

## CYNGOR CYMUNED TAWE UCHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the remote meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2022

**Present:** Councillors Stephen Davies (Chairman) Arlene Jones, Auriol Graham, Susan Pyart, Huw Williams, Selwyn Fyfield, Alun Thomas, County Councillor David Thomas

**In attendance:** PC Simon Beaton Dyfed Powys Police

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting advising this would be the last meeting of the current Council. He thanked the Council for their help and support during his term as Chairman. A new Council will form following the Community and Town Council elections on the 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2022. Councillors will continue to serve until the 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2022. Following the Election all Councillors elected will be required to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk, before they can serve as Community Councillors.

1. **Apologies for absence** - None recorded
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None recorded
3. **Police Matters** – PC Simon Beaton joined the meeting.  
**Speeding A4067** – The Council had held a discussion with Centregreat, who had supplied and installed solar powered SID's to local authorities. The Council was waiting for information in writing from Centregreat. The advantage of solar powered devices was mobility allowing them to be moved between locations. The Chairman, County Councillor and Clerk are scheduled to meet Jo Lancey at Penycae on the 25<sup>th</sup> June to discuss existing connection points at Penycae and the use of solar powered units.  
**Parking on Pavements** – The Council raised concerns that pavements were being obstructed by parked cars restricting the use of the pavement by pedestrians. Coelbren and Penycae were identified as problem areas. PC Simon Beaton advised he would monitor the situation during regular patrol plan visits in the Community.
4. **Finance**
  - a) **Income/Expenditure Report** – The income/expenditure report for the year end at 31 March, had been circulated. The Clerk summarised the report. The Council approved the report.
  - b) **Budget Report** – The budget report for the year end at 31<sup>st</sup> March, had been circulated. The Clerk summarised the budget lines. The Council approved the report.
  - c) **April Payment Register** – The April payment register had been circulated. The Council approved the payment register.
5. **Planning**  
**Maes y Crug, Penwyllt** – Single storey extension and fenestration alterations to provide extended kitchen and dining, ground floor bathroom and utility at ground floor. Roof slates to be replaced and rooflight added.  
The Council considered the proposal and agreed to offer no comments.  
**12 Station Road, Coelbren** – PCC have approved the proposals.
6. **Car Parking Caehopkin** – The Councillors at Caehopkin were currently consulting the local residents. An update will be presented to the next meeting. The Council agreed the costs of the proposals would need to be established before any decision could be made. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries with a suitable contractor to establish likely costs of construction.
7. **Christmas Lights Coelbren** – The Chairman advised the outcome of the site meeting with Centregreat at Coelbren on 31<sup>st</sup> March. The illuminations required metal posts. There were no metal posts in Coelbren. Alternative options were discussed including illuminating the

front of the Welfare Hall and a village Christmas tree. Centregreat will provide cost details for the alternative solutions.

**8. Footpath/Playgrounds –**

**Cefnbyrle Playground** - The Clerk advised that contractors will be on site next week to repair the safety surface on the junior tower which was raised in the RoSPA report.

**9. Correspondence**

**a) Defibrillators** – The Welsh Ambulance Service had been in communication with the Council. The Welsh Ambulance Service advised the defibrillator at Coelbren Welfare Hall was not registered on the circuit and had no guardian registered. The Councillors for the Coelbren Ward will consult with the hall committee to ensure the unit is registered on the circuit, the unit is checked immediately and regular checks set up.

**10. Annual Report** – The annual report was approved. The report will be published on the Council website tomorrow Friday 22 April. Copies will be placed in the Council noticeboard. A message will also be published on the Council Facebook page.

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

**Cycle Path** – The signage on the cycle path is to be reviewed to reflect the limited use of vehicles on the cyclepath.

**Drainage Henrhyd Bridge** – New drainage pipes are to be installed at the bridge to alleviate the risk of flooding.

**Grithig Lane, Penwyllt Road** – Following a recent event, where a large vehicle got into difficulties in the lane, Jo Lancey of PCC will undertake a review of the Lane to establish if signage is required to prevent access to heavy vehicles.

**Dog Fouling Signs** – He had available a limited number of dog fouling signs for display in the Community.

**12. Minutes** – The minutes of the previous meeting of the Council on 24<sup>th</sup> March were signed as a true record.

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

**14. Any Urgent Matters** – No items raised.

**15. Date of Next Meeting** – The Council AGM and next ordinary meeting will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The Council has resolved, previously, to hold the meeting at Coelbren Welfare Hall.