

CEFNR CRIBWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 11th May 2022 via Zoom.

Chairman: Councillor C. Holmes.

Present: Councillors C. Holmes, A. Beckett, D. Evans, D. Dimond, H. J. David and I. Humphries.

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

1. Apologies: Councillors K. G. Burnell and J. Short.

2. Declarations of interest received in writing:

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

Cllr D. Dimond declared an interest in all matters concerning Cefn Cribwr Primary School as a member of the Governing Body.

Cllrs. H. J. David and A. Beckett 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.

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 20th April 2022, were adopted and signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

PACT Meetings: The Clerk reported that he had received a response from PCSO K. Curtis confirming that PACT meetings would not be recommencing. It was agreed the Clerk would respond asking that a member of the local Police team attend all Community Council meetings going forward to make a report and answer questions that Council may have.

5. Footpaths:

Footpath maintenance 2022: The Clerk reported the first cut of the footpath network would take place imminently.

6. Clerk's Report:

Correspondence: Council noted the following:

Clerks & Councils Direct

The Clerk

Kids Cancer Charity

Elan City

Bills for payment:

Clerks Salary for April'22 (S.P. 23): £508.56

HMRC: £127.20

Transact Pensions: £127.14

Mr. W. Evans: Cleaning Memorial Shelter (April '22): £43.33

Planning: *There were no planning matters to report.*

7. Members Report:

One Voice Wales: Cllr. D. Evans reported he had recently attended a meeting of the One Voice Wales regional committee. A Keynote presentation had been made by Alun Michael, Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales and J. Gilmore, Asst. Chief Constable.

Other discussions had focused on the revision to the Local Government Act which brought in requirements for ‘General Powers of Competence’ for both Members of Local Authorities and their Officers, particularly in the areas of training, qualification, and audit.

Cost of Living Payment: Cllr. H. J. David reported that a payment to help mitigate the effect of the recent substantial increase in the cost of living would be made to everyone living in a Council Tax Band A-D property. The payments would begin in the next two weeks. There will also be help for those in Council Tax band E and above who are on low incomes.

Junction 36 M4: Cllr. H. J. David reported that work to resurface the roads that form the junction with the M4 at Sarn would commence soon.

Bedford Park: Cllr. H. J. David reported that volunteers meet every Friday morning at Bedford Park to assist the Park Rangers maintain the area. New volunteers are always welcome.

8. Any other business:

Y Cefn Gwyrdd – Bedford Iron Works: The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Y Cefn Gwyrdd outlining the ongoing issues regarding the closure of the Iron Works at Bedford Park for more than four years. All agreed this situation is unexpected, particularly given assurances from BCBC, on several occasions during that period, that the Iron Works would be reopened to the public, despite the best efforts of Cllr. H. J. David, The Community Council and Y Cefn Gwyrdd to work with BCBC to achieve that objective. It was agreed the Clerk would write to BCBC and ask this matter to be treated with the urgency it deserves.

Former Bus depot at Ty-fry Road: The Clerk reported that an application had been made by the current tenants of the former G&M Bus depot to VOSA for a license to use the site for vehicles up to 44mgt. All agreed this was completely inappropriate given the location of the depot in the center of a rural settlement with inadequate infrastructure, poor vision splay and access, lack of pavements for pedestrians, and the high volume of children, vulnerable and elderly visiting the Common. Also, the Common is protected by Act of Parliament and such large vehicles would have to trespass on the Common to gain access to the depot. Cllr H. J. David agreed, as a Member of BCBC, to object to the application in the strongest terms.

Co-options of a Community Councillor: The Chairman reported that following the recent election there were two vacancies for Members of the Community Council. It was unanimously agreed on the proposition of Cllr. H. J. David, seconded by Cllr. D. Evans to co-opt Mr. Anthony West as a Community Councillor.

9. Date and time of next meetings:

Wednesday 8th June 2022 at 7.00 pm via Zoom.

Wednesday 13th July 2022 at 7.00 pm via Zoom.

No meeting in August

Tuesday 6th or Wednesday 7th September 2022 at 7.00 pm via Zoom.

David Lloyd Jones, Clerk, May 2022.

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