

CYNGOR CYMUNED TAWE UCHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Remote Council Meeting held on Thursday 15th July 2021

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

The Chairman opened the meeting welcoming Robert Jones to the meeting following his co-option to fill the Casual vacancy in the Coelbren Ward.

1. **Apologies for absence** was accepted from Councillors Alun Thomas, Clare Parker (Key Worker) Carol Williams (unable to connect)
2. **Declaration of Interest** – No declaration submitted.
3. **Police Matters** – The Police not in attendance and have communicated that they will attend every other meeting going forward.

Discussion ensued on the campaign to introduce traffic calming on the A4067. A report on the recent site meeting, at Penycae, with James Evans AS, PC Ian Price (Go Safe) and PC Matthew Thomas (Roads Policing). There is support for the Council's campaign, however, finance will be a major factor. The Council agreed to pursue the installation of average speed cameras on the A4067 between Ynyswen and Craig y Nos. The Council agreed to invite County Councillor Heulwen Hulme to attend a future site meeting with the Aelod Seneddol and Police and a Senior Traffic Officer from Powys County Council.

Further discussion followed on road safety at Heol Eglwys Coelbren. Vehicles parking on opposite sides of Heol Eglwys was obstructing the movement of traffic on the road. In addition, delivery vans were driving across pavements, to avoid on-coming vehicles, creating a major risk compromising the safety of the public. Both matters to be referred to the Ystradgynlais Police to monitor.

It was noted a new car park was under construction on National Trust land near Henryd Falls. The car park will provide off highway parking for visitors to the falls. The impact of the new car park will be monitored to assess the impact on congestion in the village.

4. **Finance**
 - a) **Income/Expenditure Report** – The report for June had been circulated. The Clerk summarised the report. The Council approved the report.
 - b) **Budget Report** – The report for June had been circulated. The Clerk summarised the report. The Council approved the report.
 - c) **July Payment Schedule** – The report had been circulated. The Council approved the payment schedule.

The Council approved that all payments required in August are to be delegated for administration to the Clerk, Chairman and Councillor Huw Williams.

5. **Planning**

Planning Ref 21/1109/FUL Glyndwr, Onllwyn Road Coelbren – The Council considered the proposal to change of use of hostel to a domestic dwelling including part demolition and rebuilding, erection of an extension and alterations. The Council had no comments to make on the proposal.

6. **Footpath/Playground Matters**

Footpaths – Bog Path - The second phase of improvement to the Bog Path is delayed due to late delivery of materials. Concern was expressed there is no communication with the landowner. Matthew Thomas will be asked to visit the landowner to maintain communication.

Cycle Path Link – The cycle path link across the International tip is getting obstructed with vegetation growing into the path. County Councillor David Thomas advised he will refer to the local highway depot.

7. Correspondence

Craig y Nos Restoration Works – Western Power have confirmed they will honour the agreement to undertake the restoration work on the Council land.

Consultation Qualifications for Clerks in Wales – The Minister for Finance and Local Government has published the consultation.

Local Places for Nature – A free webinar is advertised to be held at 2pm on 22nd July. Councillor Susan Pyart will try to join the webinar if available.

8. County Council Update – County Councillor David Thomas provided a brief update. There is increasing concern at the Covid-19 outbreak in the Newtown area.

The press is reporting Powys County Council have a significant underspend. The report is inaccurate. There is a carry-over of Covid support payments from the WG. Any surplus funds will be directed to a range of Covid recovery grants.

Western Power have installed notices around Coelbren. The notices are for awareness that Western Power will be undertaking work on the Coelbren link road near Coelbren. The work is part of a scheme to remove overhead cabling and to relocate underground.

9. Vacancy Ynyswen/Penrycae Ward – No expressions of interest received.

10. Climate Emergency to approve Sub-Group Nominations – The nominations to the sub-group were confirmed and approved as follows;

Councillors Stephen Davies (Chairman) Susan Pyart, Arlene Jones, Huw Williams, Selwyn Fyfield.

11. Annual Report Q1 Draft – The draft annual report covering quarter one was circulated for comment

12. Councillor Training – The Council approved expenditure for a Councillor training event with Planning Aid Wales. The cost to enlist 10 members is £300 from the training budget. The Clerk will register names and e mail addresses. The event is on 8th September 2021.

13. Minutes – The minutes of the last meeting on 17th June, 2021 were signed as a true record.

14. Matters Arising – Noted that vehicles using the lay-by outside Callwen Chirch was being monitored. It is not clear if enforcement action can be taken as it is not a designated lay-by on the highway.

15. Any Urgent Matters – No matters raised.

16. Date of Next Meeting – The Council Orders determine the Council will not meet in August.

The next meeting will be held on 16th September 2021.

If any urgent matter required consideration a Special Meeting of the Council will be convened.