

Ceiriog Uchaf Cyngor Cymuned / Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 9th November 2021

Present – Cllrs J Greateorex (Chair), KL Benning, J.Claybrook, RW Edwards, G.M.Jones, J.W.Thomas, E.Owens, , Cllr TR Bates (WCBC), M Crawshaw, Jayne Martin, D. Berriman, S. Berriman.

Apologies -

Declarations of interest

Minutes of last meeting –

Found to be a correct record following amendment. , Proposed by Cllr JW Thomas seconded by Cllr Benning.

Matters arising –.

Black bin will need to be taken out of the cemetery for emptying. Cllr EM Jones & Cllr J Claybrook will do this alternately, every 2 weeks, starting Nov 22nd.

Monument - 2 stone masons to inspect.

300 Reports

- a) Police / Off-roading – Chris James (Rural Crime Liaison Constable) apologies for not being able to attend.
- b) Councillor Bates (WCBC)

Roads -& Pot holes being dealt with via a formal complaint; Carers – WCBC currently short of 92 carers. This is a National problem & people are stuck in hospital; Covid jabs – difficult for some to get to Wrexham. Endeavouring to organise something in Glyn. The Ceiriog Valley ‘do’ in the Canolfan on 23 Oct was a great success. Warm Wales has conducted visits in the valley. Fuel poverty is a problem. Air source heating as fitted to Council properties is struggling to provide both a warm house & hot water. Remembrance Service Sunday 14th starting 10.45am at the Canolfan. Recent police search for an elderly person missing from home, was not well co-ordinated. Need to look at an Emergency Network, relationship between Police & local Community Councils.

301 Roads & Repairs – FORMAL COMPLAINT

The WCBC reply is an ‘insult’ & did not address any of the points raised. M.Crawshaw enquired ‘ how much is the job on the Cwm Road costing, rather than doing a proper job ? Cllr Benning proposed taking the matter to the Ombudsman. Seconded by Cllr RW EDawrds. The Chair to action.

302 Finance /Bank - - No change since last meeting.

303 A.O.B.

Planning – Letter received from residents of Cloch Dy'r Bont. Apparently Andrew Pughe, Pontymeibion, has applied for planning for an agricultural building opposite their house, on the banks of the river. This is a 'permitted development'. However, the form provided to WCBC contains inaccuracies, stating it will be 400m from the nearest dwelling when it will actually be 30m. Cllr Edwards excluded himself from the matter as a member of his family has been involved in works. Cllr Benning proposed that the clerk contacts the MARRS to inform them that the Community Council is investigating the matter with WCBC. Seconded by J Claybrook.

School transport – Jayne Martin raised the question of school transport to Ysgol Morgan Llwyd in Wrexham. Without provision for school transport for years 12 & 13 by WCBC. The alternative is 3 buses, taking over 2 hours. Welsh Government encourage the Welsh language at A' level but WCBC does not help this happen. English speaking education at Yale would be much easier. The Welsh Language Commission has funding, but it is not to be used for school transport. WCBC has chosen not to fund school transport for over 16's. The families concerned are happy to pay but are excluded from school transport. This is anti-Welsh language. Cllr Bates (WCBC) will take this matter up with lead Councillor on education. Cllr EM Jones to write to Mabon Aled Roberts. Cllr Benning to write to Welsh Govt and to meet with Jayne Martin to investigate the matter further. Well done to Ellis for all he has done raising this matter with the Press & BBC Wales.

Next meeting Tuesday 14th December 7pm