

Ceiriog Uchaf Cyngor Cymuned/Community Council

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

Present Cllrs KL Benning, F.Evans-Swogger, GM Jones, JW Thomas, TR Bates (WCBC), PCSO Dean Sawyer

Apologies – Cllr J Greatorex

Declarations of Interest -----

Minutes of the last meeting found as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr JW Thomas, seconded by Cllr GM Jones

Matters Arising

119 Police Report –

PCSO Dean Sawyer commented on the report 30/5 – 24/6, showing 4 crimes & 2 ASB's. However, since 24/6, there have been 2 burglary other than dwelling, 1 theft (Pontfadog church). A suspect vehicle (white transit type van) has been observed & CCTV has captured registration. This may be 'working' in conjunction with a black VW Golf. Residents are asked to report any suspicious activity to the Police. 4 x 4 activity seems to be much reduced in recent weeks. Is this due to the Police activity or summer months?? It will continue to be monitored.

120 Ambulance Response Times –

Cllr Bates has arranged a Public meeting at The Oliver Jones Memorial Hall, Dolywern at 7pm Thurs 12 July 2018, where 3 directors of the Welsh Ambulance Service will attend. Cllr Benning will be unable to attend but would like to know why Wrexham seem unable to offload patients from ambulances quickly, therefore freeing them for availability, as happens at other hospitals. Cllr Bates reported that the same question had been posed at a recent scrutiny committee meeting & the Betsi Cadwaladr response was 'vague'. Cllr Bates further reported that recent figures showed that Berwyn Prison had made 202 x '999' calls in a period. Apparently, their in-house medical facilities are not available after 5pm or at weekends !! Cllr GM Jones noted that whilst attending A&E, he witnessed a prisoner escorted by 2 wardens 'jump a large queue...' & go straight in for attention. He was urged to give his 'eye witness' account to the meeting. Cllr Benning noted that the Shropshire Health Authority wish to close the A&E dept at either Shrewsbury or Telford & this is due to many years of underfunding training of doctors & nurses, & there were simply not enough staff available. Until 2004 & Blair's reform, GP's were responsible for their patients. They are now working 8-6pm, Monday – Friday & this leads to many patients going directly to A&E.

Defibrillator – No news & this needs to be followed up i.e. contact Welsh Hearts & Jane Claybrook.

### 121 Finance/Bank –

Balance at 3 June	£6318
outstanding cheque	<u>£2010</u>
	<b>£4308</b>
outstanding precept +	<u>£1333</u>
	<b>£5641</b>
payment re public loos -	<u>£500</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5141</b>

In comparison, £5541 was carried forward at the end of the last financial year

Excess of income over expenditure (£400)

### 122 Planning –

\_Notice has been received for an application for listed building consent for conversion of 'Old Bakery' at Hafod Adams, to provide a 2-bedroom dwelling, to include access, track, bridges etc. Obviously, all work will be required to meet building regulation & listed building consents. The Community Council felt it was good to see old buildings being renovated & brought into useful accommodation.

### 123 Roads / Lighting –

Roads - Cllr Bates (WCBC) has been on a 'road trip' with Dave Pugh, pointing out some of the worst roads, particularly from Llanarmon to Cae Hir. Cllr Bates had been hoping to hear from WCBC 'work programme' (from Darren Williams) within the 'next week or so' (May 3). As yet, nothing. Local residents should feel free to contact the Council directly, as the more comments are made, the more likely things are to be rectified. WCBC has an Emergency Number 01978 292055 in the event of emergency works being required.

Lighting – Cllr Evans-Swogger noted that street lights are still on way after dawn. Cllr Bates (WCBC) pointed out that if you go online at WCBC, there is a facility to report individual street light malfunctioning.

Reports from Committee Reps - none

124 A.O.B –

Lorna Mills (Church warden St Garmons) has written to CUCC to open the subject about lighting up the path to the church. This was thought to be a good idea & the clerk will pursue the matter with WCBC to establish cost etc. The Chairman also noted that this was a Health & Safety issue. Recent activity by The Friends of St.Garmon's make it likely that there will be increased use of the church outside Sunday morning worship.

A letter has been received from Ian Roberts, Head of Education, stating that the statutory period of consultation on the Ceiriog Valley Schools Federation ended on 22 May 2018. The Objection Report will be presented to the Executive Board on 7 August 2018 for the determination of the proposal to close Ysgol Pontfadog.

Thank you letter received from Air Ambulance for recent donation of £125.

Cllr Bates (WCBC) reported many recent complaints regarding EasyBus breakdowns. Please feel free to contact him with any concerns/complaints.

Letter received from FCC Environment regarding community liaison meeting at Wrexham Recycling Park.

There will be NO meeting in August, unless one needs to be called.

Meeting closed at 20.50

Next meeting Tuesday Sept 4th 2018