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The monthly meeting of Aberporth Community Council was held on Tuesday 10th June 2025 at 6.30pm in Blaenannerch Chapel; the Chair, Cllr Sue Lewis, presided.

Present: Cllr Robin Young, Cllr Gary Morss, Cllr Aled Thomas, Cllr Carys Owens, Cllr Zoe Storer, Cllr Gethin Davies, Cllr Dave Addison; County Cllr Clive Davies, Mrs Vanessa Owens (Clerk)

Attending via hybrid meeting link:

Cllr Anne McCreary

1. Apologies/Personal matters
Ymddiheuriadau/Materion Personol

(2)

Apologies were received from Cllr Jackie Brown, Cllr Damon Watmough, and Cllr Tristan Jones
Cllr Sue Lewis reported that she had been to see Cllr Brown who is recovering slowly and on good form; she had delivered a card from Forever Young group.

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

(3)

Cllr Gary Morss proposed that the minutes of the Annual meeting were accepted as a correct record; this was seconded by Cllr Robin Young and approved unanimously.

Cllr Carys Owens proposed that the minutes of the May meeting be accepted as a correct record; this was seconded by Cllr Zoe Storer and approved unanimously.

Cllr Robin Young proposed that the minutes of the Extraordinary May meeting to approve the annual return were accepted as a correct record; this was seconded by Cllr Zoe Storer and approved unanimously.

4. Financial business
Busnes Ariannol

(4)

Items approved for payment

£705.00 TTS

£53.98 Clerk – purchases from Amazon

£576.00 S Rapphel

£1671.43 Enviroworx Wales

£78.00 Vision ICT

£42.00 One Voice Wales

£20.00 E Rees – translation

£216.24 EL Jones Printers

£155.00 Zoom

£143.46 huck-nets

£42.90 Newitts

£500 E A Owens

£115 EA Owens

£42.00 One Voice Wales

£50.08 Cardi builders

Bank balances as at 30.05.25

Current account £17565.94

Treasures account £0

Allocated reserves account £21835.45

Cllr Zoe Storer proposed that the financial information be accepted; this was seconded by Cllr Carys Owens and approved unanimously.

5. Reports
Addroddiadau

Clerks Report/Adroddiad y Clerc

Sports Field & Parks

(6)
Successful event was held on the field on 31st May which was supported by Ben Lake MP and the community;

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apologies were received from Elin Jones MS. The weather was against us at time of setting up but brightened into a dry but windy day with lots of young people joining in the activities as well as family rounders. The new consultation survey relating to play and recreation was launched and a number were completed by parents.

(6)
Clerk provided a report detailing options for the Ceredigion play grant; the options were considered and it was felt that the council needed to prioritise accessible play; Cllr Zoe Storer proposed that the council apply to Ceredigion County Council Play grant for installation of a wheelchair roundabout and an access pathway; this was seconded by Cllr Dave Addison and approved unanimously.
ACTION: Clerk to complete application form and obtain relevant quotes.

Toilets:

(7)
Clerk has advised Ceredigion County Council that the community council wish to go ahead and lease both of the toilet buildings but has not received a response. The signed service level agreements have been emailed to property services.

Cllr Gethin Davies advised the council that there were issues with the toilets not being cleaned to a satisfactory standard. He had received a complaint from a resident who had cleaned the urinals and the outside shower area as they were so dirty. It was agreed that the clerk would raise with Ceredigion County Council.

The Clerk asked that the use and condition of the toilets needs to be monitored to establish key times and if cleaning needs to be done more frequently in order to establish any future cleaning contracts that need to be negotiated.

Cllr Gethin Davies raised concerns over potential vandalism over the summer months with the toilets open all night. It was agreed the clerk would contact Property services and request a key to be able to lock both buildings.

ACTION:

Clerk to contact Property Services with concerns on cleaning standards and to request a key for locking the facilities overnight.

(8)
May Newsletter has been issued electronically and hard copies in community locations

(9)
The grant application made to Ceredigion Food Partnership for running a summer holiday breakfast club was successful and have received £2,000. Cllr Sue Lewis noted that flyers would be produced ready for distribution at the school wellbeing event. It was agreed that the Community Enhancement and Social Wellbeing committee will agree arrangements.

(10)
Armed Forces Covenant: Community Council has received confirmation that the covenant has been accepted and complete. A proposal to hold an event on Armed Forces Day (28th June) to promote was discussed: the village hall is booked so Blaenannerch chapel was suggested as an alternative venue; Clerk to make enquiries if the vestry will be available. Need to promote on social media and add to website.

(11)
The community council recent consultation and community engagement award information has been written up as a One Voice Wales case study.

(12)
One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Conference will be held in Bwlth on Wednesday 2nd July.

(13)
Councillor Training:
Clerk has circulated One Voice Wales training dates

(14)
Community bus: Clerk had spoken briefly with Dolen Teifi but had no update to provide.
Cllr Sue Lewis advised the community bus has been booked for the Gwyl Fach.

Cllr Anne McCreary reported to the meeting that whilst talking with the Forever Young group it was clear that residents found it difficult to attend events and activities due to lack of transport. Cllr Gary Morss noted that residents attending the Blaenporth coffee morning had also expressed the same. Councillors felt that it would be beneficial to consider a project to purchase/fund a bus. Clerk to contact the Community Transport Association and look at funding options. Cllr Anne McCreary advised of the excellent country cars service.

(15)
IT update: have ordered a new laptop and printer from Cliand Computers, Cardigan to ensure IT support; need to transfer data etc. Will look at a cloud storage solution.

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(16)
Email correspondence received requesting details on What action, if any, is Aberporth Community Council taking to oppose the UK's arms exports to Israel? Response agreed.

(17)
Ceredigion County Council is looking for people to sit on their Ceredigion Local Access Forum
<https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/resident/coast-countryside/local-access-forum/>

(18)
Ceredigion County Council is running a consultation running on the review of Household Waste Sites :
<https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/resident/news/2025/residents-views-sought-on-changes-to-eredigion-s-household-waste-sites/>

(19)
Clinical Services Plan Consultation
<https://hduhb.nhs.wales/about-us/healthier-mid-and-west-wales/clinical-services-plan-consultation/>
Engagement event: 2pm-7pm, 8 July 2025, The Guildhall, Cardigan SA43 1JL
Online meetings are being held for each county for Town and Community Councillors to attend:
The Town and Community Councils' Event for Ceredigion is planned for Thursday 12 June 2025 at 6:30pm.
If you would like to attend the meeting, please email Hyweldda.Engagement@wales.nhs.uk by Tuesday 10 June, including the name of your Town and Community Council.

(20)
Information received from PCSO Matthew Kieboom regarding speeding concerns: GoSafe are audited and act off of concerns directly from the public which can be reported online:
[Pryderon Cymunedol | Go Safe](#)
[Report Speeding Concerns in your Community | GoSafe](#)

County Councillor Report/Adroddiad y Cynghorwr y Sir

(21)
Written report received from Cllr Clive Davies.
Cllr Clive Davies explained that Cardigan Town Council have been able to access Transforming Towns funding to improve toilet facilities and are hopeful to improve facilities at Chancery Lane. He felt that Aberporth needs to have a place plan to support future projects and commitments such as providing play, bus shelters and toilets as well as having input to the wider planning development in the area; he advised contacting Ceredigion County Council about funding a plan.
Cllr Gethin Davies had attended planning.

Chairmans Report/Adroddiad y Cadeirydd

(22)
Written report received from Cllr Sue Lewis
She had attended the Hywel Dda wellbeing event in the village hall which had been well attended.
She reminded the council of the monthly support provided on the 1st Friday monthly and that councillors should attend; Clerk to promote as a drop in / surgery in the newsletter.

Committee Representative Reports/Adroddiadau Cynrychioliadol y Pwyllgor Planning/Cynllunio

(23)
A250380 - Barry House, Aberporth SA43 2EU
Council requests that any approved changes ensure that the character of the house including its colour is retained.
ACTION: Clerk to respond to planning application.

Finance/Cyllido

(24)

Signed audit forms and relating documents have been sent to Audit Wales.

Footpaths & Maintenance/Llwybrau Troed a Chynnal a Chadw

(25)

Aberporth Village Hall Management Committee in partnership with Ceredigion Nature Partnership requested an area on the lower welfare park is not cut. Cllr Gethin Davies pegged out the area concerned and the community council has confirmed with the village hall that this area will now be under their responsibility to manage. The council contractors have been informed to not cut this area.

(26)

Cllr Carys Owens advised that the Eisteddfod Fundraising Committee will be completing a walk on the poetry trail in September. The footpath trashing will be completed soon and Cllr Tristan Jones has been working with the landowner to clear the fallen trees. It was agreed to contact Ceredigion County Council to request signage to

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show route.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Ceredigion County Council and request discs to show path.

(27)

Cllr Aled Thomas confirmed that the disabled access picnic bench for the lower welfare park has been ordered with Dyfed Simmons.

(28)

Play areas:

Annual Inspection checks due to be completed in June

Rocker has been installed in Parclyn park and the old seat removed; Council expressed its thanks to Cllr Dave Addison & his son.

(29)

Biodiversity:

Community council were not successful at being selected for the One Voice Wales Toolkit Pilot Study

Procedures Review Committee/Pwyllgor Adoygu Trefn

(30)

Clerk advised that One Voice Wales are looking at the model standing orders in line with the new Procurement legislation and the new model Financial regulations.

Community Enhancement and Social Wellbeing/ Gwella Cymunedol a Lles Cymdeithasol

(31)

It was agreed to hold a meeting on Tuesday 17th at 6:30pm.

Beaches/ Traethau

(32)

Clerk had spoken to officer at Ceredigion County Council regarding the high sand levels and impact on the sea wall on Dolwen beach; he will review after the Summer. The Council were not satisfied with this response and requested the clerk contact Estates at Ceredigion County Council.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Ceredigion County Council Estates Department to report concerns about no sea defence on Dolwen beach.

Tidy Towns/Trefi Taclus

(33)

Volunteers going around daily litter picking.

Outside Bodies Representative Reports/Adroddiadau Cynrychioliadol Cyrff Allanol

(34)

Cllr Anne McCreary noted the One Voice Wales Area committee meeting is on the 24th and she will be attending,

(35)

Cllr Carys Owens and Cllr Aled Thomas had both been unable to attend the village hall meeting.

(36)

Cllr Sue Lewis reported that the new head teacher will be starting in September. A meeting had been held concerning Canolfan y Don; the building is now 20 years old and Ceredigion County Council have received funding from Welsh Government to invest in building improvements.

6. Notified Business

Busnes a rag-hysbyswydir

(37)

Emails received with complaints regarding issues of overflowing bins and litter around the beach car parks over the bank holiday weekend. Clerk had contacted Street scene Manager at Ceredigion County Council to discuss options to deal with the issue; she provided a report on partnership working with Ceredigion County Council and Aberporth Village Hall Management Committee. The Village hall management had already considered the report and were in support of sharing costs to employ a local person on a self-employed basis to empty bins in between Ceredigion provision for 10 weeks over the Summer season. A storage facility needs to be provided.

The County Council have also requested the number of bins in Dyffryn Gardens be reduced to one to prevent dumping of household black waste when the new county system of 3 bags is introduced. The Council were in favour of this suggestion.

ACTION: Maintenance committee to arrange removal of the bins.

(38)

Caru Ceredigion Awards: The **Caru'ch Cymuned** award will recognise and celebrate the work of town and village communities across Ceredigion in keeping their community tidy, arranging events and providing services to the people of the area. [Caru'ch Cymuned 2025 - Ceredigion County Council](#)

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It was agreed to submit an 'expression of interest form' by 7 July and this will be followed by a full application by 8 September.

ACTION: Clerk to submit an expression of interest form.

(39)

Ceredigion Bus Stop Infrastructure Improvements - Aberporth

Banc y Dyffryn: [4 B4333 - Google Maps](#)

Aberporth Square: [Ffordd Newydd - Google Maps](#)

Rhiw y Plas Chapel: [Rhiw Y Plas - Google Maps](#)

To proceed, Ceredigion County Council require confirmation from the Community Council that it agrees to take on responsibility for the shelter's ownership, insurance, and ongoing maintenance once the works are complete.

Cllr Gethin Davies requested that the installation at the chapel take into consideration the visibility issues for vehicles leaving the rear of the chapel.

Cllr Carys Owens proposed that the community council agree to the proposal; this was seconded by Cllr Gary Morss and approved unanimously.

ACTION: Clerk to advise Ceredigion County Council are in support of the proposal to install three new shelters which will then become the property of the community council.

Cllr Zoe Storer noted the area behind the shelter opposite the football field is very overgrown and untidy; it was agreed to get it cut back.

ACTION: Clerk to organise with contractor to cut the area at the rear of the bus shelter.

7. Correspondence/Gohectbiaeth

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Email:

4 Llan Press Release

Invitation to participate in a Safeguarding in Wales survey from Ceredigion County Council

Update on Adjudication Panel for Wales matters/ The Public Services Ombudsman Code of Conduct Findings

Ceredigion Cost of Living Bulletin: Support for Older People

Cynnal y Cardi Bulletin

IMPACT - Llais monthly newsletter

One Voice Wales:

Keep Wales Tidy webinar and recording re: garden packages

National Awards Conference Report 2025

SAVE THE DATE: 24th June 2025 10am online event - Feedback on new Wales Deaf Aware eLearning package

Community mentors to work with the Welsh Government to deliver the childcare and play work actions in the Anti-racist Wales Action Plan

Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015: Post-legislative scrutiny – One Voice Wales are preparing a response

Improving the administration and enforcement of Council Tax in Wales
Upcoming Online Events from the Cost of Living Crisis Support Team
Correspondence was noted

8. Review Diary
Adolygu Dyddiadur

9. Date of next meeting
Dyddiad y Cyfarfod Nesaf

(41)

Date of next meeting is 8th July 2025 at 6:30pm.

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There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7:55pm

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