

## CYNGOR CYMUNED TAWE UCHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Present:** Councillors Susan Pyart, Sandra Howard, Arlene Jones, Huw Williams, Ann Watkins, Sandra Clayton.

**In attendance;** PCSO Rachel Williams.

No observers present

1. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Councillors Stephen Davies, Auriol Graham, Geoff Woods, Monique Craine, Alan Thomas and County Councillor David Thomas.
2. **Declaration of Interest** – None submitted.
3. **Police Reports** – PCSO Rachel Williams provided an update on issues at Coelbren. Patrols continue to monitor the old school following reports of children on the roof. The owners had been contacted to secure the site. Reports of trespass at empty properties on Station Road, Coelbren had been investigated. Reports of persons camping on the far end of the football field had been monitored. The Council advised young persons had been seen drinking in the early hours on Heol Eglwys. The Police will monitor. In response to questions PCSO Rachel Williams patrols will monitor pavement obstruction and vehicles causing obstruction near Craig y Nos. .
4. **Finance**
  - a) **Income/Expenditure Report** – The April report had been circulated. The Clerk summarised. The Council approved the report.
  - b) **Budget Report** – The April report had been circulated. The Clerk summarised. The Council approved the report.
  - c) **May Payment Register** – The amended May payment register was approved.
  - d) **Internal Audit Report and Annual Return** – The report of the Internal Auditor had been circulated. The Council adopted the Internal Audit report for 2023/2024.

**Audit Annual Return** – The Council confirmed the accounting statements and annual Governance Statements in the annual return for 2023/2024. The Chair signed the annual return on behalf of the Council. The audit notice will be published by the 16<sup>th</sup> June. The audit documents will be sent to Audit Wales by the 30<sup>th</sup> June.
5. **Planning** – No consultations received.
6. **Footpath/Playgrounds** – The playgrounds were inspected on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May after a prolonged spell of extremely wet weather. Wet areas still evident at Cefnbyrle playground.

The U bolts supporting the swing chains at all playgrounds will be monitored for corrosion.

**RoSPA Annual Inspection** – The Clerk advised the request for the annual inspection had been submitted to Powys CC.

- a) **Caehopkin Playground Correspondence** – The Council considered the e mail from David Chadwick the Liberal/Democrat Parliamentary Candidate to provide an infant swing at Caehopkin Playground. The Council agreed to explore providing an infant swing at Caehopkin Park.

**Footpaths – Paths to Prosperity** – A brief update was provided. A local walk was recently organised by Rambler's Cymru, attended by the Chairman. The group explored a circular walk starting from Coelbren Welfare Hall via Heol y Gwyddau and returning up the Graig to the Hall. The walk considered several improvements along the way. The Rambler's Cymru were now trying to recruit local volunteers to make the improvements. The volunteers would receive training by Rambler's Cymru before commencing any works.

**Footpaths Craig y Nos** – Reports had been received, from visiting walker's, of obstructions on footpaths at Craig y Nos. The complaints will be referred to BBNP.

## **7. Correspondence**

**Urdd Brecon and Radnor** – The Community Officer for Brecon and Radnor had written to all Community Councils in Brecon and Radnor, to request a donation to support Urdd activities. All donations will be used exclusively to support the Urdd in Brecon and Radnor. The Council agreed to respond advising, the Council's policy on making donations and invite the Urdd to re-apply in December.

8. **County Council Update** – There was no update.

9. **Co-option of Councillor** – The notice had not been published. The notice will be published on the 1<sup>st</sup> June.

10. **Minutes** – The minutes of the previous meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> April were signed as a true record.

## **11. Matters Arising**

**Storage Box** – The Clerk had reviewed secure storage for the VC equipment. However, none of the boxes viewed could store the monitor. One option could be a suitcase with a shell case. He would discuss further with the Chairman.

12. **Any Urgent Business** – No items raised.

13. **Date of Next Meeting** – **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**