

# CEFN CRIBWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

Chairman: Councillor C. Holmes.

**Present:** Councillors C. Holmes, D. Evans, V. Jones, D. Dimond, A. Beckett, K. G. Burnell and H. J. David.

**1. Apologies:** D. Gordon 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. 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 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.

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

**3. Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of Cefn Cribwr Community Council held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were adopted and signed as a true record.

**4. Matters arising:**

*Demolished flower bed near old Co-op:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that he had been in touch with the owner of the site and he would be arranging for the flower bed to be rebuilt in the next few weeks.

*Bench at Tai Thorn:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that he would be following this matter up with the Officer concerned.

*Vacancy for a Community Councillor:* This will be an agenda item at the June meeting of Council.

*Training:* It was agreed that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk would attend a Chaining Skills Training Session organised by Once Voice Wales.

It was agreed that Cllrs. K. G. Burnell & A. Beckett would attend a Code of Conduct Training Session organised by Once Voice Wales.

It was agreed that Council would agenda Training for discussion at the June meeting of Council. In the meantime, the Clerk would circulate all Members with a list of topics for consideration.

*Community Grant Scheme:* The Clerk circulated a draft application form and guidelines. Following some minor amendments, it was agreed to publish the information on the Council's website. The Clerk will inform community organisations of the new procedure for those wishing to apply to the Council for financial assistance.

**5. Footpaths:**

*Footpath Maintenance:* The Clerk reported that Mr. John had completed the first cut of the footpath network.

*Heol Goedog Footpath Modification Order:* It was reported that the landowner had appealed and therefore the matter would be now be dealt with by a Public Inquiry in October. This will take place at the offices of BCBC.

**6. Clerk's Report:**

Clerks & Councils Direct.

**Bills for payment:**

Clerks Salary for April '19 (S.P. 27):	£464.88
HMRC:	£116.20
Transact Pensions:	£116.22
Mr. W. Evans: Cleaning Memorial Shelter (April '19):	£43.33
P. J. Landscapes – Footpaths	£600.00

**Planning:**

*Refused:*

Land at Mount Pleasant Farm: Retention of car park to serve Farm Enterprise business.

**7. Resurfacing of the Pentice Car Park:**

The Clerk reported that formal notification of the award of a grant towards this work had had been received. The Clerk had been in touch with both contractors and asked them to confirm their quotations. On that basis the contract had been awarded to Landcraft Ltd. As agreed, Mr. N. Minchington is taking this matter forward and it is hoped that the work will be completed by the end of June.

**8. Summer Play Scheme – Active 4 Life Programme:**

The Clerk reported that he had now had an opportunity to speak with Mr. Powell. Unfortunately, due to previous bookings the Athletic Club will not be able to host the scheme. The Clerk confirmed that BCLC was available.

A discussion ensued about possible means of consultation to measure the need, or otherwise of the scheme. It was agreed that the Clerk would draft a consultation form for parents and guardians of the children who may wish to use the scheme, to gain their views and the potential take up. This would be distributed via the Primary School. It was also agreed to give plenary powers to the Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman to take this matter forward given the pressure of time.

**9. Members Report:**

*Advice Surgery:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that he would be holding an advice surgery on Saturday 11th May at the Community Centre.

*Bedford Park Iron Works:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that a considerable amount of work to make the site safe for entry by the public needs to be undertaken. BCBC are progressing this.

*Signage at Farmers Arms, Malt House:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that a BCBC enforcement Officer had recently visited, the majority of the signage is permitted however, a sign at the back of the Malt House was not and has been removed by the landowner.

*Parc Slip Opencast:* Cllr, H. J. David reported he had received the following update:

*The alternative restoration strategy as approved under planning applications P/16/128/FUL (Bridgend) and P/2016/0078 (Neath Port Talbot) allowed for the realignment and re-opening of both Bedford Road and Crown Road as byways open to all traffic (BOATs). The scheme also proposed that the public rights of way suspended for the duration of the coaling and restoration operations would also be reopened to the public albeit on alternative due to topographical changes. However, the exact status of the roads and rights of way is not something that is controlled under the planning application process and there is a further procedure to involving the Welsh Government to establish the exact legal status of the roads. The works on site have now been completed and both the realigned Bedford and Crown roads have been completed to a forestry road grade. Apart from a small section of Bedford Road, the highways are wholly located with Neath Port Talbot although the majority of the footpaths are within Bridgend.*

*Both Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot Councils are in discussion with the landowner who has indicated that it is their intention to make an application to Welsh Government regarding the highways in the near future.*

Cllr. H. J David reported that discussions are underway between BCBC, The Wildlife Trust of South & West Wales and regarding the future management of the site. It is hoped that an application can be made to the Valleys Task Force / Valleys Park for funding.

*Open Gardens:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that the village would be taking part in the NGS on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

**10. Any other Business:** *There was no other business*

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

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7 pm

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7 pm

David Lloyd Jones, Clerk, May 2019.

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