

## Ceiriog Uchaf Cyngor Cymuned / Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Present – Cllrs J Greateorex (Chair), KL Benning, J. Claybrook, RW Edwards, GM Jones, J.W.Thomas, E. Owens, E.W Morris, , Cllr T Bates (WCBC),

Members of the public - Mr & Mrs Berriman, Sam Hutchinson

Apologies -

Declarations of interest – The Chair declared an interest as owner of The Hand Hotel & recused himself in relation to matters regarding The West Arms.

Minutes of last meeting –

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

Matters arising

Planning - the Clerk clarified the position regarding the 'planning application' at Pont Y Meibion.

Cllr GM Jones had not yet received a response re. school transport to Ysgol Morgan Llwyd. Cllr J Claybrook has contacted the Welsh Language Society but has not yet received a response.

308 Reports

- a) Police / Off-roading -- 4x4 & 2-wheel off-roading activity has picked up considerably. PCSO Gareth Jones should be returning to duty shortly.
- b) Cllr Trevor Bates (WCBC) – Cerri Williams has not yet responded re. the inadequate repairs on the Cwm Road, which are already failing. Cllr Morris questioned the importance of resurfacing the road to Springhill vs the shoddy work undertaken on the Cwm Road. The Chair will undertake to write to WCBC This may take some time, as it is an onerous task which must be done in detail. Cllr Bates reported that the WCBC City of Culture bid is providing grants to have a party

309 Roads & Repairs - covered above in Cllr Bates report

310 Finance /Bank –

Balance sheet stood at £3331.

Awaiting response from Radnar re liability to HMRC re Community Agent.

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311 A.O.B.

Payment to The West Arms re. the use of their loos for the general public –

The Clerk has received an email from Mr Williamson, claiming two payments of £500. The Council agreed with Geoff Leigh-Ford (former owner of The West Arms) in 2015, to pay £500 p.a. in order that the public would have access to the outside loos, as WCBC had closed the public loos adjacent to the Centenary Hall. In 2017, upon purchase of The West Arms by the Williamsons, the payments continued. Cllr Benning supplied the Council with a chart showing payments made since then. (attached).

The Council discussed the merits of continuing with the arrangement. It was generally agreed that the facilities were not up to standard. Cllr Owens commented that The West Arms Hotel had been closed for much of the past 2 years & certainly never opened 7 days a week. Cllr Morris noted that the facilities are NOT of the standard of a public convenience. Cllr Benning had heard that The West Arms may be for sale & asked whether any Councillors had any knowledge to that effect. Nothing certain, although rumours was the response. The Council considered that only one payment of £500 was due & it was moved that considering all the factors, the arrangement be ended. Proposed by Cllr Benning & seconded by Cllr Edwards.

Cllr Claybrook was uncertain of the position re the old public loos & the transfer thereof from WCBC to the Centenary Hall. Cllr Claybrook reported that the Father Christmas Run had raised £500 for the Air Ambulance & also reported that the Community Pantry had been a great success over Christmas.

Cllr Benning has made progress regarding the stone masons for the Huw Morris memorial & should be in a position to provide more information at the next meeting..

Meeting ended 19.58

Next meeting Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022