Estate fencing to said wall. Raised curb with raised wild flower bed next to said wall – Community Council also to explore options for seeding and maintaining this. Look at what can be done possibly tarmac around exterior of feature wall. Look at what can be done with the party wall and check with Valleys to Coast if they are responsible or for contribution towards cost.
- B. Two bus shelters by common – Rendered, painted, new roof and slate tiles. Bus Shelter which was formally war memorial - Sandblasted and new roof tiles – roof structure to be checked.
- C. Common entrance – bollards to be reinstated correctly.

**9. Christmas Lights:** The Clerk reported that he had received a verbal quotation from BCBC, The cost of the installation of the scheme would be the same as 2013 - £2,461.08. It was agreed to proceed with this.

**10. Parking Bays at Gwelfor:** Cllr H. J. David reported that BCBC highways department had agreed to install much needed parking bays at Gwelfor, subject to a satisfactory outcome from their exploratory bore holes at the site. They have asked for match funding from the Community Council (as is normal practice with such projects) of £5,000, the total estimated cost being in excess of £15,000. It was unanimously agreed to provide the match funding if the project is able to go ahead.

**11. A.O.B.:** Cllr. D. Evans reported that several members of the public had mentioned to him that it would be nice if a community event could be organised in the village for Bonfire night. It was agreed that this is something that Council could look into during the forthcoming year.

**12. Date of Next Meeting:** 7pm, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 at the Cefn Cribwr Community Centre.

David Lloyd Jones, Clerk, November 2014.