**CEIRIOG UCHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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| **COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING****9th JANURY 2024** | **Present:** **Cllr K Benning (Chair),** **Cllr D Berriman****Cllr S Berriman****Cllr A Jones****Cllr G Jones****Cllr E Morris****Cllr F Swogger****County Cllr T Bates****Clerk: Miles Matile** |

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| **1** | **APOLOGIES** | **Cllr J Claybrook****PCSOs Griffiths and Jones** |  |
| **2** | **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS RELATED TO ANY AGENDA ITEM** | **NONE RECORDED** |  |

 **The Council recognised the sudden and recent death of Arwyn Morris with a minute’s silence**.

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| **No** | **AGENDA ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTION** **WHO/WHEN** |
| **3** | **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** **5th December 2023**  | **PROPOSED** : Cllr A Jones**SECONDED**: Cllr D Berriman |  |
| **4** | **MATTERS ARISING**  |  |  |
| **4 (i)** | **POST HUTS/RESTS** | Cllr Swogger confirmed that there are no updates at this point. A further contact is to be made to progress this issue. |  |
| **4 (ii)** | **CEMETERY AND GRAVEYARD UPDATE** | * The Council discussed the planning of a public meeting and approval was given for one to take place later in the year.
* The Clerk informed the Council that one firm of Undertakers had been digging several graves without notifying the Council. A letter had been sent.
 | Working Group to meet and advise accordingly. |
| **4 (iii)** | **NATIONAL PARK UPDATE** | * No further update. The Council has been informed that National Resources Wales intend to publish specific details in 2024 leading to full public consultations.
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| **4 (iv)** | **COMMUNITY AGENT** | * The Chair informed the Council that a meeting was being convened on the 11th January with the Chair and Clerk of Glyn Ceiriog CC to review the operation of the Community Agent scheme in Ceiriog Uchaf. There is also a Wrexham-wide meeting of ‘employing Councils’ with relevant Officers of the Council on the 16th January. Cllr Bates believed that WCBC had funding for Agents until 2025.
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| **5** | **REPORTS** |  |  |
| **5 (i)** | **NORTH WALES POLICE** | * Gareth and Martin have sent a crime statistics report for the valley in advance of this meeting which has been circulated
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| **5 (ii)**  | **WREXHAM CBC** | * Cllr Bates provided statistics for the Council. The Precept will be based on 160 houses.
* The WCBC Local Development Plan has been approved. There are 547 new houses in the City which have had outline planning permission.
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| **5(iii)** | **OFF-ROADING** | * No update.
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| **6** | **FINANCES** |  |  |
| **6 (i)** | **UNITY TRUST BANK TRANSFER** | * The Chair and Clerk will book an appointment with HSBC.
 | **CHAIR and CLERK** to attend HSBC |
| **6 (ii)** | **PAYMENTS IN DECEMBER AND BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS** | * The Clerk provided details of payments made in December 2023.

**Expenditure** Vision ICT -Web-site £ 182.86Bank Charge £ 5.80 **All approved** * The Clerk confirmed that with 3 months to go until the end of the financial year we are **on or under** budget. The budget for 23/24 was set at £6340.
* WCBC have paid the final Precept instalment.
* Balance is £9322.83 which includes carry-forward from 2022/2023 of £4589.74. Within the Council’s reserves there is £3000 ring-fenced for election expenses in 2025.
* The Clerk confirmed that he was attempting to renegotiate the contract with Vision ICT as it included payments for work that was not being completed by them.

**Invoices that are still pending:**Donation for audit work - £250Printing of Centenary leaflets - £155Audit Wales- £259. (The Clerk confirmed that Audit Wales has still not replied to several requests for clarification of this invoice.) |  |
| **6 (iii)** | **PRECEPT** | The Clerk confirmed that he had written to WCBC about our approved Precept for 2024/2025 and this had been accepted. |  |
| **6 (iv)** | **REMUNERATION TO COUNCILLORS** | The Clerk requested that all Councillors confirm their intention to claim or decline the Allowance as legally required by the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011. Forms are available from the Clerk. Councillors are allowed to claim £156 + £52 for consumables. | Cllrs to return forms by 31/03/2024 |
| **6 (v)** | **AUDIT WALES UPDATE** | The Clerk informed the Council that there is still no feedback from the audit of the 2022/2023 accounts. There has been a further e-mail from Audit Wales duplicating previous requests. |  |
| **7** | **PLANNING ISSUES** |  |  |
| **7 (i)** | **Pont y Meibion****CAS 01942****CAS 02269** | Further to the Council’s letter of the 4th November 2022 relating to an Appeal and supporting the decision of Wrexham CBC’s initial decision; the environmental changes as instructed have not been completed. A site visit has been undertaken and there has been communication with Wrexham CBC. The Community Council was informed that WCBC are initiating enforcement procedures.  | The Clerk to write to outline the Community Council’s support in this matter. |
| **7 (ii)** | **Amended Plans****Old Mill Welsh Shop****P/2022/0910** | The Council considered the amended plans for the proposed conversion of a Listed building to a holiday let. The Community Council originally objected on the 17/01/2023. A full discussion took place, and the Council unanimously approved its continuing objection to the plans. | The Clerk to write to WCBC objecting to the amendments. |
| **8** | **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** |  |  |
|  | **8 (i)** | Cllr Bates confirmed that there were no further updates on the Pandy plantation development. There have been multiple objections and these have been referred to WCBC. |  |
|  | **8 (ii)** | The Council discussed the increased use of logging vehicles going through the village. |  |
| **9** | **NEXT MEETING** | **TUESDAY 6th FEBRUARY at 7.00** |  |