

CEFN CRIBWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 14th July 2021 via Zoom.

Chairman: Councillor C. Holmes.

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

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

1. Apologies: Councillors H. Matthews, J. Short, and K. G. Burnell

The Clerk reported that he had received letters of resignation from Councillors V. Jones and D. Gordon.

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

Cllr. 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 9th June 2021, were adopted and signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

Cefn Cribwr Gardening Club: Cllr. H. J. David reported that Cefn Cribwr Gardening Club held a very successful Village Open Gardens event on Sunday 27th June, this is part of the National Open Gardens Scheme.

Infrastructure improvements at Village Farm Ind Est, Pyle: Cllr. H. J. David reported that plans are moving forward to improve the transport links at Village Farm Ind Est including better access to the A48 and relocation and redevelopment of Pyle railway station. As previously reported, improvements to the current access will commence imminently and will be completed in time for the opening of the new Civic Amenity Site.

Humpback Bridge, Llangewydd Road: Cllr. H. J. David reported that following the recent road traffic accident near the humpback bridge, which had resulted in several people being injured and sadly one fatality, he had written to the Police & Crime Commissioner and Network Rail asking what could be done to improve the safety of that stretch of highway on which there have been numerous collisions and fatal accidents over the years. A response is anticipated in due course.

5. Footpaths:

The Clerk reported that Legal Order diverting Footpath 17 had been confirmed.

Council agreed the Clerk should ask Mr. John to commence the second cut of the footpath network. It was also agreed to undertake extra maintenance work on FP23 as it is a well-used footpath.

6. Clerk's Report:

Correspondence: Council noted the following:

Clerks & Councils Direct.

The Clerk.

Play For Wales.

BCBC Footpath Modification Order.

Mr. J. Attwood: Miscellaneous.

Cynffig Comprehensive School: Application for Eco Project funding.

Mr. M. Reynolds: Bench outside the Three Horseshoes Pub. (See agenda item 12)

Bills for payment:

Clerks Salary for June '21 (S.P. 23):

£499.89

HMRC:

£125.00

Transact Pensions:	£124.97
Mr. W. Evans: Cleaning Memorial Shelter (June '21):	£43.33
Boverton Nurseries LTD: Hanging Baskets:	£1,095.00
Cynffig Comprehensive School: Eco Project Grant funding:	£200.00

Financial Statement:

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

Planning:

Applications:

Mr. M. Richards, Sunnyside Farm 10a Ty Isaf Road: Replace the existing dilapidated cottage with a two storey detached farmhouse in the same curtilage.

Mr. D. Laws, 17 Bedford Close: Certificate of Lawfulness (Proposed) to remove existing conservatory and construct single storey rear extension.

Mrs. D. Chilcott, 4 Tai Thorn Cefn Road: Single storey rear extension

Approvals:

Mrs. K. Wilkins, Claren House, Cefn Road: Demolish part of outbuilding; Two storey rear extension (link existing dwelling to reduced outbuilding) with single storey element into rear garden.

7. Y Bryn Wind Farm Consultation:

The Chairman welcomed Will Morgan, Trevor Hunter and Jasmine Croad to the meeting. Will gave an overview of the project and the consultation process that was currently underway, including feedback from the community consultation and engagement event held at the Athletic Club on Thursday 24th June. Trevor then made a detailed presentation of the current plans to instal 26, 250m high wind turbines on the top of the mountain between Bryn and Maesteg. The presentation included the life cycle of the wind farm, potential energy output, and a series of helpful visual montages of how the turbines will look for various positions. It was noted they would be clearly visible from Cefn Cribwr. A package of community initiatives is included in the plans; community development fund of over £1 million per annum index linked for the life of the project and the opportunity for community groups to buy into the scheme giving them a sustainable income stream.

Following the presentation Members were able to discuss the proposal in some detail and raised concerns regarding the scale and impact of the turbines, and why they needed to be in this area which had already been blighted by heavy industry for several centuries....

The Chairman thanked Will, Trevor and Jasmine for attending the meeting. We await further information in due course.

8. Members Report:

Cefn Cribwr Primary School: Cllr. D. Dimond reported that owing to prudent budgeting another teacher would be employed reducing class sizes to a maximum of twenty pupils.

School Uniform Swap Shop: Cllr. H. J. David reported that this is being operated at the Talbot Community Centre.

Community Pantry: Cllr. H. J. David reported that this is becoming well established at the Community Centre on Tuesday Afternoons between 2 and 3.30 pm.

Play Area at Waun Cimla: Cllr. H. J. David reported that this has now opened to the public. The new play area having been funded jointly by Pyle Community Council and BCBC.

Tennis Courts at Cae Gof Playing Fields: Cllr. H. J. David reported that Cefn Cribwr Athletic Club have formerly expressed an interest to BCBC in taking on responsibility for this community asset.

BCBC Summer of Fun: Cllr. H. J. David reported that BCBC had planned a programme of activities for families and young people which will take place during the summer school holiday across the County Borough.

Circuit Training Classes: Cllr. H. J. David reported that circuit training classes have started at the community Centre on a Sunday morning.

9. Community Fibre Partnership:

The Clerk reported that he and Cllr J. Short would enter the details required via the portal now the access code had been provided.

10. Mountain Lane:

Town & Community Council Fund, resurfacing of Mountain Lane from the War Memorial to the end of the Common. The Clerk had been in touch with Mr. J. Jenkins, BCBC Highway Dept to discuss how best to proceed as Mountain Lane does form part of the maintainable highway. However, to date had received no further information. Cllr. H J. David agreed to take this matter up with Mr. Jenkins.

11. Road Safety:

Cllr. D. Dimond gave an overview of the specific factors that were detrimental to road safety within the village; lack of a continuous pavement on the south side of Cefn Road, no zebra or light controlled crossings, double parking causing poor vision splays, parking on pavements, speed of traffic. A general discussion took place about potential improvements. The general reduction of speed limits to 20mph in built up areas was noted as a positive step.

12. Installation of a bench outside the Three Horseshoes:

The Clerk reported that Mr. M. Reynolds had written to Council proposing they may wish to take on responsibility for a bench at the front of the Three Horseshoes, which, given its location, would be of benefit to the whole community. To this end the Clerk had been in communication with Council’s insurers about this proposal. Unfortunately, Council’s insurers had declined to offer public liability insurance. All agreed that this was unfortunate. It was agreed the Clerk would respond to Mr. Reynolds and explain the reasons why Council could not enter the proposed arrangement.

13. Any other business:

Certificate in Local Council Administration: The Clerk reported that from 2022 it would be mandatory for all Town & Community Council Clerks in Wales to hold (or be working towards) the CiLCA qualification. Council agreed to support the Clerk to undertake this training and agreed to pay the course fees.

14. Date and time of next meetings:

Wednesday 8th September and Wednesday 13th October 2021 at 7.00 pm via Zoom.

David Lloyd Jones, Clerk, July 2021.

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