

# CEFN CRIBWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 via Zoom.

Chairman: Councillor C. Holmes.

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

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

**1. Apologies:** Councillors I. Humphries 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 K. G. Burnell 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.

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 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022, were adopted and signed as a true record.

## **4. Matters arising:**

*Iron Works:* The Clerk reported he had received the following update from Claire Hamm BCBC:

*Funding has been confirmed to implement the necessary repairs to the Scheduled Monument, we are in the process of commissioning heritage specialists and contractors to apply for Scheduled Monument Consent and oversee and undertake the works to the satisfaction of Cadw and potentially with a view to establish an ongoing maintenance arrangement via a heritage partnership agreement with Cadw.*

*I will advise you when we have a better idea of timescales as much will depend on determination of the Scheduled Monument Consent Application and other issues such as availability of specialist contractors and weather (for lime mortar to dry)*

*PACT Meeting:* Cllr. H. J David reported the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 4.30pm at Pyle Life Centre.

## **5. Footpaths:**

*Footpath maintenance 2022:* The Clerk reported the third cut of the Footpath network had been completed.

*Mountain Lane:* It was agreed the Clerk should seek quotations to re-surface another section of Mountain Lane in anticipation of an application to the Town & Community Council Fund.

*Footpath between Dale View & John Street:* The Clerk agreed to ask for an update regarding this matter.

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

**Correspondence:** Council noted the following:

Clerks & Councils Direct

The Clerk

## **Bills for payment:**

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

HMRC: £127.00

Transact Pensions: £127.14

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

P. J. Landscapes: Footpaths: £800.00

BCBC: Election Fees 2022: £250.00

**Financial Statement:**

Council noted the financial statement for the period ending the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

**Planning:**

*Approvals:*

Mrs. J. Baker, Gelli Garedig Fach Rogers Lane Cefn Cribwr: Porch extension to create new entrance; internal reconfiguration & fenestration alterations

**7. Members Report:**

*Death of HM The Queen:* The Chairman reported that the death of Her Late Majesty had been commemorated by the laying of a floral tribute at the War Memorial followed by Two Minutes Silence and A village book of condolence had been opened at the Community Centre.

*One Voice Wales:* Cllr. D. Evans drew Members’ attention to the training offered by OVW and gave a brief update regarding the roll out of the new Metro System for South & East Wales.

*Warm space:* Cllr. David reported there is a warm space café at the Community Centre every Friday between 11 am – 1pm.

*Weslyan Coffee Morning:* Cllr. David reported there is a coffee morning every Wednesday at Wesleyan Church which is open to all.

*Cost of Living payment/ Winter Fuel Support Payment:* Cllr. David reported there is help for those in financial difficulties. Applications should be made to BCBC and more details are available from the website.

*Ladies Fitness Group:* Cllr. David reported there is a new fitness group for women at the Cefn Cribwr Athletic Club every Wednesday.

*Parent & Toddler Group:* Cllr. David reported there is a parent and toddler group meeting at the Talbot Institute.

**8. Cost of living – Utility Charges:**

It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

**9. Remembrance Sunday:**

The Clerk asked Council for their views regarding the arrangements for the Village Act of Remembrance. After a brief discussion it was agreed the Clerk would make the necessary arrangements broadly along the same lines as pre-covid: 10am Service at Wesleyan, 10.55 am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.

**10. Arrangements for Meetings:**

Cllr. D. Evans reported that he was generally unhappy with online meetings; the levels of engagement are not as good as they could be, connectivity issues, issues with the use of technology, issues with the equipment Members have available to them. The positives are the time and energy saved not having to travel and the ability for members and the public to log in for anywhere in the world should they wish.

Cllr H. J. David reported that BCBC are holding hybrid meetings, but the technology is problematic.

The Clerk gave an overview of the current requirements of the Local Government Act which precludes in person meetings only. Hybrid meetings are permitted or on-line only meetings.

After some discussions about the pro’s and con’s of investing in the equipment required to hold hybrid meetings it was agreed to monitor the situation for the time being.

**11. Any other business:**

*Mr. J. Attwood:* The Clerk reported he had been in correspondence with Mr. Attwood and Cllr. H. J David regarding several issues: Street Lighting, Christmas Trees and Hanging Baskets, copies of which he had forward to Members for their information.

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

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.00 pm via Zoom.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7.00 pm via Zoom.

David Lloyd Jones, Clerk, October 2022.

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