

CEFN CRIBWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 13th October 2021 via Zoom.

Chairman: Councillor C. Holmes.

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

In attendance: Ms. N. Bunston and Mr. D-L Jones (Clerk)

1. Apologies: Councillor H. Matthew.

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. H. J. David and A. Beckett declared an interest in all matters concerning Y Cefn Gwyrdd as members of that organisation.

Cllr. K. G. Burnell declared an interest in all matters concerning the Cefn Cribwr Sports & Social Club as Secretary 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. K. G. Burnell and D. Dimond declared an interest in all matters concerning Cefn Cribwr Primary School as a member of the Governing Body.

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 8th September 2021, were adopted and signed as a true record with the addition that Cllr. K. G. Burnell had declared an interest as Secretary of the Cefn Cribwr Sports & Social Club.

4. Matters arising:

Infrastructure improvements at Village Farm Ind Est, Pyle: Cllr. H. J. David reported that the first stage of plans to improve the transport links at Village Farm Ind Est including better access to the A48 and relocation and redevelopment of Pyle railway station had now begun. Improvements to the current access have commenced and will require road closures at night.

Humpback Bridge, Llangewydd Road: Cllr. H. J. David reported that BCBC are considering installing traffic activated signs to warn oncoming traffic of the potential dangers at this location. Cllr. David is still awaiting a response from the Police & Crime Commissioner and Network Rail regarding this matter.

Public Lavatories at John Street, Porthcawl: Cllr. H. J. David reported that he had been in touch with Porthcawl Town Council regarding concerns over the cleanliness of the facilities at John Street. In response, the Town Council stated they wished to upgrade the lavatories which will make them easier to clean. It was noted that there hadn't seemed to be a problem keeping them clean and odour free within living memory.

5. Footpaths:

The Clerk and Cllr. H. J. David confirmed that BCBC Rights of Way Department are continuing the process regarding re-opening FP 40 John Street to Dale View which has been blocked. They have now engaged a consultant to take this matter forward.

Council agreed the Clerk should ask Mr. John to commence the third cut of the footpath network.

The Clerk reported that he had been in discussions with Mr. A. Mason, BCBC Rights of Way Officer regarding clearing Mountain Lane as it had become virtually impassable towards the Kenfig Hill end. Mr. Mason had agreed to fund this work to a maximum of £1,500 and the Clerk had approached Mr. P. John who had agreed to undertake this extra work as soon as possible.

Cllr. H. J. David reported a new field gate had been installed at FP 17.

6. Clerk's Report:

Correspondence: Council noted the following:

Clerks & Councils Direct.

Chris Elmore MP: Vodafone charity connection.

Make Votes Matter – Proportional Representation.

C Edwards: Letter of Thanks.

Nicola Bunston: Budget Consultation.

Bills for payment:

Clerks Salary for Sept '21 (S.P. 23):	£499.89
HMRC:	£125.00
Transact Pensions:	£124.97
Mr. W. Evans: Cleaning Memorial Shelter (Sept '21):	£43.33
Proctors: Fertilizer:	£57.00
Amberol: Planters:	£564.60
Boverton Nurseries: Daffodil Bulbs:	£840.00
P. J. Landscapes: Daffodil Bulbs planting:	£380.00
B. D. Warlow: Repairs to War Memorial:	£215.00

Financial Statement:

Council noted the financial statement for the period ending the 17th September 2021.

Planning:

Applications:

Mr. H. Thomas, 19 Green Meadow: First floor front extension above existing porch and reconfiguration of porch.

Approvals:

Mr R Matthews, 14 John Street: First floor extension above existing annex to the rear of the property

Mr. M. Regan, Tal Cerrig John Street; Demolish rear structure; construct single storey rear extension with lantern; first floor front extension; attic conversion with dormers to front and rear; internal alterations and revised fenestration.

7. Members Report:

One Voice Wales: Cllr. D. Evans reported he had not been able to attend a recent meeting of the One Voice Wales area committee. However, he was aware of a pilot project to develop a '360 degree evaluation tool' for Community Councils. It was agreed the Clerk would express an interest in participating in this project.

Energy Saving at Cefn Cribwr Primary School: Cllr. H. J. David reported that following an investment of £580,000 in energy efficiency measures in schools across the County Borough there will be saving of £34,000 per annum and rising. Cefn Cribwr Primary School has benefited from this initiative.

Cwm Taff Nature Project: Cllr. H. J. David reported that Bedford Park and Frog Pond Wood in Kenfig Hill will benefit from funding which will help increase community participation and interaction with local habitat and create outdoor classroom spaces enabling complete immersion for young people in nature.

New PCSO: Cllr. H. J. David reported that PCSO Michaela Cretu had recently been appointed to the local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Welsh Medium Primary School in Porthcawl: Cllr. H. J. David reported that a consultation regarding the creation of a new Welsh Medium Primary School in Porthcawl was currently underway.

Mynydd Cynffig Primary School: Cllr. H. J. David informed Council that a report would shortly be presented to BCBC Cabinet outlining proposals for a new school on a single site in Kenfig Hill.

Ysgol Y Ferch O'r Sker: Cllr. H. J. David reported that a brand-new school would be built to replace the current school buildings occupied by Ysgol Y Ferch O'r Sker and Cornelly Primary Schools, whilst Cornelly Primary School will be relocated to a brand-new school at Plas Morlais.

Green Plaques: Cllr. H. J. David reported that a further three green plaques had recently been installed in the village.

8. BCBC Budget Consultation:

The Chairman welcomed Ms. N. Bunston to the meeting who has become a familiar face having managed the BCBC budget consultation for the last five year. Council was sad to learn that Ms. Bunston will be moving to a new post next year and expressed their best wishes for her future career.

Ms. Bunston gave an overview of the consultation process and how BCBC have reduced their budget by £62 million over the last ten years. This consultation aims to help BCBC determine its medium term – five to ten year - financial plan

by responding proactively to the evolving post-covid situation; support for business, wellbeing, digitisation, face to face interaction, innovation in service provision, fees & charges, and Council Tax Levels being the main themes. The consultation is open from the 20th September to 14th November and it is hoped a large number of people will take part via the several channels available. Further information can be found at the BCBC website.

The Chairman thanked MS. Bunston for her informative and interesting presentation and thanked her for attending the meeting.

9. Mountain Lane:

The Clerk reported that this work to resurface a section of Mountain Lane from the War Memorial to the bench at the end of the Common had commenced and should be completed by the beginning of November.

10. Remembrance Sunday – 14th Nov 2021:

It was agreed that, if at all possible, Remembrance Sunday should be commemorated as pre-pandemic with a church service at 10 am followed by a March to the War Memorial followed by the Act of Remembrance at 11.00 am. Council gave plenary powers to the Chairman and Clerk to make the necessary arrangements subject to Covid restrictions.

Cllr. H. J. David tendered his apologies as he would be attending the County Borough Act of Remembrance at Bridgend.

11. Co-option of Two Community Councillors:

It was unanimously agreed on the proposition of Cllr. H. J. David, seconded by Cllr. D. Evans to co-opt Mr. Ioan Humphrey as a Community Councillor. The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Humphrey to the meeting. As the meeting was being held virtually it was agreed the Clerk would make arrangements to meet with Cllr. Humphrey for him to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

It was noted there is still one vacancy for a Community Councillor.

12. Any other business: *There was no other business.*

13. Date and time of next meetings:

Wednesday 10th November and Wednesday 8th December 2021 at 7.00 pm via Zoom.

David Lloyd Jones, Clerk, October 2021.

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