

CYNGOR CYMUNED TAWE UCHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th September, 2024

Present: Councillors Susan Pyart, Huw Williams, Gail Hopkins-Williams, Arlene Jones, Sandra Howard, Geoff Woods, Ann Watkins, Sandra Clayton, Marjorie Joplin, Monique Craine,

In the absence of the Chairman Councillor Susan Pyart Chaired the meeting. Councillor Pyart welcomed attendees to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Councillor Stephen Davies, Alun Thomas, County Councillor David Thomas.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None declared
3. **Police Matters** – The Police were unable to attend in person. PCSO Sarah Nash provided a written update. The Coelbren School site has been secured by the owners. Parking issues around Craig y Nos had improved. The Caravan has been moved including the van outside the riding stables.
The Council requested the Police to continue monitoring vehicle parking at Craig y Nos to prevent obstruction on the A4067 and pavements.
A report of drug use on Cycle Track 43 at Caehopkin was also referred.
4. **Finance**
 - a) **Income/Expenditure Report** – The income/expenditure report to the end of August had been circulated. The Clerk summarised the report, highlighting the latest precept income. The Council approved the report.
 - b) **Budget Report** – The Budget report to the end of August had been circulated. The Clerk summarised the report. The Council approved the report.
 - c) **September Payment Register** – The register had been circulated. The Council approved the September payment register.
The Council approved the August payment register. The August payment register had been delegated as approved at the July meeting. (see minute 4d on the 18th July)
 - d) **Council Budget 2024/2025** – The Clerk introduced the initial discussion on the Council budget for 2024/2025, reminding the Council of the stages to prepare the budget for approval at the Council meeting in January 2025, including the precept request to PCC. The Council will review the current budget report and propose amendments if required at the October meeting.
5. **Planning – Powys LDP** – The consultation document had been circulated. The Council discussed the candidate sites. The Council agreed to wait for further details on the proposed candidate sites should they be taken forward. The Council noted that one of the sites near the river at Abercrave might not in Tawe Uchaf. The Clerk will request clarification.
6. **Playgrounds/Footpaths** – The Clerk advised he had not completed playground inspections.
Footpaths – The Clerk will try to establish the reason why the grass around the old coal dram at Caehopkin had not been cut and try to arrange for the mowing to be done.
Cycle Track 43 – The Council expressed concern at a new sign erected on the cycle path at Caehopkin. The sign appeared to allow permitted access to horse riders to

use the cycle path. The Clerk was asked to determine if horse riding was permitted on cycle paths.

7. Correspondence

- a) **Single Transferable Vote Consultation** – The Council considered the matter and agreed to maintain the current system of first past the post.
- b) **Tenovus Support** – The Council agreed to contact Tenovus with a view to arranging a possible visit to the Coffee mornings at Coelbren Welfare Hall. Councillor Sandra Howard agreed to be a contact point.
- c) **SID Maintenance** – TWM Traffic have advised the unit remains under warranty. A site visit is being arranged.
- d) **20mph Press Release** – PCC have released a press release with a summary of responses received on the 20mph review consultation. The data will be analysed against the revised guidance from WG when determining whether a road should have a higher speed limit. Any section of road deemed suitable for change, either back to 30mph or reduced to 20mph, will be shared with T&CC for any further comment.

8. IRPW Payment to Members – The Clerk reminded members to return their option forms completed in full and signed.

9. County Council Update – County Councillor David Thomas provided a written update. He apologised for his absence, which was due to a clash with another meeting. The planning committee has not set a date to consider the application for a children's home at Caehopkin. The two candidate sites in the Powys LDP are going forward for full assessment. Further information will be available when that happens. The forestry road to Ystradfellte remains closed due to a landslip. Powys CC has now sourced capital expenditure for the work and the work is currently out to tender. Comments were made over the temporary road closure of the A4067 at Rheolau. It had caused disruption to business and access to occupations and services at Ystradgynlais due to the disruption to bus routes.

10. Sustainable Powys Presentation – County Councillor David Thomas has advised that the information to make a presentation is not available. Councillor Susan Pyart advised concerns were raised at a recent OVW Area Committee at the absence of any detail from PCC on the Sustainable Powys proposals.

11. Minutes – The minutes of the previous meeting on the 18th July, 2024 were signed as a true record.

12. Matters Arising

Council Laptop Update – The Clerk had met a business adviser, in store, at Curry's in Swansea. Following the meeting the Clerk had provided information on disk space. There is adequate disk space available. Enquiries have been submitted if the existing laptop can be upgraded to the latest windows and office software. Curry's will need to inspect the laptop to determine if an upgrade is possible and include further backup software. The Clerk will take the laptop into the store for further investigation. The Council asked the Clerk to try and deliver options, with costs, to the next meeting.

13. Any Urgent Business – Geopark Boundary – Councillor Arlene Jones provided an update on proposals to extend the Geopark Boundary in a southward direction. The proposal would look to extend the boundary south to include Ystradgynlais and Cwmtwrch and eastwards to include Ystradfellte and Penderyn. The next stages will involve a feasibility study by consultants from UNESCO. Following the study there will be further consultation with Community and Town Councils. There followed a brief discussion with questions on the proposals.

14. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 17th October, 2024