

CYNGOR CYMUNED TAWE UCHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Remote Meeting held on Thursday 17th June, 2021

Present; Councillors Stephen Davies (Chairman) Auriol Graham, Susan Pyart, Huw Williams, Gail Hopkins-Williams, Selwyn Fyfield, Ann Watkins, County Councillor David Thomas

In attendance – PCSO Nicole Watkins and PCSO Simon Beaton

- 1. Apologies for absence** were accepted from Councillors Alun Thomas, Arlene Jones, Clare Parker (Key Worker) and Carol Williams unable to contact
- 2. Declaration of Interest** – No declaration made.
- 3. Police Update** – PCSO Nicole Watkins and Simon Beaton joined remotely. Several traffic issues were discussed.

Pavement Parking – The Police will monitor parking creating visual obstruction at Penycae. If an obstruction is occurring the Police will place bollards on the section of pavement. A further matter was raised that vehicles were parking on the pavement outside Craig y Nos Country Park. The Police will monitor the site over the weekend. The Clerk will write to the Manager at Craig y Nos Country Park.

Speeding A4067 – A site meeting with James Evans AS will take place on Monday 21st June. The meeting will discuss the Council campaign for speed cameras on the A4067 from Ynyswen to Craig y Nos. The characteristics of the road, the traffic volumes, the tourist attractions had been fully explained. PCSO Nicole Watkins will also attend the site meeting. PCSO Watkins advised that the Community Speed watch will re-commence shortly at Penycae.

A4067/A4221 Road Junction – Jo Lancey has replied to the Council advising that the road junction in question is being reviewed to establish if further improvements to the layout of the junction is possible.

Car Parking Permits – There is an enquiry for the provision of parking permits at Dol Henrhyd, Coelbren. Parking permits required a public consultation before any licenses are issued allowing residents to park. Other considerations can involve the number of vehicles at each residence.

In response to a question no information was available why road closure signs were visible on Camnant Road. There is a possibility it may be due to works by NPT Council on the Banwen side of the road.

- 4. Finance**
 - a) Income/Expenditure Report** – The Clerk summarised the report. The Council approved the report.
 - b) Budget Report** – The Clerk summarised the report. The Council approved the report.
 - c) June Payment Schedule** – The June payment schedule was approved for payment.
- 5. Planning** – No planning matters to discuss.
- 6. Footpaths/Playgrounds** – The first phase of footpath maintenance had been completed. The Chairman advised the second stage improvement work over the bog path will be undertaken in the near future. The landowner had asked if one of the site access gates could be secured to keep livestock secured. The Clerk will speak to Matthew Thomas.

Playgrounds – The new signage was due for delivery shortly. The Probation Service was scheduled to undertake painting work at Caehopkin playground and to clear the surface of the path across the playground for pushchairs.

The work recommended by RoSPA to remove a kerb edge at Caehopkin playground will be deferred until the surface of the path has been cleared. There is concern if the edge is removed the path will start to collapse.

Coelbren Park Request for Bench – A request has been made to Councillors at Coelbren to provide a bench in the play park at Coelbren. The Clerk advised the park was not owned by the Council. However, the Council could provide a bench, however, the written permission of the park owners would have to be obtained and a location for the bench agreed.

7. Correspondence

Planning Aid Wales Regeneration Event – There was no expression of interest from Councillors to attend the event. The Clerk advised he would attend. The Council approved the attendance of the Clerk and payment of the conference fee of £50.00. If the invoice is received it will be paid on the June payment run.

8. County Council Report

County Councillor David Thomas provided a brief update.

GCRE – No information on a date for the planning committee meeting. The delay may be due to the discharge of conditions from a previous planning decision.

Car Park Development Coelbren – The proposal to create a car park on NT land at Coelbren had received agreement from all parties. The proposal could proceed if funding for the work can be located. If the car park is developed PCC will issue a TRO to lay double yellow lines on the roadway around the LLech bridge.

County Council Ward Boundary Review – A press report stated the County Electoral Ward of Tawe Uchaf was disappearing. That is not the case. The only effect on the Ward will be a name change to Tawe Fellte. The County Ward will still incorporate the Community Council boundaries of Tawe Uchaf and Ystradfellte.

Callwen Church Lay-By – Complaints had been received from residents at Heol Callwen on the number of vehicles using the Lay-by at Callwen Church as a parking space. The vehicles obstruct access for worshippers and would seriously obstruct funeral vehicle access. Callwen is not within his ward and the complaint has been referred to Councillor Edwin Roderick in the neighbouring ward.

9. **Vacancy Penrycae/Coelbren Ward** – The Chairman reported an expression of interest had been received from Robert Alan Jones for the Coelbren vacancy. The Council unanimously approved the Co-option of Robert Alan Jones to fill the casual vacancy at Coelbren.

10. **Climate Emergency to elect a Sub-Group** – The following nominations were agreed. Councillors Susan Pyart, Selwyn Fyfield, Huw Williams, Arlene Jones and the Chairman. The Clerk will write to Arlene Jones to obtain her confirmation of the nomination. The group was unlikely to meet until September and the meetings will commence at 7pm. The group will report directly to the full Council and any recommendations will require the approval of the full Council.

11. **Annual Report Update** – The Clerk provided a brief update.

12. **Councillor Training** – The Council agreed to enrol on the Planning Aid Wales course scheduled for 8th September. The cost per delegate is £30. The Clerk was asked to determine how the course is delivered and information on the Demios platform.

13. **Minutes** – The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th May were signed as a true record.

14. **Matters Arising** – No matters arising.

15. **Any Urgent Business**

Western Power Craig y Nos – Councillor Ann Watkins updated the Council that Western Power had revised the plan to provide high voltage supply to the Country Park. The revised scheme will involve cabling being laid below the A4067 road surface running along the southbound carriageway from the Castle entrance to the Country Park. The Clerk was asked to establish if Western Power will continue with the proposed restoration scheme on the Council land at Craig y Nos.

- 16. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 15th July, 2021.** The Council further agreed to Standing Orders there will be no meeting during August. However, if an urgent matter needed consideration or a planning consultation a Special Meeting will be convened in August.