

CEFN CRIBWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 17th April 2019.

Chairman: Councillor D. Gordon.

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

1. Apologies: Nil.

The Clerk reported that Cllr. M. Goudge had recently tendered his resignation as a Member of the Community Council.

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. 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 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 13th March 2019 were adopted and signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

Footpath between 28 & 29 Dale View leading to FP 40 John Street: See item 5 below.

Defibrillator Training: The Clerk reported that he had purchased a tracker for the defibrillator which should make it easier to retrieve after use.

Demolished flower bed near old Co-op: Cllr. H. J. David reported that he had been in touch with the owner of the site and he would be arranging for the flower bed to be rebuilt in the next few weeks.

Bench at Tai Thorn: Cllr. H. J. David reported that he would be following this matter up with the Officer concerned.

5. Footpaths:

Footpath between 28 & 29 Dale View leading to FP 40 John Street: The Clerk reported that he had received the following update from BCBC Rights of Way Dept:

I can confirm that the Council (BCBC) have now had an opportunity to consider the above application and prioritise it as per the Council's criteria for prioritising Definitive Map Modification Order applications using a points based system. On the basis of the current criteria your Council's application has been identified as priority number 1. Despite this application being identified as priority number 1 it may still be sometime before investigations into this application commence and unfortunately I cannot give an indication of the timetable towards determination at this time. In the meantime if you come across any historical information, or further people willing to submit evidence of user forms, that would support the application please do not hesitate to forward the same.

It was noted that the landowner has begun to develop the land. It was agreed that the Clerk would inform BCBC Rights of Way Dept of this.

Surface of Footpath 40: The Clerk reported that he had, as requested, asked BCBC Rights of Way Dept. if they would ask V2C (the landowner) to make some improvements to the surface of the track to mitigate the ponding. However, unfortunately the Officer dealing with this matter had been off work due to being involved in a car accident. We await an update in due course.

Heol Goedog Footpath Modification Order: Cllr. H. J. David reported that this matter is now being considered by the Planning Inspector.

Footpath Maintenance: It was agreed to ask P.J. Landscapes to proceed with the first cut of the footpath network for the year.

6. Clerk's Report:

Mrs. V. Pole – opening of Bedford Road.

*St. Theodore's Church – application for Financial Assistance – *It was agreed to make a contribution of £500.*

* *The Clerk left the meeting room whilst this item was discussed.*

Bills for payment:

Clerks Salary for March '19 (S.P. 27):	£444.25
HMRC:	£111.00
Transact Pensions:	£111.06
Mr. W. Evans: Cleaning Memorial Shelter (March' 19):	£32.50
BCBC: Christmas Lighting 2018:	£2,692.58
Cefn Cribwr Community Centre: Hire 2018/19:	£414.00

Remunerations from April 2019:

The Clerk

Council noted that as of April 2019 the Clerk's remuneration would increase to £5,578.56 per annum / £464.88 per month in accordance with the National Association of Local Council Clerks National Salary Award.

Council noted that the NALCC had revised the point scale, accordingly, as of April 2019 the Clerk would move from SCP 27 to SCP 21 on the new scale.

Council noted, that in accordance with the above, Council's contribution to the Clerks pension scheme would increase to £1,394.64 per annum / £116.22 per month.

Mr. W. Evans

Council noted Mr. W. Evans diligence in the work he undertakes for the community cleaning the Memorial Shelter. In recognition of this work it was agreed to increase his Honorarium to £520 per annum, to be paid monthly in arrears.

Planning:

Applications:

Ms. K. Lampard. 6 New Buildings, Farm Road: Two storey side extension.

Mr. W. Carroll & Family, The Yard, Rogers Lane: Retention of use of land for one static gypsy caravan with day / utility room, one touring caravan and car parking. - **Object**

Mr. A Jones, North of 1 Waun Dafydd Farm: Certificate of Lawfulness for existing dwelling house. - **Object**

Mrs. L. Phillip, 3 Graig Row: Modular style building at bottom garden. - **Object**

Financial Statement: *Council noted the financial statement.*

Council rose for a five-minute comfort break.

7. Resurfacing of the Penetice Car Park:

Cllr. H. J. David reported that, whilst he had not had any part in the decision-making process, he was aware that Council's application had been successful. It was agreed that once formal confirmation is received the Clerk would proceed to commission the work.

It was noted that a car seems to have been abandoned at the Pentice car park. It was agreed the Clerk would ask the Police to deal with this matter.

8. Summer Play Scheme – Active 4 Life Programme:

The Clerk reported that he had received confirmation from Mr. J. Powell that the Athletic Club would, 'in principal', be willing to host the scheme, however, they needed to know more about what is involved / required and potential dates. The Clerk and Mr. Powell had not managed to have a conversation as yet (Mr. Powell working away in the Military) but the Clerk would hopefully be able to provide an update at the May meeting of Council.

A discussion ensued about possible means of consultation. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask Mr. A. Thomas at BCBC who may have undertaken consultations previously and might be able to advise the best way forward.

9. Vacancy for a Community Councillor:

The Clerk reported that following Cllr. M. Goudge’s resignation he had been in touch with BCBC Electoral Services Dept. who had produced the requisite Notice of Vacancy which the Clerk had placed in the notice board. The Notice expires on Friday 10th May, it was therefore agreed to agenda this item for discussion at the June meeting of Council.

10. Y Cefn Gwyrdd – Green Plaques Scheme:

Cllrs. H. J. David and A. Beckett reported that Y Cefn Gwyrdd had been making further headway with their plan to install ‘Green Plaques’ (with the landowner’s permission) on buildings and in places of historic interest in the village and enquired if the Community Council were still interested in supporting this scheme. It was agreed that ‘in principle’ Council supported this very interesting proposal but would need more information before making any decision.

11. Members Report:

Easter Recycling collections: Cllr. H. J. David reported that he had circulated this information to residents, it was also available via the BCBC website.

Bedford Park Iron Works: Cllr. H. J. David reported that a considerable amount of work to make the site safe for entry by the public needs to be undertaken. BCBC are progressing this.

Stormy Brook Surgery: Cllr. H. J. David reported that planning permission for a new doctor’s surgery has been granted for the site at Cornelly and the Practice have now submitted an application for funding to the local health board.

93 Cefn Road: Cllr. H. J. David reported that to date Mr. Bowland has not carried out any work at 93 Cefn Road. BCBC are monitoring the situation and will take appropriate action should improvements not be made as promised.

Cupa with a Copa: Cllr. H. J. David reported that this would take place at BCLC on 23rd April between 10-11 am.

PACT Meeting: Cllr. H. J. David reported that the next meeting would take place at Pyle Life Centre on 24th April at 6.30 pm.

Cwm Ffoes, Temporary road closure: Cllr. H. J. David reported that a temporary road closure notice was in place to bring utilities to the new dormer bungalow that has been built behind Dale View.

Advice Surgery: Cllr. H. J. David reported that he would be holding an advice surgery at the Community Centre on Saturday 20th April between 1 and 2 pm.

Sixth Form Provision: Cllr. H. J. David reported that the consultation into sixth form provision in BCBC was ongoing.

One Voice Wales: Cllr. D. Evans reported that he had recently attended an area meeting of One Voice Wales at Cowbridge. An informative presentation had been received from Mr. Derrick Evans of the Wales Audit Office.

12. Any other Business:

Community Asset Transfer: Cllr. H. J. David reported that he had been invited to attend a meeting with representatives of the Athletic Club and the Boys & Girls Club to discuss the potential viability of transferring of Cae Gof Sports Pavilion.

Payments to Members of the Community Council: The Clerk gave Members a brief update about the Public Service Remuneration Panel for Wales Report into payments for Town & Community Councillors. More information will follow in due course.

Training for Councillors: The Clerk suggested that given the well-received Code of Conduct training that Members had received the previous year they may wish to have another bespoke training session this year. It was suggested by Cllr D. Evans that perhaps the role of the Community Councillor and / or community engagement may be useful topics. This was unanimously agreed, and the Clerk was asked to investigate this further.

Further to this discussion, Cllr. C. Holmes suggested that specific training around the role of the Chairman would be worthwhile. This was endorsed by Cllr. K. G. Burnell and it was agreed the Clerk would make the necessary arrangements.

Community Grants: The Clerk suggested, that as a matter of governance, it might be useful if applicants for financial assistance completed a standard application form. This could be available on Council’s website and could also contain the criteria Council apply when making grants. It was agreed the Clerk would draft an application form for discussion.

13. Date and time of next meetings:

Wednesday 8th May 2019 following the Annual General Meeting of the Council at 7pm

Wednesday 12th June 2019 at 7 pm

David Lloyd Jones, Clerk, April 2019.

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

