

# CEFN CRIBWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 via Zoom.

Chairman: Councillor C. Holmes.

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

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

**1. Apologies:** Councillor H. Matthews, I. Humphrey 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. H. J. David and A. Beckett 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 Bedford Park as a relation of a member of staff.

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

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

Cllr. H. J. David 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.

## **3. Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of Cefn Cribwr Community Council held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021, were adopted and signed as a true record.

## **4. Matters arising:**

*Remembrance Sunday:* The Chairman reported that all had gone well at the Village Act of Remembrance with a good attendance. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Cllrs J. Short and D. Evans, Mr. M. Reynolds, Mr. W. Griffiths and the Clerk for their contributions.

## **5. Footpaths:**

The Clerk reported that he had submitted councils claim for the costs of the maintenance of the footpath network during the financial period 2021/22 to BCBC for reimbursement.

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

**Correspondence:** Council noted the following:

Clerks & Councils Direct

The Clerk

Chris Elmore MP – Western Power Community Matters Fund

Keep Wales Tidy - Poster

## **Bills for payment:**

Clerks Salary for Nov '21 (S.P. 23):	£499.89
HMRC:	£125.00
Transact Pensions:	£124.97
Mr. W. Evans: Cleaning Memorial Shelter & War Memorial (Nov '21):	£100.00
Society of Local Council Clerks Annual Subscription:	£171.00
One Voice Wales annual Subscription:	£233.00
Clerks Expenses (Dec '20 – Nov '21)	£1,135.30

## **Financial Statement:**

Council noted the financial statement for the period ending the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

## **Planning:**

*Approvals:* Mr S Parry, Land north of Stormy View, Ty Isaf Road: Site shipping container on site of unused milking parlor for the growing of plants.

**7. Budget & Precept 2022-2023:**

Council unanimously agreed on the proposition of Cllr. A. Beckett, seconded by Cllr. D. Evans, to approve the budget 2022/23.

It was unanimously agreed on the proposition of Cllr. A. Beckett, seconded by Cllr. D. Evans, to set the precept for 2022/23 at £42,000.

**8. Grants to Charitable Organisations:**

The Clerk reported that an application from Cefn Cribwr Community Association for the refurbishment of the kitchen at the Community Centre had been received. It was unanimously agreed on the proposition of Cllr. K. Burnell, seconded by Cllr. A. Beckett, to make a grant of £2,500 towards this project.

**9. Members Report:**

*Pencoed Railway Crossing:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that work is underway to install a new bridge at Penspryg, Pencoed which will replace the level crossing.

*Salt Lake, Porthcawl:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that a consultation is currently underway regarding proposals for a Spa Hotel and Multistorey Carpark at Salt Lake, Porthcawl.

*Bro Castle Industrial Park:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that a considerable amount of interest has been shown in the new 7,700 sqm development at Bro Castle Industrial Park.

*Pilot Voting Scheme:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that Cefn Cribwr will be included in a pilot for new methods of voting in the 2022 May elections which it is hoped will encourage greater participation particularly among sixteen and seventeen year olds as well as other voters.

*Education & Wellbeing Centre at Bryngarw Park:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that a new education & wellbeing centre has opened at Bryngarw Country Park has recently opened and is proving very popular with local schools.

*Mynydd Cynffig Primary School Consultation:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that consultation is currently underway regarding proposals for a new school to replace the existing school buildings which are split over two sites.

*Pyle Swimming Pool:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that Pyle swimming pool will celebrate 40 years of service to the local community this year. Recently improvements have been made to increase accessibility with more time scheduled for user groups with specific needs.

*Free Wifi:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that free wifi in the town centres of Porthcawl, Bridgend, Maesteg and Pencoed is being rolled out. This is via the CCTV network.

*Pedestrian Crossing at Seaview:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that he had received a request for a highway pedestrian crossing at Seaview which he had passed to the relevant department at BCBC for consideration.

*Hedge at Bedford Road:* Cllr. H. J. David reported he had requested the hedge at Bedford Road be cut back.

*Covid and Omicron variant:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that he had attended a meeting with the First Minister for Wales to discuss this growing threat from the Omicron variant. It is now unavoidable that further restrictions will be introduced to slow the spread of the disease whilst the vaccinations programme is rapidly extended.

*Cefn Cribwr Primary School:* Cllr. D. Dimond reported that the school is currently experiencing issues with over-subscription for places which means that some children in the village will not be able to attend. Cllr. H. J. David reported there is criteria for the allocation of school places which is used across BCBC, however a major problem is parents are not aware they must apply for a place as it is not automatically allocated.

**10. Mountain Lane:**

The Clerk reported that the work to resurface a section of Mountain Lane from the War Memorial to the bench at the end of the Common had been completed, topsoil and grass seed will be spread at the edges of the path in the spring.

BCBC Highways Dept had now inspected the works and have confirmed they are of a satisfactory standard. On that basis the Clerk had released payment to the contractor as previously agreed.

**11. Meeting Schedule 2022:**

Council unanimously agreed the schedule of meetings as circulated.

**12. Any other business:**

*Christmas Trees:* The Clerk reported that he had received complaints from residents at both ends of the village about the quality of the Christmas Trees near them and praising the tree at the opposite end of the village. The matter had not been helped when the tree at Bryn Glas had been removed and replaced because it should have been installed in Porthcawl.

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

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January & Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.00 pm via Zoom.

David Lloyd Jones, Clerk, December 2021.

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