

## CYNGOR CYMUNED TAWE UCHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024

**Present:** Councillors Stephen Davies (Chairman), Arlene Jones, Sandra Howard, Auriol Graham, Geoff Wood, Susan Pyart, Huw Williams, Via ZOOM Sandra Clayton and Monique Craine

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. He referred to the passing of Robert Jones of Coelbren, who had previously served as a Community Councillor. He also referred to the passing of Silwyn Williams father in law of Councillor Gail Hopkins-Williams. He extended the condolences of the Council to both families. The Council observed a moments silence.

1. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Councillors Alun Thomas, Ann Watkins and County Councillor David Thomas.
2. **Declaration of Interest** – None declared.
3. **Police Matters** – The Police did not attend. PC Luke Shackley e mailed a report to the Council on Police activity in the Community.  
The Council noted there had been some minor problems in Coelbren where a wheelie bin at the Hall had been overturned and some youths had been shining powerful torches into houses on Cefnbyrle Road. Both matters had been reported to the Police.
4. **Finance**
  - a) **Income/Expenditure** – The income/expenditure report for February had been circulated. The Clerk summarised the report. The Council approved the report.
  - b) **Budget Report** – The budget report to the end of February had been circulated. The Clerk summarised the report. The Council approved the report.
  - c) **March Payment Register** – The March payment register was approved.
5. **Planning**
  - a) **Consent** – Proposed double storey rear extension at Gwenffrwd Penycae.
  - b) **Consent** – Rreserved matters Land adjacent to Coelbren School
6. **Footpath/Playgrounds**
  - a) **Footpaths Paths to Prosperity** – No further communication has been received from the Rambler's. The members who attended the event in Coelbren had received communication inviting comments and suggestions for walks in the Coelbren area.
  - b) **Playgrounds** – The continuing wet weather had delayed playground inspections.
  - c) **Report of Site Meeting with PAT** – The Council approved the report of the site meeting with PAT. A copy of the report will be circulated to PAT. The Council approved the use of the playground by PAT for the Penycae Carnival on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024. PAT would provide PL Insurance to cover the event. The Council will provide written confirmation to PAT, to use the Playground at Penycae for the annual carnival.
7. **Correspondence**
  - a) **Audit Notice 2024** – Audit Wales have provided information for Toawn and Community Council audits for the 2023/2024, financial year. The Clerk presented the timetable to the Council to arrange the internal audit and for the Council to approve the annual return. The audit notice had to be published by the 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.
  - b) **Sustainable Powys** – Following confusion surrounding the withdrawal of the original invitation from Sustainable Powys and the Council's subsequent apologies for not attending the event, Sustainable Powys had advised the meeting will be recorded and will be available to playback in your own time. Further the event was the start of the conversation with Town and Community Councils.

- c) **Insurance Renewal 2024/2025** – The Clerk advised of correspondence with the Council’s insurers conducting a thorough review of the Council’s policy. Questions had arisen on the items and value on the asset register. The questions were being addressed.
- d) **Speed Indicator Device** – The Council had enquired on the activation range of the SID as the 20mph speed limits had been installed since the SID had been installed. TWM Traffic advised the capture range is 27 mph to 45mph. The settings can be changed to whatever the Council required. Software can be provided to allow the Council to change the settings. The Clerk would make a further enquiry to TWM Traffic to establish if there would be a charge should TWM Traffic be asked to make the changes.
- e) **Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Annual Report 2024** – In accordance with section 147 of the LG (Wales) Measure 2011 the IRPW have published the annual report for Wales. There were no changes to the allowance for Town and Community Councils. The Council approved the report.
- f) **Defibrillator Pads** – Replacement defibrillator pads had been obtained free of charge from Save a life Cymru Community Co-ordinator at NHS Wales Cardiac Network. The pads have been allocated to the defibrillators at Caehopkin and Ynyswen.
- 8. **Vacancy Ynyswen/Penrycae Ward** – No interest expressed.
- 9. **County Council Update** – No update provided.
- 10. **Draft Annual Report** – The draft annual report was circulated. A correction was noted for Ysgol Dyffryn y Glowyr. The report will be corrected. The report will be approved at the next meeting of the Council and published following the meeting.
- 11. **Minutes** – The minutes of the previous meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February were signed as a true record.
- 12. **Matters Arising**
  - a) **Bench at Cefnbyrle** – The members for Coelbren will speak to residents on Cefnbyrle Road to seek local opinion on the provision of a bench.
  - b) **National Trust Car Park Coelbren** – No response has been received from the NT.
- 13. **Any Urgent Business**
- 14. **Date of Next Meeting Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.**