

CYNGOR CYMUNED TAWE UCHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Remote Council Meeting held on Thursday 24th March 2022

Present: Councillors Stephen Davies (Chairman), Arlene Jones, Auriol Graham, Susan Pyart, Gail Hopkins-Williams, Huw Williams, Ann Watkins

1. **Apologies for absence** approved for Councillors Selwyn Fyfield, Alun Thomas and Carol Williams.
2. **Declaration of Interest** – None submitted
3. **Police Matters** – The Police did not attend
- a) **Speeding A4067 Ynyswen to Craig y Nos** – The suggestion made to Powys Highways by the Council and County Councillor David Thomas to share SID's at Cradoc Road Brecon for use on the A4067 had been referred to Jo Lancey, Road Safety Officer. In a response Jo Lancey advised there were eight SID's in total for use in Brecon and Radnor over 44 sites. However, there is a socket at the northern end of Penycae to be included in the rotation. The Council agreed to request the socket at the northern end of Penycae should be included in the rotation. The Council further agreed to request a site meeting with Jo Lancey to discuss if other sockets existed within Tawe Uchaf. This information will be used by the Council to determine future action in relation to purchasing a SID.
4. **Finance**
 - a) **Income/Expenditure Report** – The report had been circulated. The Clerk summarised the report. The Council approved the report. The Clerk advised the report to the April meeting will be the year-end report for the 2021/2022 financial year.
 - b) **Budget Report** – The report had been circulated. The Council approved the report.
 - c) **March Payment Register** – The March payment register had been circulated. The Council approved the payment register.

The Clerk advised he would monitor the election nominations and would, if necessary take steps to ensure statutory payments could continue beyond the election date. The Council agreed.
5. **Planning – Tawe Car Centre Ynyswen** – The recent application for this site has been withdrawn.
6. **Off Street Parking at Caehopkin Playground** – PCC had advised the freehold of the Caehopkin Playground was in the ownership of the Community Council. All decisions relating to the playground is the Council's responsibility, including all legal and planning costs related to the park, including the maintenance of the park. The local Councillors will consult further with residents on the proposal and report to the Council. The integrity of the playground drainage system and access for grounds maintenance was noted.
7. **Christmas Lights Coelbren** – Blachere illuminations had responded to the Council's enquiry as follows;

A typical bespoke cross road display would cost between £2000 to £5000 depending on the size;

In addition, there would be installation and removal costs and the Council would be responsible for ensuring the correct connection adaptors were present at each post.
8. **Footpath/Playgrounds Report**
 - Bog Path** – The Chairman provided a photograph of the improvements to the FP.
 - Permissive Path Penwyllt** – The Chairman reported an enquiry he had received that a permissive path at Penwyllt had been stopped. The Council's view was a landowner could

stop the use of a permissive path, however, the Council agreed to seek clarification from the Rights of Way Officer at BBNP.

Playgrounds – The Clerk provided an update following a recent inspection;

Cefnbyrle Playground – The fault on the Toddler Tower safety surface, identified by RoSPA, had been referred to Playdale, the installers, for their observation.

Penycae Playground – Mole activity remained a problem at the playground and the adjoining land owned by PAT. The Council agreed to ask Councillor Selwyn Fyfield to manage the problem. The estimated cost will be £30 for both sites. The Council will reimburse any costs to Councillor Fyfield. The Council agreed to pay for work on the land owned by PAT

9. Correspondence

a) **National Salary Award 2021-2022** – OVW have circulated the salary awards for Clerks applicable from April 2021.

10. Annual Report Final Draft – The final draft of the annual report had been circulated.

Councillor Arlene Jones suggested some minor updates to the report. The Council agreed that Councillor Arlene Jones update the areas of text and submit the proposed changes to the Chairman and Clerk to include in the final document. The annual report will be approved by Council at its meeting on the 21st April and published immediately following the meeting.

11. County Council Report – County Councillor David Thomas provided the following update.

Budget – Following intensive debates and discussions the Council finally agreed to increase Council tax by 3.4%. His group had campaigned strongly that Council tax should not be increased when the Council had a projected underspend of £6.5m.

GCRE – The WG has decided to proceed with the development. Work is scheduled to commence in August. It remained unclear whether the private funding required had been committed.

He had raised several issues with planning officers relating to the discharge of conditions outstanding. He had been assured that all matters outstanding, when complete, will be referred back for public consultation.

Forestry Road Coelbren – The enquiry raised at the previous meeting had been confirmed as drainage works along the roadway to reduce flooding.

12. Minutes – The minutes of the previous meeting on the 17th February, 2022 were approved subject to the following correction.

Correction Nantfedwen Path – The FP Officer for PCC will approach the landowner for his approval to change the existing stile to a suitable gate.

13. Matters Arising – No matters arising

14. Any Urgent Business

Keys for Council Notice Boards – The Council agreed to a request to provide a set of keys to allow Ynyswen Welfare Group to advertise local activities in the Council Noticeboard at Ynyswen.

15. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 21st April, 2022