

CEFN CRIBWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 11th October 2017.

Chairman: Councillor J. Short.

Present: Councillors J. Short, J.B. Johnson, D. Evans, D. Gordon, I. Thomas, A. Thomas, D. Dimond, D. Evans and M. Goudge.

The Members of the Community Council stood in silence for one minute in memory of the Late Mike Becket, a former member of the Community Council.

1. Apologies: Councillors H. J. David and C. Holmes.

2. Declarations of interest received in writing:

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

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the Cefn Cribwr Community Council meeting of Wednesday 13th September 2017 were adopted and signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

Flower Displays: The Clerk reported that he and Cllr. A. Thomas had an initial discussion regarding the enlargement of the village planting scheme. More information for discussion will follow in due course.

War Memorial ground maintenance: The Clerk reported that he and Cllr. A. Thomas had met with Green Bro's Grounds Maintenance on site. They had quoted £450 to cut back, add more planting, re-bark the beds and generally clean up around the War Memorial in time for Remembrance Sunday. It was agreed to accept the quotation. Thanks to Cllr. A. Thomas for arranging this.

Pentice Car Park: The Clerk reported that the car park had been sprayed for weeds, the border cleaned and the walls re-painted.

5. Footpaths:

The Clerk reported that Mr. John had completed the final cut of the footpath network for the year (*see bills for payment below*).

6. Clerk's Report: Council noted the following correspondence:

Chris Elmore M.P.

Bills for payment:

Clerks Salary for September '17 (S.P. 27):	£435.55
HMRC:	£109.00
Transact Pensions:	£106.76
Mr. W. Evans: Cleaning Memorial Shelter (September'17):	£32.50
P. J. Landscapes: Footpath & Pentice Maintenance:	£900.00
Wales Audit Office: External Audit Fee:	£120.75

Planning

Applications:

Miss. V. Owen, Mount Villa, 18 Cefn Road: Inclusion of recently purchased land to side of dwelling into curtilage of dwelling.

Approvals:

Mr. S. Emry, Ael-y-Don Ty-Fry Road: Non- material amendment to P/17/443/FUL to remove small side facing window and install a roof light.

Mr. J. Matthews, 4 Heol Goedog: Dormer extension to front and side, relocate chimney, rooflights to rear, new bedroom at rear, internal alterations, and elevation alterations.

Financial Statement:

As on 8th October, 2017.

Community Account	£349.64
Deposit Account (B.M.M)	<u>£43,256.59</u>
TOTAL	<u>£43,606.23</u>

Current Liabilities (in no particular order):

Budgetary Items to March '18	£29,400.00
Bills for payment October '17	<u>£1,737.06</u>
	<u>£31,137.06</u>

Available undesignated Surplus / (Deficit) £12,469.17

7. Members Report:

Marking of Parking Bays at Gwelfor: Cllr. H. J. David reported (by email) that BCBC had responded that whilst no funds were available at present to undertake this work, should funds become available, then the parking bays would be marked.

Parking issues at Cefn Road: Cllr. H. J. David reported (by email) that the following response had been received from BCBC: *The highway is meant for the free passage of vehicles and other road users and no person has the right to park a vehicle on a road, even outside their own home. Therefore, any vehicle parking on the highway could in theory be considered to be an obstruction and action could be taken by the police, who are the only enforcement agency for this type of parking offence on roads in the Borough, and could include anything from a formal warning for the person responsible for parking the vehicle, to issuing that person with a fixed penalty ticket or summons or even in exceptional circumstances causing the vehicle to be removed.*

If a vehicle has the correct documentation such as a valid MOT, tax and insurance, provided that no traffic order is breached and no other highway users' free passage is obstructed, then the police do not normally prevent any motorists from parking their vehicles on the highway.

However, as you may be aware, there are Traffic Orders in place to restrict parking on the road along its narrowest part. However, from the Three Horseshoes Public House the road widens and there are no Traffic Orders in place along this part of the road.

If the Traffic Order were to be removed along the narrowest stretch of road it is likely that the speed of traffic would increase. Also, implementing a Traffic Order along the widest part of the road would not be considered appropriate as it would leave residents with nowhere to park.

However, parking in the manner described by your constituent, would likely constitute obstruction of the Highway. BCBC has no remit to enforce against obstruction; such offences must be dealt with by the police as they are the only enforcement agency with the power to do so.

You may also wish to advise your constituent to report the obstruction to the neighbourhood policing team either by phone and dialling 101 or by reporting it via the web site called ourbobby.com which is run by South Wales Police.

Play Area at Mynydd Bach Common: Cllr. H. J. David reported (by email) that the items of play equipment in need of repair would be dealt with within the next 14 days.

Bus Shelter at Cefn Cross: Cllr. H. J. David reported (by email) that BCBC had inspected the bus shelter and a large amount of rust had been identified. They would be taking this matter up with the manufacture.

Town & Community Council Forum: Cllr. D. Evans reported that he had been unable to attend the previous meeting but would be attending the next meeting of the Charter Review working group scheduled 1st December 2017.

8.Remembrance Sunday:

Council approved the draft Order of Service and poster / flyer giving details of the revised running order for the Act of Remembrance. The Clerk reported that he was content that all was in hand regarding the arrangements for the day. Cllr. J. B. Johnson asked that a vote of thanks to the Clerk be recorded in the minutes for his excellent work drafting the order of service and liaising with all parties concerned.

Cllr. M. Goudge reported that he made the necessary arrangements regarding the sound system and had also been able to arrange for a Trumpeter to be present to play the 'last post' and 'reveille' at the War Memorial. Thanks were expressed to Cllr. Goudge for his input.

9. (i) Christmas Lighting Scheme:

The Clerk reported that he had been in touch with BCBC in this regard and asked that the lighting scheme is installed and switched on by Friday 24th November 2017.

(ii) Get Your Lights on Competition:

Given the poor take-up in the previous year it was agreed to suspend the competition for this December and review it again next year.

10. Any other Business:

There was no other business.

11. Date and time of next meeting:

November 2017: Tuesday 7th November 2017

December 2017: Wednesday 13th December 2017

January 2018: Tuesday 2nd January 2018

David Lloyd Jones, Clerk, October 2017.

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