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The monthly meeting of Aberporth Community Council was held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 6:30pm in Blaenannerch Chapel Vestry; the Chairman, Cllr Robin Young, presided. Present Cllr Sue Lewis, Cllr Jackie Brown, Cllr Carys Owens, Cllr Dave Addison, Cllr Aled Thomas, Cllr Gethin Davies, Cllr Zoe Storer, County Councillor Clive Davies and Mrs Vanessa Owens (Clerk)

(2)

Iwan Roberts Project Manager Evermor attended via video link to briefly advise the council that they were due to start work and the relevant road closures were in place; he confirmed that the company has spoken with residents to alleviate any concerns and residents will be able to access their properties. He is prepared to meet with the community council as the development progresses.

- 1. Apologies/Personal matters
  - Ymddiheuriadau/Materion Personol

(3) Apologies were received from Cllr Anne McCreary, Cllr Tristan Jones and Cllr Damon Watmough

- 2. To disclose personal and pecuniary interests in items of business listed below Datgelu diddordeb personol ac ariannol dan eitemau busnes sydd wedi eu rhestru isod
- 3. Confirmation and signing of previous minutes Cadarnhau a llofnodi cofnodion y cyfarfod diwethaf

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Cllr Carys Owens proposed ant the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as correct; this was seconded by Cllr Zoe Storer and a[proved unanimously.

4. Financial business Busnes Ariannol

(5)

Items approved for payment: £144.00 SLCC £4884.00 Ysgol Gynradd Aberporth (Chq previously issued to CCC for cctv but school have paid in full) £397.44 Scribe £2,606.97 Insurance £15.00 MOD 4 x £250 grants to cemetery maintenance Reissue £100 payment to Aberporth Rainbows

Bank balances at 31.01.23	
Current account	£29923.15
Treasures account	£23870.55
Allocated reserves account	£44941.22

5. Reports

#### Addroddiadau

# Clerks Report/Adroddiad y Clerc

(6)

Parcllyn: Clerk had received an email from John Jones (MOD) that a ministerial submission has been approved and is to be forwarded to the Ministers office for endorsement. Once the endorsement is received the 2 month critchel down notices can be served; a 3 month period must then lapse before the sale can be completed. Cllr Zoe Storer enquired about a S106 agreement being placed on the social club site planning application which apparently requires the developers to make a cash payment to the community council to be used for the purchase of the sports field; she enquired about the terms of any such agreement. Cllr Clive Davies agreed to make relevant enquiries.

Cllr Zoe Storer reported that the sports field is now back open. Cllr Gethin Davies noted that there are a lot – this raised an issue with emptying bins and it was agreed that the community council need to consider options.

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Councillor Training: Training dates from One Voice Wales provided.

The Clerk noted that she had not received any completed councillor training plans.

Provided Councillors with copy of Adjudication Panel for Wales Sanction Guidance received from Ceredigion County Council.

(8)

Completed consultation response on behalf of the council to the County Council draft Local Well-being Plan 2023-2028

(9)

Completed One Voice Wales Defibrillator Census

(10)

Correspondence received from Canolfan Blaenporth regarding installation of zoom conferencing equipment. Response provided to Secretary Mrs Angela Rees confirming costings and also advising that the equipment in Blaenannerch chapel belongs to the community council and has not been given to the chapel. Cllr Aled Thomas advised that Canolfan Blaenporth want to set up a similar conferencing system at the church.

# County Councillor Report/Adroddiad y Cynghorwr y Sir

(11)

Cllr Gethin Davies reported that the barriers have been removed from the beach; they been there since the summer and he has arranged with Ceredigion County Council to have them collected. The glass bins at the rear of the village hall have been moved to allow access to collection lorries.

There has been a water leak by the Ship which has been repaired twice; although it has been covered over there are concerns that this is still leaking.

FLAG is coming to an end; local communities have benefited enormously from funding.

County Councillors have attended community parenting information session; it is very important to provide fostering opportunities in Ceredigion.

Erw Las lighting issues have been reported

Footpath sign on coastal path at Parcllyn is missing; has requested it to be replaced.

(12)

Cllr Jackie Brown asked if the community council could complain to Dwr Cymru and noted it has been very disruptive having to close the road. Cllr Robin Young suggested contacting Richard Williams at Dwr Cymru. Clerk to email him.

Cllr Jackie Brown asked the county council members what is happening with streetlighting issues; one example is the light in Parc y Delyn which has not worked since 2019; Dwr Cymru had accidently knocked down the pole and it has not been reinstated. Cllr Zoe Storer advised she has also reported lights out and nothing has been done. The Clerk advised the meeting that with local authority's reduced budget the community will see cuts in this type of service; streetlighting has previously been managed by the community council which had its own streetlighting committee and budget. Cllr Robin Young thought it might be a good idea to reintroduce. Cllr Clive Davies informed that Cardigan TC are still doing this.

Cllr Dave Addison will speak with Simon Bray at Ceredigion County Council streetlighting services. The clerk suggested contacting Ceredigion County Council to make a freedom of information request on service level agreement for Aberporth ward.

(13)

Cllr Clive Davies provided a written report which had been circulated. Appendix

Are looking at how management of second homes and letting accommodation can be controlled through the planning system, council tax etc. Welsh Government are looking at legislation and ways of combating the issue. Emergency work has been completed at Ysgol Gynradd Aberporth.

The issues of water contamination in Ceredigion need to be addressed immediately; the NRW short term goals are 2 years. The SAC coastal report may impact and create restrictions on coastal water; could have a huge impact of up to 90% of Ceredigion land. In the case of Teifi it is not off fields it is welsh water treatment works and they are not planning on doing anything until 2025. NRW looking at more natural solutions; but it is going to take years. Has attended meetings with local businesses regarding grants.

Advised that through County Scrutiny the county have redone the pricing for using council land, much cheaper to get a licence to use the beaches.

Ceredigion are inviting representatives to join the Cynnal Y Cardi Economic Regeneration Partnership, an application form has been sent out to local councils inviting them to become members and nominate a main and alternate representative. Cllr Aled Thomas proposed that Cllr Sue Lewis and Cllr Zoe Storer be nominated; this was seconded by Cllr Carys Owens and approved.

Penparc are creating a No cold calling zone; Cllr Davies suggested this may be something to introduce in this area County Council Budget – proposal 7.3% on council tax; 5.8% is for schools. 1.3% going to fire brigade. This year had £8.1 from Welsh Government but only £3.1 next year; so some money is having to be put to one side to adjust for next year.

Have secured Welsh Government £100K contribution to works at Cardigan guild hall project

# Chairmans Report/Adroddiad y Cadeirydd

Written report circulated - appendix

Date\_\_

# Committee Representative Reports/Adroddiadau Cynrychioliadol y Pwyllgor

Planning/Cynllunio (15) A230037 - Rose Cottage, Aberporth, Cardigan. SA43 2DU No comments

# Finance/Cyllido

#### (16)

Grant application form is now available on community council website and has been sent out electronically to previous applicants; it was agreed to consider applications in the March meeting.

The clerk advised on S137 restrictions and how the council can manage grants and the benefit rules. She noted the Community Enhancement and Social Wellbeing responses to the County Wellbeing Consultation and its observations for a need to support families/young people accessing after school activities

The Finance committee will meet on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm to consider the end of financial year position.

#### Footpaths & Maintenance/Llwybrau Troed a Chynnal a Chadw

(17)

Cllr Dave Addison informed the meeting that the new noticeboards have been received; need to agree locations. Cllr Zoe Storer requested that the Parcllyn board be located in front of the play area. The hedge in Dyffryn garden is to be removed and it was suggested that a flower planter be located underneath the new noticeboard. Clerk to contact Barcud about the Blaenannech board.

Cllr Addison is to assess the benches and organise work.

Cllr Jackie Brown to order plants for the flower beds.

(18)

Cllr Robin Young provided a written report on Local Access Forum meeting.

#### (19)

Minutes of recent meeting, the biodiversity report and plan were approved. Clerk had received a request from Rachel Carter at One Voice Wales to provide a copy of the biodiversity report. Clerk suggested that the Council appoint a member to have responsibility for biodiversity and act as a representative on groups such as pethau bychain/take responsibility.

# Procedures Review Committee/Pwyllgor Adoygu Trefn

(20)

Clerk provided a draft of new Business Plan and advised that it needs to be cross referenced to community engagement outcomes; biodiversity plan and annual budget. Priorities and timescales need to be agreed. The welsh language and welsh heritage have to be integrated. The Clerk noted to the Council that this cannot simply be a document that is reviewed annually, it needs the Councillors to contribute to the content of the plan and invest in the outcomes; it is important and needs to be a working document with achievable targets.

(21)

A draft of meeting protocols to assist in running of hybrid meetings was provided by the Clerk for approval. Cllr Zoe Storer proposed that this be accepted; this was seconded by Cllr Carys Owens and approved unanimously. It was agreed that the Council needs to consider a different webcam, speaker bar and better microphone system.

# Community Enhancement and Social Wellbeing/ Gwella Cymunedol a Lles Cymdeithasol

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Minutes of the committee meeting were provided and approved.

(23)

Wales Ministerial Review of Play

https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/inline-documents/2023-02/Ministerial%20Review%20of%20Play%20FINAL%20REPORT.pdf

Copy of Ceredigion Playground booklet received.

The review of the playgrounds has been received. Cllr Zoe Storer advised she has been considering play options for Parcllyn

(24)

King Charles Coronation dates have now been provided. A proposal at the recent maintenance committee meeting regarding the biodiversity plan is to hold the Big Lunch and promote the community bee friendly award. Clerk advised that UK plans for the coronation include Coronation Big Lunch and Lighting up the nation (this is light projections, lasers, drone displays and illuminations rather than lighting beacons) is to be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> and The Big Help Out (promoting Festival of volunteering and being organised by The Together Coalition) will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

Cllr Sue Lewis felt that with the current cost of living issues she would not want to see public money being spent on light displays and proposed a better use of money to support local voluntary organisations. This was agreed in principle by the Council.

The committee will meet on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm

Signed\_\_\_\_\_ Minutes Ref:39 Date\_\_\_

## Tidy Towns/Trefi Taclus

(25)

The recent maintenance meeting committed this group to assist in supporting the biodiversity plan to move forward. It was agreed to ask for people interested in being involved to contact the council.

# Outside Bodies Representative Reports/Adroddiadau Cynrychioliadol Cyrff Allanol (26)

Cllr Sue Lewis had attended Ysgol Gynradd Aberporth Governors meeting earlier in the day; she reported that none of the works promised have been completed. There is a schedule of works for the school including major works to the side and there will be meeting on site in March and work will be done in over summer. She has been advised that Aberporth school will be priority for next round of funding and there is a commitment to retain the school in its current location and invest in the infrastructure to provide a safe and suitable facility in the community. She felt very positive about the future of the school and grateful for the support.

### 6. Notified Business

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#### (27)

Councillor Robin Young and Cllr Anne McCreary had met with representatives of Evermor regarding the development in New Road. They had an opportunity to discuss the development stages and raise concerns about the road closures. Cllr Robin Young reported that it had been a useful meeting and was good to have an established line of communication with the developers.

The Clerk had received a number of correspondences providing name suggestions for the development: Hirdraeth; Y Geulan; Caeau Croes Tafarn. The Councillors agreed to put Y Geulan forward as a recommendation to the developers.

(28)

Email received from Ceredigion County Council advising that due to financial restraints and budget cuts the street cleaning services will be restricted to the emptying of on street litter bins and that it will be necessary for town and community councils to meet their own street cleaning priorities. The correspondence does state that the county is willing to support in providing some equipment and is able to remove collected waste. They wish to engage with the community council on any proposals.

Cllr Dave Addison asked would the County Council be spraying weeds? Cllr Gethin Davies advised that Aberporth is not included on the county schedule. The Clerk asked that the Community Council commit to keeping the villages tidy and take on responsibility for arranging necessary work; with county council budget cuts it is a fact that work previously undertaken will now not be done. Cllr Addison agreed and suggested that the community council identify areas and potentially organise a volunteer group.

(29)

Concerns had been raised about the implications of the road closures on the bus service. The Clerk had contacted Richards Bros who had met with Ceredigion County Council and a new temporary bus timetable had been produced. The Clerk had made it available on the website and onto Facebook.

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Correspondence received from Deborah Kieboom who is interested in forming a steering committee to consider achieving welcome to walkers status for Aberporth and Tresaith. She is requesting support from the community council to move this idea forward. Recommendation: nominate a member of the community council onto the steering committee; a request has also been made to Penbryn Community Council. The community council agreed to support the initiative.

7. Correspondence/Gohectbiaeth

(31)

Email: Kooth update Cenarth Boardwalk user survey Ceredigion Crime and Disorder Strategic Assessment 2023 Information received from CYFLE CYMMRU an OUT OF WORK SERVICE for age 16+ From CCC Adjudication Panel for Wales Sanction Guidance Guidance for Special Event Rolling or Static Road Closures. OVW: National Forest Woodland Liaison Officers Ministerial Review of Play Report Consultation on the Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill Learning from the Great Tide CHC/Llais

Date\_\_\_\_

Technical Advice Note (TAN) 15: Development, flooding and coastal erosion - further amendments Utility Aid - Energy Broker for the Not for Profit Sector Vacancy Llanfair Clydogau and Cellan Community Council Carbon Literacy Training Vacancy – Assistant commercial property lawyer– Welsh Government BSc (Hons) Real Estate course- University of South Wales Historic Environment and Climate Change Adaptation Activity Survey for 2022 WISERD Annual Conference 2023 – Call for Papers Ombudsman new appointments to governance roles Setting up and running allotments - West Wales GD ownership land at bottom of Brynglas; Correspondence was noted

8. Review Diary Adolygu Dyddiadur

(32) Community grants End of year financial position.

9. Date of next meeting Dyddiad y Cyfarfod Nesaf
(33)
Date of next meeting is Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 6:30pm

(34) There being no further business the meeting was closed 20.46pm.

Signed\_\_\_\_\_ Minutes Ref:41 \_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_