

Cyngor Cymuned Trefriw Community Council

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Cofnodion Ebrill 3 2019 Cwrdd y Cyngor / Minutes 3rd April 2019 Meeting of the Council

Present / Bressennol Chair Cllr J Pritchard, Vice Chair Cllr M Lees
Cllr D Sandham, Cllr L Williams, Cllr M Jehu
In attendance: S Jehu, Clerk / RFO, C Cllr T Jones, 3 members of the public

Member of Public issues:

M.o.P on behalf of Walkers are Welcome thanked council for repairs to Trefriw Trails made after recent floods.

M.o.P. expressed concern regarding difficulties navigating the TCC website, stating that they experienced difficulty finding relevant information and said that it failed to represent the local community.

M.o.P. questioned Councillors engagement with the community, and suggested that Councillors should have a more visible presence in the village. The M.o.P. was thanked for their comments although some Councillors expressed disagreement, and referred the M.o.P. to agenda item 9.

1. To confirm that a Quorum of elected members is present

Cadarnhau bod yr aelodau etholedig sy'n bresennol yn ffurfio cworwm

A quorum was confirmed by the chair

2. Apologies / Ymddiheuriadau LG Act 1972 Sch12 par 40

Derbyn ymddiheuriadau ac ystyried cymeradwyo rhesymau dros absenoideb
To accept apologies and consider approving reasons for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Porter

3. Declarations of Interest / Datgan Buddiannau LG Act 2000 s50 Local Authorities (Wales) Order 2008/788

Datgan diddordeb personol ac ariannol yn y materion wedi eu rhestru isod
To disclose personal and financial interest in items of business listed below

All Councillors present signed the the appropriate document. Cllr Pritchard declared an interest in agenda item 12

4. Minutes / Cofnodion LGA 1972, Sch 12 par 41(1)

To receive, approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on 13th March 2019

Minutes were agreed by all Councillors and signed by the Chair.

5. Chair's announcements / Cyhoeddiadau y Gadeiryn

Cllr Pritchard confirmed that this would be his last Council Meeting, that he would be leaving the village at the end of the month, and would be staying in temporary accommodation locally for 4 weeks before moving out of the area.

6. Correspondence / Gohebiaeth

Correspondence March 2019

Items of correspondence for information distributed throughout the month as required to be noted

6.1 Letter from seafarers re Merchant Navy Day 3rd September

Councillors believed this to be a generally circulated item of correspondence with no significance to the village and agreed to take no action in response.

6.2 Email from Rural Enabling Officer re Rural Conwy Tidy Communities Project

Cllr Williams agreed to respond on behalf of the Council. Application will be forwarded via Clerk.

Additional correspondence received:

6.3 Email re Charitable status of Children's Playing Field. Request to update details. Councillors present unaware of the status.

6.4 Letter re CVSC membership. Council agreed to renew membership.

6.5 Letter re planning application, closing date 17.4.2019. Council asked Clerk to call an extraordinary meeting on 10.4.2019 to enable councillors to consider the application.

6.6 Letter from CCBC requesting use of village hall from possible European Election. Clerk confirmed that a replay had been sent detailing the current situation regarding the hall closure.

6.7 Email confirmation of Gower's Site Meeting – see agenda item 10.1.

6.8 Email invitation from Janet Finch Saunders to meeting re flooding. Cllr Lees to attend.

7. County Councillor Report / Adrddiad-y-Cynghorydd Sir

A brief report from the County Councillor on matters of importance and interest to the community of Trefriw and Llanrhychwyn

During the Saturday 16th March (where we saw the majority of the flooding), I was alerted phoned early in the morning to the amount of run off that was coming down Crafnant road, Cowlyd road and old school road. I spent the morning photographing and then clearing the drains and culverts up the Colwyd road which stopped the flow down cowlyd/crafnant road. On the footpath down from Geirionydd there was a huge amount of water coming down on to the road. I managed to divert some of the flow further up the path into the field which reduced a little of the flow onto the road, also built a small dam which diverted some flow into the wasteland adjacent to the fairy falls. This reduced the amount of water flowing down he old school road.

Have since visited several residents to discuss the affects of the water on them and their properties and have been building up a picture of the issues which I am presenting to CCBC and Natural Resources Wales. Conwy are currently looking at re-establishing flood group partnerships and a public consultation meeting has been arranged by NRW and CCBC to take place at Glasdir, Llanrwst on the 25th April between 15:00-19:00

I have received queries and had contact with residents on the following issues including:

Water damage

The council's sand bags policy

The council tax premium on second homes

The funding of the new offices in Colwyn Bay

Waste disposal

A request from Mike Lees to put forward a Notice of Motion at Council in relation to climate change and carbon management. Having looked into this further I can confirm that Conwy already has a Carbon management strategy for the period (2019-24) and targets to reduce its carbon footprint. There will be an updated report presented to cabinet in April which should include updated figures which will include coed pella (which in itself will reduce the council's carbon footprint).

The Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) was introduced in 2010, whereby the Council has a statutory duty to report on its energy consumption annually and pays a levy on its carbon emissions. During 2017/18 the Council emitted 11,474 tonnes of carbon from its consumption of gas and electricity and street lighting resulting in a carbon levy of £188,803. The emissions reported in 2017/18 saw a reduction of 9% (1,098 tonnes, £13,606) compared to 2016/17.

In the past month I have attended the following meetings:

6/3/19 Temporary Governing Body for Ysgol Dyffryn yr Enfys

26/3/19 Education and skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting: Received an overview of the proposed updates to the Curriculum, discussed some of the concerns, risks and real term implementation for cluster schools locally.

26/3/19 Governing Body for Ysgol Dolgarrog

1/4/19 Dolgarrog Community Council

Webcams from council meetings can be found at <https://conwy.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcasts> and all agenda items, report packs and minutes can be found on the council website.

Following requests from members of the community I am in the process of confirming dates for defibrillator/cpr training with Conwy first responders. It is likely that the training will take place in Dolgarrog's village hall

I have also been supporting the Trefriw Walking Festival through online publicity/promotion and managing social media content.

8. Financial / Cyllid : LGA 1972 Sch 12 par 41(1)

8.1 Council to discuss and question as required all financial transactions in Appendix 1

8.2 Council to discuss and confirm appointment and fees of Iona Edwards Chartered Accountants as Council Internal Auditor for the financial year 2019-20

Clerk confirmed receipt of documents from Welsh Audit Office. Council agreed employing services of previously used Internal Auditor.

8.3 Council to confirm arrangements for review of donation requests

Council resolved to consider donation requests in June and December. It was agreed that £1000 of the relevant budget would be available to local groups, leaving £200 for national charities. Clerk to respond to donation requests informing charity of Council procedure. Council is aware that closure of the village hall may have contributed to increases WAW costs and Cllr Williams proposed that that £200 of the budget be set aside for them. Noted for confirmation as June agenda item. Clerk clarified that the current arrangements for Poppy day wreath would be maintained, costs to be taken from local groups budget.

8.4 Clerk to confirm dates for Community Skips

Clerk apologised for the delay in confirming arrangements with CCBC for this financial year's community skips, and confirmed that dates have now been posted on the notice board and website. The public are reminded that skips are for domestic users only, and trade waste will be refused. Skips will be on site from approximately 8.30am and when full the skip full will be removed.

11/04/2019	Bro Gower Trefriw
09/05/2019	Bro Geirionydd Trefriw
06/06/2019	Nant BH Recycling Site
13/06/2019	Bro Gower Trefriw
12/07/2019	Bro Geirionydd Trefriw
22/08/2019	Bro Gower Trefriw
19/09/2019	Bro Geirionydd Trefriw
31/10/2019	Bro Gower Trefriw
05/12/2019	Bro Geirionydd Trfriw
09/01/2020	Bro Gower Trefriw
13/02/2020	Bro Geirionydd Trefriw
12/03/2020	Bro Gower Trefriw

9. Community Engagement

9.1 Council to discuss how they can better work with and support community groups

Councillors agreed that in order to have a meaningful discussion they needed to identify all current community groups and establish direct contact with them to learn what support they want from the Council. Council resolved to post notices on website and notice board to encourage groups to send representation to Council Meeting. Agenda Item to be included in May Council Meeting. Cllr Williams proposed that a single a4 page monthly newsletter be developed. Council resolved to accept proposal.

9.2 Council to discuss and agree action needed to ensure last year's misuse of the access to and areas around the lakes is not replicated.

Council welcomed PCSO Daisy Devereau from North Wales Police who discussed the action currently being taken to police the roads up to the lakes, and to monitor suspicion activity on the Gower related to the drug community. PCSO Devereau said that the public need to report concerns so that a picture of activity can be built up enabling the police to target locations and times, making optimum use of available resources. Contact details – daisy.devereau@nthwales.pnn.police.uk. It was noted that camping has already started at the lake, and associated littering, and concerns were expressed that this was likely to increase as the weather improved. C Cllr Jones offered to organise a further update with NRW. PSCO Devereau offered to attend further meetings.

10. Trefriw Village Enhancements / Gwelliannau I Bentref Trefriw

10.1 Council to discuss response to request to CCBC re provision of parking bay markings and double yellow lines on the Gower

Clerk informed Council that a meeting with William Roberts, Traffic Engineer to discuss potential parking restrictions had been arranged for 9th April at 11 am. Any available Councillor to attend.

10.2 Council to review action to improve play park facilities

Cllr Pritchard suggested that a site meeting be arranged to enable Councillors to agree location for slide donated from school playground. It was agreed that arrangements would be made via email.

11. Village Hall

11.1 Council to review action taken since previous council meeting to address the damage to village hall

Cllr Pritchard reported that the hall floor has now been removed, exposing the concrete sub floor. The joists have been treated for woodworm. There was discussion about the need to seek further professional advice regarding possible action that could be taken to improve air flow under the floor, and to improve drainage.

11.2 Council to discuss and agree ongoing work to restore village hall

Council agreed to defer further discussion to the Extraordinary Meeting planned for 10th April.

12. Cemetery

12.1 Council to review action taken since previous meeting to restore clear access to all existing plots

12.2 Council to discuss and agree work to continue preparation for cemetery extension

Council acknowledged receipt of further quote from J Taylor. Discussion deferred to May Council Meeting

12.3 Council to discuss non compliance with procedures by local undertaker

Clerk reported that outstanding payments for two resident burials had now been received, but there was still outstanding paperwork which she would continue to chase.

13 Website

13.1 Council to review action taken since previous meeting to update Website editing and content

Clerk confirmed, she now had access to editing the website and, having spent time with Cllr Lees the ability to post agenda and minutes. Clerk stated that she was still not confident to update when major changes are required, or when there is no obvious location for documents. Cllr Williams offered to meet with Clerk for half day training session

13.2 Council to discuss and agree improvements to Website framework

Council acknowledged the comments received from member of public, and agreed to include item again on next month's agenda. Council resolved to continue to work on developing and improving current website before considering alternatives.

14 Next month's agenda

Councillors to present items for inclusion in next month's agenda

- TCC Website
- Cemetery Development
- Community Engagement

15 To confirm that the next meeting of the Council will be at 7pm on Tuesday 7th May, Meeting Room, Peniel Chapel.