

CEFN CRIBWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 12th April 2023 at Cefn Cribwr Community Centre and via Zoom.

Chairman: Councillor C. Holmes.

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

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

1. Apologies: Councillors S. Kendall. 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. H. J. David declared an interest in all matters concerning the Cefn Cribwr Sports & Social Club as a member of that organisation.

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.

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

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.

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of Cefn Cribwr Community Council held on Wednesday 8th March 2023, were adopted and signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

Former Opencast Site: Cllr. K. G. Burnell reiterated the suggestion that the large body of water which had formed in the former opencast site would benefit from a name, preferably one which pointed toward its historical and geographical location. It was noted that 'the lake' is within Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council which would mean they would have the final say, however, given that it can only really be seen from Cefn Cribwr, it was felt it would be appropriate to ask if 'the lake' could be named. Cllr. H. J. David suggested the Clerk contact Mr. J. Parsons at BCBC in the first instance to ascertain how this matter might progressed.

5. Footpaths:

Annual Maintenance of Footpaths: It was agreed the Clerk would ask Mr. P. John to commence the first cut of the footpath network.

Application for a Modification Order to Claim a Right of Way: The Clerk reported that he had received correspondence from Robin Carr Associates regarding their assessment of the evidence of the disputed right of way between Dale View and John Street. They have concluded their investigation and there is sufficient evidence to require BCBC to make an Order to add the path to the Definitive Map. Council now has 28 days to submit any further evidence to support the claim which Council initiated in February 2019. It is anticipated the landowner will object to the claim in which case there will be a public enquiry. We await further information in due course.

6. Clerk's Report:

Correspondence: Council noted the following:

Clerks & Councils Direct

The Clerk

Bills for payment:

Clerks Salary for March'23 (S.P. 24):	£560.21
HMRC:	£140.00
Transact Pensions:	£140.05
Mr. W. Evans: Cleaning Memorial Shelter (March '23):	£43.33
BCBC – Festive Lighting 2022:	£3,560.03

Financial Statement to 28th March 2023: (Appendix 1)

Council noted the financial statement.

Planning:*Applications:*

Mrs. G. Bevan, 5 Ty-Isaf Road: Single Storey Front Extension. Planning Register - Bridgend CBC

Approvals:

Mr. M. Richards, Sunnyside Farm, 10a Ty-Isaf Road: Retention of dwelling as extended and altered.

7. Community Grant Applications:*a. Cefn Cribwr Darts Academy*

It was unanimously agreed on the proposition of Cllr. A Becket, seconded by Cllr. K. Burnell to make a grant of £888.00.

b. Universal Academy of the Arts

It was unanimously agreed on the proposition of Cllr. A Becket, seconded by Cllr. D. Evans to make a grant of £300.00

8. Members Report:

PACT Meeting: Cllr. K G Burnell reported that he had attended the meeting held on 16th March 2023 at Pyle Life Centre. Three Police Officers were in attendance and seven community representatives / members of the local community were present. Matters discussed included:

Scramblers on Kenfig Dunes, speeding throughout the area, dog fouling, traffic management system at the junction of Heol Mostyn with the A48, volume of HGV and PSV's passing through Cefn Cribwr and Kenfig Hill, Police vehicles regularly passing through Cefn Cribwr and Kenfig Hill at high speed, potholes which may cause accidents, parking on pavements.

Concern was also raised at the lack of formal minutes / notes of the meeting and the complete inaccuracy of the information circulated after the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 22nd June at 4.30 pm.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Burnell for his exhaustive report of the meeting.

Parking on Pavements: Cllr. H. J. David reported that the Welsh Government have delayed a consultation regarding this matter until 2024 which is a knock-on caused by the volume of work required to introduce the 20mph speed limit.

20mph speed limits: Cllr. H. J. David reported that BCBC were currently undertaking a consultation regarding the exceptions to the 20mph speed limit. There are four listed for Cefn Cribwr:

- a. High Street Kenfig Hill to the former reservoir site
- b. Farm Road to the BCLC Life Centre
- c. Cefn Cross to Cwm Ffoes
- d. Bedford Road

It was unanimously agreed that all of these exceptions were not in the best interest of the residents of Cefn Cribwr and it was agreed the Clerk would respond asking that those sections of highway are included in the 20mph speed limit.

Civic Amenity Site / Community Recycling Centre at Pyle Ind Est: Cllr. H. J. David reported that the new Civic Amenity Site at Pyle Ind Est has not been able to open because NRW have not granted it a licence. This is most unsatisfactory and Cllr. David will be writing to the First Minister to ask for progress as a matter of urgency.

Community Recycling Centres: Cllr. H. J. David reported that BCBC are considering plans to reduce costs which would close each centre for one day each week.

NHS Dentists: Cllr. H. J. David reported that Barrie David Dental Surgery will, as of the 1st May, stop treating NHS patients. The Community Health Board are in discussions to open a new NHS practice in Bridgend, and it is hoped this will happen soon.

Rotary Concert: Cllr. H. J. David reported that the Rotary Club of Bridgend would be hosting a concert at BCLC Life Centre on Saturday 29th April featuring Kenfig Hill Male Voice Choir.

Burglaries: Cllr. H. J. David reported that over the Easter Holiday weekend there had been several burglaries and attempted burglaries in the village. The culprit was apprehended is now in custody.

9. Communications Audit:

Council noted the communications audit document circulated with the agenda. Council agreed that regularly reviewing methods of communication is important; transparency of the work of the Community Council and clarity of the decisions reached was felt to be of primary importance. It was agreed that a review and update of Councils' website should take priority.

10. Any other business:

Training needs survey: The Clerk reported that he had received a survey from One Voice Wales about training needs and priorities. After a brief review Council agreed the Clerk would respond on their behalf.

11. Date and time of next meetings:

Wednesday 10th May 2023 directly following the AGM at 7.00 pm at Cefn Cribwr Community Centre and via Zoom.

Wednesday 14th June 2023 at 7.00 pm at Cefn Cribwr Community Centre and via Zoom.

David Lloyd Jones, Clerk, April 2023.

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