

CYNGOR CYMUNED TAWE UCHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 18th April, 2024

Present; Councillors Stephen Davies (Chairman), Arlene Jones, Sandra Howard, Auriol Graham, Geoff Wood, Susan Pyart, Huw Williams, Gail Hopkins-Williams, Monique Craine, County Councillor David Thomas.

In attendance; PCSO Rahimi

No observers in attendance

1. **Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Ann Watkins, Sandra Clayton and Alun Thomas.**
2. **Declaration of interest** – None declared
3. **Police Matters** – PCSO Rahimi reported concerns of vandalism to the former Coelbren School. Children were accessing the roof of the school and removing slates. The owner of the site was being contacted to secure the site.
In response to a question PCSO advised any suspicious approaches or vehicles should be reported immediately to the Police.
The Police were asked to monitor vehicle parking on the A4067 at Craig y Nos.
4. **Finance**
 - a) **Income/Expenditure Report March 2024** – The report had been circulated. The Clerk summarised the report. The Council approved the report.
 - b) **Budget Report March 2024** – The report had been circulated. The Clerk summarised the report. The Council approved the report.
 - c) **Budget 2024/2025** – The approved budget for 2024/2025 was circulated. The unused reserves from the previous year was approximately £12,124.83 and would be included in the budget as a contingency.
 - d) **To approve the April Payment Register** – The Council approved the April payment register.
5. **Planning**
 - a) **National Grid** – National Grid are making an application to Welsh Ministers for permission to undertake work on common land near Onllwyn Washery.
 - b) **Planning Decision** – BBNP have granted permission for the change of use to a coffee shop and first floor bed and breakfast at Tawe Car Sales.
6. **Footpath/Playgrounds** – No playground inspection had been possible due to the continuing wet weather.
Footpath – In reply to a question no response has been received from Onllwyn Community Council to improve the Bog path in their community.
7. **Correspondence**
 - a) **Sustainable Powys** – Sustainable Powys have circulated a video of the webinar held on 21st March. Members were asked to view the video.
 - b) **National Trust Car Park** – National Trust have responded to the Council. Following multiple discussions around possible solutions the NT wouldn't be able to fulfil the additional ask to obtain the necessary permissions. They did not charge for parking at Coelbren/Henrhyd and therefore did not have a reserve of funds to undertake the work. NT are considering leaving the temporary overflow car park in place but closed to public access for a while longer to assess the situation as the tourist season unfolds. NT will wait until the summer is over before committing to removing the infrastructure. The Council noted the response.

- c) **Speed Indicator Device** – TWM traffic have advised the Council the cost to re-programme the SID to incorporate both 20mph and 30mph limits would be £550.00. The Council agreed to relocate the SID from Penycae to Craig y Nos.
8. **County Council Update** – County Councillor David Thomas provided the following update.
- Henrhyd Car Park** – The temporary car park at Henrhyd has been refused planning consent because of highway safety concerns. His understanding was that BBNPA planning department had issued an enforcement notice regarding activities near the old car park but no update was available.
- Pot Holes** – There was a national crises on pot hole repairs. Significant finance was involved in making repairs to pot holes. Powys County Council was doing all it could to try and meet demand for repairs.
- Landslip A4067** – The A4067 remained closed. Contractors were working to stabilise the bank to prevent further landslides. It was hoped the road could be reopened to single lane operation shortly.
- Sustainable Powys** – He referred to the video circulated by PCC. The video represented the start of a conversation with Community and Town Councils. He asked Councillors to try and view the video.
9. **To approve the Annual Report 2023/2024** – The Council approved the annual report for 2023/2024. The report will be published to the Council website and a link will be provided from the Council Facebook page.
10. **Co-option of Community Councillor** – Electoral Services at Powys have advised the Council to continue with the co-option process.
11. **Minutes** – The minutes of the previous meeting on 21st March were signed as a true record.
12. **Matters Arising – Minute 12a Bench at Cefnbyrle** – Councillors had spoken to residents at Cefnbyrle. The residents were not in favour. One resident cared for the verge opposite his property. The Council accepted the views of the local residents.
13. **Any Urgent Business – Storage for VC Equipment and Monitor** – The Council was invited to inspect possible storage space at Coelbren Hall for the VC Equipment. This would avoid transporting the equipment to and from meetings. The Council welcomed the offer and would explore purchasing a lockable storage box for the equipment for security and insurance purposes.
- Cross Border Health Appointments** – The Chairman raised an issue where a person living in the Community, who had attended a clinic at ABMUHB for many years, had been refused further treatment due to her home address being in Powys. County Councillor David Thomas advised he was aware of the issue and had provided advice to the person involved. He advised the Council that any further similar issues arising the person should be advised to contact Powys Teaching Health Board.
14. **Date of Next Meeting and AGM** – The AGM and the May meeting will be held on Thursday 16th May, 2024. The documents for the AGM will be circulated