

# CEFN CRIBWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021 via Zoom.

Chairman: Councillor C. Holmes.

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

**1. Apologies:** Councillors J. Short, H. Matthews and D. Gordon.

**2. Declarations of interest received in writing:**

Cllrs. H. J. David, D. Evans and D. Dimond 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 Members of the Governing Body.

Cllrs. H. J. David and K. G. Burnell declared an interest in all matters concerning the Cefn Cribwr Gardening Club 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 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 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were adopted and signed as a true record.

**4. Matters arising:**

*93 Cefn Road:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that essential health and safety work at 93 Cefn Road had now commenced. It is anticipated that the work will take approximately four weeks to complete. Furthermore, BCBC have begun legal proceedings against the owner of the property.

**5. Footpaths:**

Council noted the Public Footpath Diversion Order in relation to FP 17, Cefn Cribwr.

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

Cllr. H. J. David reported that new 'kissing gates' are going to be installed at the start of the footpath that commences at the bottom of Heol Goedog.

**6. Clerk's Report:**

**Correspondence:** *Council noted the following:*

Mary Thomas: Covid Community Memorial Service: *Council agreed this was a very good idea and certainly something that should be investigated further once restrictions on public gatherings are relaxed.*

Clerks & Councils Direct.

The Clerk.

**Bills for payment:**

Clerks Salary for March '21 (S.P. 23): £499.89

HMRC: £124.80

Transact Pensions: £124.97

Mr. W. Evans: Cleaning Memorial Shelter (March '21): £43.33

BCBC- Christmas Lighting Scheme 2020: £3,860.40

## **Planning:**

### *Applications:*

Miss. J. Rose, 4 Bryn Terrace: Two storey extension to rear of dwelling.

## **Financial Statement: (Appendix 1)**

Council noted the financial statement for the period ending the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

## **7. Members Report:**

*Councillor Training:* Cllr. D. Evans reminded Members about the ongoing need for training. All agreed they would be willing to attend training sessions to expand their knowledge and expertise. However, it was felt that 'face-to-face' training sessions were preferable to 'on-line'. Therefore, it was agreed to wait until that is possible, which hopefully will be later in the year.

*School modernisation programme:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that the Cabinet of BCBC had recently considered and approved the reconfiguration of primary school provision in North Cornelly to include the amalgamation of Cornelly and Afon y Felin primary schools and the building of a new school to house Ysgol Y Ferch O'r Sger. This will be supported jointly by the Welsh Government and BCBC.

*School Crossing Patrol Officer:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that Cefn Cribwr Primary School are seeking to appoint a school crossing patrol officer.

*BCBC Covid outdoor improvement grant:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that the Three Horse Shoes was preparing to re-open outside and had been the recipient of a grant to help them undertake essential improvements to allow this to happen. Cefn Cribwr Sports & Social Club had also applied for this funding, with the outcome of their application expected imminently.

*Bedford Park:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that the Cabinet of BCBC had recently agreed that Bedford Park, together with the Frog Pond and Village Farm Meadows would be designated as Local Nature Reserves. This will give those areas a level of protection commensurate with their importance both locally, nationally, and internationally. Funding of £15,000 per annum will be available for the preservation and enhancement of the ecology and accessibility of the sites.

*Community Pantry:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that Cefn Cribwr Community Association had been in discussion regarding the operation of a community pantry at the Community Centre. It is anticipated this will begin towards the end of May, Covid restrictions allowing.

## **8. Community Fibre Partnership:**

The Clerk reported that he had submitted a list of properties to Openreach as agreed. We await further information in due course.

## **9. Mountain Lane:**

*Town & Community Council Fund:* Cllr. H. J. David reported that the Cabinet of BCBC had recently considered and approved, subject to approval by BCBC Scrutiny Committee, Council's application for the re-surfacing of the section of Mountain Lane from the War Memorial to the end of the Common. We await formal notification in due course.

*Avenue of Trees on Mynydd Bach Common (Appendix 3):* Cllr. K. Burnell gave a summary of the proposed project that was suggested in the 1950's to plant an avenue of indigenous trees along Mountain Lane. A lengthy discussion ensued about the potential benefits and shortcomings of the proposal; ecology, legal ability to plant trees on the Common, Commoner's rights, history, and archaeology being the main topics. Cllr. H. J. David commented that he had received representations from several residents over the years regarding the removal of the trees that are already growing on the southern area of the Common. The Clerk confirmed that when the consultation was undertaken for the War Memorial residents had objected to the planting of trees and they had been removed from the scheme. Cllr. Burnell commented that there were several issues that would need to be thoroughly explored and was grateful for an opportunity to have a good discussion. It was agreed the Clerk would contact the Ecology Officer at BCBC and ask for his comments in the first instance.

Cllr. H. D. David reported that he is awaiting a response from BCBC Highways' Department following his recent referral regarding the surface and overgrowth at the bottom of Mountain Lane.

## **10. Village Greens:**

Council considered the letter and attachments from Edward Harris Solicitors at length. They concluded they are not sure if this course of action is in the best interest of residents given the considerable legal fee that would be incurred and the uncertainty of the outcomes. Cllr. H. J. David suggested it may be helpful to ascertain what protection the areas in question currently have and agreed to ask BCBC Planning Dept. for their view in the first instance. The Clerk suggested

that Council may wish to consider meeting Mr. Harris (solicitor) via zoom so they can gain a better understanding of the subject. It was agreed to discuss this item further at the next meeting.

**11. Land at the Junction of Cefn Road & Bedford Road next to the Memorial Shelter:**

The Clerk reported that he, The Chairman and Mr. J. Mason had met with representatives of V2C and Darlow Lloyd Construction on site to discuss the finish of the 'community garden' area next to the Memorial Shelter. The initial plan included the planting of shrubs, the maintenance of which would be added to the service charge of the residents of the new flats. Given the amount of foot traffic that would inevitably pass over the area, and to mitigate an ongoing cost to residents, it was agreed that a hard surface finish would be preferable. V2C agreed to explore this with BCBC planning Dept. It was also tentatively agreed, subject to approval by the Council, to provide some large planters to enhance the area further. Council confirmed their agreement of the above proposal. We await further information in due course.

**12. Any other business:**

*Bus shelter near Cefn Cribwr Primary School:* Cllr. D. Dimond reported that the bus shelter was looking very run down. The Clerk commented that BCBC had agreed to undertake works to shelter, which the Community Council had agreed to partially fund, but they had not been taken forward due to the Covid lockdowns. It was agreed the Clerk would contact BCBC and ask for an update.

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

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 following the AGM at 7.00 pm via Zoom.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7.00 pm via Zoom.

David Lloyd Jones, Clerk, April 2021.

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