

# CEFN CRIBWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 via Zoom.

Chairman: Councillor C. Holmes.

**Present:** Councillors C. Holmes, D. Evans, H. J. David, K. G. Burnell, J. Short and D. Gordon.

**1. Apologies:** Councillors A. Beckett, V. Jones and D. Dimond.

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

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

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

Cllr. K. G. Burnell declared an interest in all matters concerning Cefn Cribwr Primary School as a Member of the Governing Body.

Cllrs. H. J. David and K. G. Burnell declared an interest in all matters concerning the Cefn Cribwr Gardening Club as members 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 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were adopted and signed as a true record.

## **4. Matters arising:**

*Broadband:* The Clerk reported that following a referral from Chris Elmore M.P. he had recently received further information about a potential Community Fibre Partnership Scheme. Cllr. J. Short gave an overview of the scheme and how Council might go about collecting the required data. It was agreed the Clerk and Cllr. Short would take matters forward.

*Hole in football pitch at Cae Gof:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that the hole had been filled.

*New classrooms at Cefn Cribwr Primary School:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that the work is complete and the classrooms are in use.

*Bedford Road re-surfacing:* Cllr. H. J. David reported the first phase of this work has been completed. A small area near the junction with Cefn Road will be re-surfaced once the utilities for the flats on the site of the former Ambulance Hall have been connected. Thanks to the Clerk for liaising between parties in this regard.

*Re-lining of Bedford Road:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that there had been a problem with the position of the road markings near the former Siloam Chapel. BCBC are aware and will remedy the situation shortly.

*War Memorial:* The Clerk reported he had been in touch with Mr. G. Whittington and was awaiting a quotation for remedial maintenance works to the stone walling at the War Memorial.

*93 Cefn Road:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that BCBC will be undertaking essential Health and Safety work at 93 Cefn Road (the cost of which will be borne by the owner of the property) and was awaiting a time scale for these works.

## **5. Footpaths:**

The Clerk reported that BCBC had reimbursed Council for maintenance of the footpath network, but it was the wrong amount again. The Clerk has informed BCBC and is awaiting a response.

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

**Correspondence:** Council noted the following:

Clerks & Councils Direct.

The Clerk.

Y Cefn Gwyrdd – Mountain Lane: The Clerk had responded to this enquiry and informed Y Cefn Gwyrdd of Councils' plans (funding allowing) to resurface a section of Mountain Lane from the War Memorial to the end of the Common and hopefully to

continue in sections thereafter. The Clerk had reported the issues with water run-off and encroachment / lack of maintenance of the hedgerows and surface at the bottom of Mountain Lane to Cllr H. J. David who had referred it to BCBC.

Y Cefn Gwyrdd – Bench by Memorial Shelter on the corner of Bedford Road and Cefn Road. The Clerk reported, as per Councils wishes, he had been in touch with Darlow Lloyd and they had agreed with V2C to install the same bench as at Tai Thorn bus stop. Council agreed that Mr. Mason's idea for a bespoke bench was commendable but expressed reservations about asking the contractor to fund this given the considerable length of time it had taken to get to this stage. It was agreed the Clerk would contact Mr. Mason, explain the situation, and if he wished to proceed, ask he do so as quickly as possible with firm costs and timeline.

**Bills for payment:**

Clerks Salary for November '20 (S.P. 23):	£499.89
HMRC:	£125.00
Transact Pensions:	£124.97
Mr. W. Evans: Cleaning Memorial Shelter (November '20):	£43.33
Mr. D. Thomas: Hanging Basket Maintenance 2020:	£3,946.00
Society of Local Council Clerks Annual Subscription:	£166.00
Clerks Expenses (Dec '19 – Nov '20)	£1,129.65

**Financial Statement:**

Council noted the financial statement for the period ending the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

**Planning:**

*Approvals:*

Mr. B. Wong, 58 Cefn Road: Proposed alternations and rear side extension.

**7. Budget 2021/22:**

After considerable discussion Council unanimously agreed on the proposition of Cllr. K. G. Burnell, seconded by Cllr. D. Evans, to approve the budget 2021/22.

**8. Precept 2021/22:**

It was unanimously agreed on the proposition of Cllr. K. G. Burnell, seconded by Cllr. D. Evans, to set the precept for 2021/22 at £42,000.

**9. Grants to Charitable Organisations:**

It was unanimously agreed to make a grant of £1,900 to Cefn Cribwr Community Association; £700 for normal operating expenses and £1,200 towards the costs and loss of income due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

**10. Members Report:**

*Covid 19:* Cllr. H. J. David reported the ongoing position regarding Covid 19 and its effect on front line workers, the economy and health of the whole nation. We face an enormous challenge as winter sets in and we must all play our part if we are to combat this dreadful disease.

*Fly Tipping:* Cllr. H. J. David had reported instances of fly-tipping at Ffordd-y-Gyfraith.

*Vandalism at Bedford Park Iron Works:* Cllr. H. J. David reported two instances of vandalism had occurred at the Iron Works in the previous month. The Police are making regular patrols of the area and residents have been asked to be vigilant.

*Cefn Junior Riders:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that Cefn Junior Riders had released their 2021 calendar which raises much needed funds for youth rugby in the village.

*Cosy Corner, Porthcawl:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that the company redeveloping Cosy Corner at Porthcawl Harbour had sadly gone into administration and would not be continuing the project. BCBC are committed to delivering this project, which will benefit the residents of the whole County Borough, and are currently seeking partners to take this vision forward.

*Porthcawl Harbour & Breakwater:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that BCBC are currently considering creating a by-law which would prohibit 'tomb stoning' at that location.

*Homelessness:* Cllr. H. J. David reported there were currently 125 people in temporary accommodation in Bridgend. BCBC are working with several agencies to find permanent accommodation for all Bridgend residents.

**11. Any other business:**

*Pyle Community Council Newsletter:* The Chairman reported that the Pyle Community Council Newsletter had been delivered in error to the village with the Seaside News. The Clerk had been in communication with Pyle Community Council and an apology had been received.

*Litter Picking:* The Clerk reported that he had received a request for red refuse bags from a resident who is prepared to pick litter in the village. Cllr. H. J. David reported that he joins a group of volunteers most weekends who pick litter in Pyle, Kenfig Hill and Cefn Cribwr. They would be meeting the following Sunday at 11.00 am at the junction of Bedford Road and Cefn Road. Bags and equipment are provided. Cllr. H. J. David agreed to inform the resident of the same.

**12. Meeting Schedule 2021:**

Council approved the meeting schedule for 2021.

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

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.00 pm via Zoom.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.00 pm via Zoom.

The Chairman wished all present a Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year.

David Lloyd Jones, Clerk, December 2020.

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