

CEFN CRIBWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 8th February 2023 at Cefn Cribwr Community Centre and via Zoom.

Chairman: Councillor C. Holmes.

Present: Councillors C. Holmes, A. Beckett, A. West, H. J. David, K. G. Burnell, D. Dimond, S. Kendall and D. Evans.

In attendance: Mr. D-L Jones (Clerk).

1. Apologies: Councillors C. Holmes and J. Short.

2. Declarations of interest received in writing:

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

Cllrs. A. Beckett and H. J. David declared an interest in all matters concerning Y Cefn Gwyrdd as members of that organisation.

Cllr. H. J. David declared an interest in all matters concerning the Cefn Cribwr Sports & Social Club as a member of that organisation.

Cllrs. H. J. David and K. G. Burnell declared an interest in all matters concerning the Cefn Cribwr Gardening Club as a member of that organisation.

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

Cllrs. H. J. David and S. Kendall declared an interest in all matters concerning the Cefn Cribwr Athletic Club as members of that organisation.

Cllrs K. G. Burnell, D. Dimond and S. Kendall declared an interest in all matters concerning Cefn Cribwr Primary School as a member of the Governing Body.

Cllr. K. G. Burnell declared an interest in all matters concerning the Cefn Cribwr Sports & Social Club as Secretary of that organisation.

Cllr. K. G. Burnell declared an interest in all matters concerning Bedford Park as a relation of a member of staff.

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of Cefn Cribwr Community Council held on Wednesday 11th January 2023, were adopted and signed as a true record.

4. Co-option: The Clerk confirmed that BCBC Electoral Dept had issued a Notice of Casual Vacancy which had now expired, therefore Council was able to move to co-option.

It was unanimously agreed on the proposition of Cllr. D. Evans, seconded by Cllr. D. Dimond to co-opt Mr. S. Kendall as a Community Councillor.

5. Matters arising:

Arrangements for Meetings: Given the success of using the Meta Portal TV device it was agreed to move to hybrid meetings.

Code of Conduct Training: The Clerk reminded Members of the obligation to attend this training every five years and will circulate a list of future opportunities to undertake the training in due course.

Iron Works: It was agreed the Clerk would ask again for an update from Claire Hamm BCBC.

6. Footpaths:

Footpath between John Street and Dale View: The Clerk reported he had not received a response to the requested update regarding this on-going dispute.

7. Clerk's Report:

Correspondence: Council noted the following:

Clerks & Councils Direct

The Clerk

Cefn Cribwr Primary School: Letter of Thanks

Cefn Cribwr Community Association: Letter of Thanks

Y Cefn Gwyrdd: Letter of Thanks

Y Cefn Gwyrdd: Iron Works

Bills for payment:

Clerks Salary for Jan'23 (S.P. 24): £560.21

HMRC: £140.00

Transact Pensions: £140.05

Mr. W. Evans: Cleaning Memorial Shelter (Jan '23): £43.33

Financial Statement:

Council noted the financial statement for the period ending the 30th December 2022.

Planning:

Applications:

Mr. M. Richards, Sunnyside Farm, 10a Ty Isaf Road: Retention of dwelling as extended and altered.

Approvals:

Mrs. J. Burgess, 2 Dale View: Single storey front extension.

8. Members Report:

One Voice Wales Area Meeting: Cllr. D. Evans reported he had recently attended this meeting. The main topics which had been discussed were Audit Reports, Roles and Titles of Council Clerks, Training, Town & Community Council Charter with County Borough Council, Community Engagement and Transparency.

Empty Homes: Cllr. H. J. David reported that BCBC had agreed to charge double council tax for properties which are unoccupied for an extended period. It is estimated there are over 700 properties in the County Borough that fall into this category. It is hoped this will encourage the owners of those properties to bring them back into habitation given the acute housing shortage in the area. There will be exemptions to the scheme for those properties which are being refurbished, between occupants, are up for sales or where a resident has passed away.

Cefn Cribwr Community Centre: Cllr. H. J. David reported that work to underpin the wall at the rear and instal a new path and gate on the western side of the Centre had been completed.

Cefn Cribwr Primary School: Cllr. H. J. David reported that a considerable amount of work has be undertaken to the classrooms in the junior department of the school. It was noted that the school is among the oldest in the County Borough, and as such, does require maintenance from time to time.

Porthcawl Metro Link: Cllr. H. J. David reported that progress is being made developing a new Bus Station at Salt Lake, near the Portway.

Former Margam Opencast Site: Cllr. H. J. David reported that BCBC are working closely with NPTCBC and the landowner to open the site to the public.

Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl: Cllr. H. J. David reported that BCBC have applied for UK Government Funday to improve this important venue.

BCBC Medium Term Financial Strategy: Cllr. H. J. David reported that Council Tax will probably have to rise by 6% if BCBC is to continue to provide adequate service levels. Inflation of 10% will make a huge increase in staff costs and this together with an £8 million increase in Social Service provision and an unprecedented demand for housing with over 400 people currently in temporary accommodation will inevitably mean the County Council will be faced with some difficult decisions.

93 Cefn Road: Cllr. H. J. David reported that Environmental Health Officers had been in touch with the new owner of the property and work to improve the condition of the property will be undertaken, the garden having already been cleared.

9. Any other business:

Dog Fouling & Litter: Cllr. S. Kendall reported that instances of dog fouling and littering seemed to be increasing. Cllr. H. J. David agreed to ask BCBC Dog Wardens to increase patrols in the village and ask if bag pick up stations could be provided. Cllr. H. J. David confirmed that if a member sees areas of litter and/or dumping then they should report it directly to BCBC.

10. Date and time of next meetings:

Wednesday 8th March 2023 at 7.00 pm at Cefn Cribwr Community Centre and via Zoom.

Wednesday 12th April 2023 at 7.00 pm at Cefn Cribwr Community Centre and via Zoom.

David Lloyd Jones, Clerk, February 2023.

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