

CEFN CRIBWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 13th September 2017.

Chairman: Councillor J. Short.

Present: Councillors H.J. David, C. J. Holmes, J. Short, J.B. Johnson, D. Evans, D. Gordon, I. Thomas, A. Thomas and D. Dimond.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor A. Thomas to his first meeting of the Community Council.

1. Apologies: Councillors D. Evans and M. Goudge.

2. Declarations of interest received in writing:

Cllrs. H. J. David and D. Dimond 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 planning matters as a member of Bridgend County Borough Council.

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

Cllr. H. J. David declared an interest in all matters concerning the Cefn Cribwr Rugby and Athletic Club as a member of that organisation.

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the Cefn Cribwr Community Council meeting of Wednesday 12th July 2017 were adopted and signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

Flower Displays: The Clerk reported that he had undertaken some initial research into the potential costs for the purchase and maintenance of flower planters, hanging baskets and of wildflower planting. The costs of purchasing, installing and the ongoing maintenance of schemes, similar to those in Pyle, Cornelly and Porthcawl, would run to several thousands of pounds. This is also compounded by the fact that the village is long and would need a large number of baskets, containers, etc, to have a worthwhile display. This view was confirmed by Cllr. A. Thomas, who has considerable expertise in these matters. It was acknowledged that spring flowering bulbs are the most cost-effective way of planting and it was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr. A. Thomas would meet to discuss enlarging that scheme with more planting that flowers through the summer.

Footpath Maps: The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Mr. A. Mason, Rights of Way Officer, BCBC regarding the publication of the Definitive Footpath Map on Council's website. Due to the Map being Crown Copyright this is not permissible. Mr. Mason is currently working on an up to-date-map which will hopefully be ready for publication in the new year and will not have the same restrictions. It was agreed to review the matter once the new map is published.

Turning area at the east end of John Street: Cllr. H. J. David reported that this matter is ongoing and we await more information in due course.

5. Footpaths:

It was agreed to ask Mr. P. John to commence the third cut of the footpath network and spray the weeds at the War Memorial and Pentice.

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

BCBC: Town & Community Council Fund.

BCBC: Preliminary consultation – removal of pedestrianised order, Bridgend Town Centre.

Clerks & Councils Direct.

The Pension Regulator.

Chris Elmore MP.

The Clerk.

Bills for payment:

Clerks Salary for July & August '17 (S.P. 27):	£871.10
HMRC:	£266.66
Transact Pensions:	£106.76 (July)
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Mr. W. Evans: Cleaning Memorial Shelter (July & August'17):	£65.00
P. J. Landscapes: Footpath Maintenance:	£700.00

Planning*Applications:*

Full Spectrum Consulting, 2 Heol Goedog: Demolish single storey lean-to and construct a 2-storey structure for a bedroom and bathroom on the first floor and a kitchen and utility room on the ground floor.

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.

Mr. A. Jakubowski, 26 Bedford Road: Creation of off-road parking adjacent to dwelling.

Mr. & Mrs. Roberts, Ffos Farm, Bankers Hill: Change of use of ancillary log cabin to a self-contained tourist lodge.

Financial Statement:

As on 10th September, 2017.

Community Account	£349.63
Deposit Account (B.M.M)	<u>£45,039.94</u>
TOTAL	<u>£45,389.57</u>

Current Liabilities *(in no particular order):*

Budgetary Items to March '18	£31,500.00
Bills for payment September'17	<u>£2,116.28</u>
	<u>£33,616.28</u>

Available undesignated Surplus / (Deficit) £11,773.29

7. Notice of the conclusion of the external financial audit 2017:

Council noted the report of the external auditor and authorised the Clerk to publish the Notice of Conclusion of the Audit for the period ending 31st March 2017.

8. Members Report:

Three Horse Shoes Pub: Council noted that a group of residents had purchased the Three Horse Shoes which they hope to re-open as a community pub.

Bench on Mynydd Bach Common: Cllr. H. J. David reported that the stone bench has been repaired.

Burst water main: Cllr. H. J. David reported that during the excavation for a drainage channel at the opencast site an excavator had dug through an unknown water main buried under the soil storage area.

The developer immediately secured the area and a drain was dug to take any water back into the void and as such no pollution incident occurred. Welsh Water and NPT (this occurred in NPT) have been involved. The problem has been addressed and the damage made good with new collars on all pipe work. The area had been secured and a plan had been put in place in consultation with Welsh Water. As the pipe lies close to the proposed drainage channel, trial pits will be dug to ascertain its exact location and a scheme will need to be agreed with Welsh Water to ensure that the water main remains unaffected by any future works.

The Farmers Arms: Cllr. H. J. David reported that he had received the following response from BCBC Planning Dept. regarding change of use: *Planning permission will be required to change the pub into a private dwelling. If the building is currently occupied provided any living accommodation is restricted to the exiting staff quarters then it is likely that there is no breach of planning control. If however, conversion works have or are in the process of taking place then there may be a breach. Building regulation consent is also likely for any change of use. I will register this as an enforcement complaint and an officer will visit the site. We may have to seek clarification from the occupier/landowner as to the extent of works if any being undertaken. If the occupier is found to be in breach of planning then appropriate action could be taken and this may include amongst other things inviting a planning application to retain or carry out the development lawfully. If a planning application is received then it will have to be considered on its merit, and whilst the*

loss of a community 'facility' is a material consideration this will need to be balanced against the provision or existence of similar facilities within the vicinity.

Heol Goedog: Cllr. H. J. David reported that he had received a request for double yellow lines to be installed at the junction of Heol Goedog with Cefn Rd. Cllr. David has referred this matter to BCBC Highways dept. and is awaiting a response.

Bus shelter at Cefn Cross: Cllr. H. J. David reported that he had received a complaint about the state of repair of the bus shelter at Cefn Cross. Cllr. David has referred this matter to BCBC Highways dept. and is awaiting a response.

Caravan at Heol Goedog: Cllr. H. J. David reported that he had received a complaint that a static caravan had been sited at a property in Heol Goedog. On further investigation the dwelling is undergoing major refurbishment and the occupants are residing in the caravan on a temporary basis until the work is complete. This is permissible under the planning regulations.

9.Remembrance Sunday: (appendix 1)

Council approved the notes of the Public Consultation of 5th September 2017 and asked the Clerk to circulate then to all who attended. It was felt that it had been a good event and had confirmed Council's general views regarding the revision of the format of the day. Cllr. J. B. Johnson, seconded by Cllr. H. J. David, thanked Cllr. J. Short for his excellent Chairmanship.

It was agreed to proceed with a Church Service at 10.00 am followed by a March to the War Memorial for the Act of Remembrance commencing at 10.55 am with Two minutes silence at 11.00 am. It was agreed to accept the invitation of Wesleyan Church to hold the Service there this year. The Clerk will liaise will all parties concerned and draft and order of service for discussion at the October meeting of Council.

10. Seats in Bus Shelters:

It was agreed to get a quote for the installation of seats in the village bus shelters, six in total in the first instance.

11. Dates of future meetings:

November 2017: Tuesday 7th November 2017

December 2017: Wednesday 13th December 2017

January 2018: Tuesday 2nd January 2018

12. Any other Business:

Pentice Car park: it was agreed the Clerk should get quotes for laying tarmac on the car park. Also painting the wall and tidying up the border.

13. Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday 11th October 2017.

David Lloyd Jones, Clerk, September 2017.

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