

Ceiriog Uchaf Cyngor Cymuned / Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 8th February 2022

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

Members of the public – Mike Crawshaw, Mr & Mrs Berriman,

Apologies - Cllr J Greatorex,

Declarations of interest –

Minutes of last meeting –

Found to be a correct record. Proposed by Cllr E.Owens, seconded by Cllr JW Thomas.

Matters arising -

Mike Crawshaw asked if the Council knew who was responsible for inspecting works undertaken on the Cwm Road, which was clearly not a satisfactory repair? Cllr Bates responded that he had tried on 3 occasions to arrange a meeting with Kerry Williams, to inspect the problem, but had received no response.

312 Reports

a) Police / Off-roading -- No matters of concern.

b) Cllr Trevor Bates (WCBC) -

Reports of drones being flown over remote farms

Individuals found with jemmies at Cwm y Geifr, suspected to be looking for dogs.

Review of bus services optimistic for a positive result.

Council Tax to be increased by 4% (1% equates to £500,000 for WCBC)

Jean Davies is leading the valley's long Emergency Plans. Cllr Claybrook to attend meetings & report back.

313 Roads & Repairs -

Cllr Greatorex's letter to the Council was circulated (attached). Cllr Benning will liaise with Cllr Greatorex & report back.

314 Finance /Bank –

Balance sheet stood at £2593 on 7th Feb, following a payment of £500 to The West Arms. Cllr Owens observed that Barclays Bank do not charge for banking & as HSBC has introduced charges, clerk to investigate alternative banking arrangement. One Voice Wales may be able to offer assistance.

315 Huw Morris Memorial

A paper was circulated by Cllr Benning (attached). He suggested that we start putting a financial package together, with a view to undertake repairs in June/July. Estimated costs circa £1500. Cllr Benning sought Council approval to proceed with the project. Proposed by Cllr JW Thomas, seconded by Cllr GM Jones.

316 A.O.B.

Cllr Claybrook had attended a meeting of Glyntraian Community Council, who are undertaking environmental work regarding the river, in conjunction with Welsh Dee Trust. Would Ceiriog Uchaf Community Council be interested in becoming involved?

The Community Library will once again be visiting Llanarmon. Start date to be announced.

Jubilee Celebrations – Sunday 13th Feb a working committee will meet in the village hall. Any ideas please contact Cllr Claybrook & also for Easter Bunny arrangements.

B.T. – there is concern that the copper service will be removed by B.T. This would leave only fibre, which requires electricity to function. In the event of a power cut, there would be no service. In our area, there is also no mobile signal & this leaves us vulnerable in the event of an emergency. Cllr Bates has been undertaking research & lobbying on this matter. He has e-mailed Simon Baines M.P. Cllr Benning to undertake further investigations.

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Meeting closed 8pm.

Tuesday 8th March 7pm 2022