**CEIRIOG UCHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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| **COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING****13th June 2023** | **Present:** **Cllr Benning (Chair),** **Cllr D Berriman****Cllr S Berriman,** **Cllr Claybrook****Cllr Evans Swogger****Cllr A Jones****Cllr G Jones****Cllr Morris****County Cllr Bates** **Clerk: Miles Matile**. |

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| **1** | **APOLOGIES****WELCOME** | **NONE****Cllr Benning welcomed Cllr Aled Jones who was co-opted to the Council on the 23rd May 2023.****A Declaration of Acceptance had been received and witnessed.** |  |
| **2** | **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS RELATED TO ANY AGENDA ITEM** | **NONE RECORDED** |  |

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| **No** | **AGENDA ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTION** **WHO/WHEN** |
| **3** | **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** **9th May 2023**  | **APPROVED** **PROPOSED** : Cllr EVANS SWOGGER**SECONDED**: Cllr DAVE BERRIMAN |  |
| **4** | **MATTERS ARISING** **9TH May 2023** |  |  |
| **4 (i)** | **CENTENARY** | * Cllr D Berriman and the Clerk informed the Council that there was now a clear programme of events covering several months and being held in several locations along the Valley:
* 17/09/2023 St Garmon’s -a Church/ Chapel -Welsh-focused Service with music. Planning Meeting 27/07/2023
* Exhibition in the Memorial Institute
* Hafren Dyfrdwy to undertake a public presentation
* Art Exhibition and Welsh Culture event Oliver Jones Hall
* Guided Walks .
 | **CLLR BERRIMAN AND CLERK** to continue to update the Council |
| **4 (ii)** | **MOBILE SIGNAL UPDATE** | The Clerk confirmed that he and Cllr Bates had been in contact with the planning consultant. An email from the 5th June indicated that ‘extension and preparatory work had been completed’ and the site was to be made available to operators (Vodafone and Hutchinson initially), to install their equipment. Completion date for this is uncertain. | **CLERK** to maintain periodic contact with the planning consultant. |
| **4 (iii)** | **COMMUNITY AGENT** | The Clerk informed the Council that there had been a further meeting with Wrexham CBC and the Clerk of Glyn Ceiriog was waiting for payment from Wrexham CBC to cover the additional day for this Council.Cllr Bates and the Clerk had been party to a meeting with WCBC who confirmed that they will back-date payment for all additional days to the 1/4/2023. | CLERK to advise |
| **4 (iv)** | **GRAVEYARD AND CEMETERY UPDATE** | * The Clerk confirmed that he had visited Wrexham Archives and reviewed all relevant minutes related to the handover period 1995/1996 conducted by Clwyd and Wrexham Borough Councils. There is no mention of ownership of either land. The Clerk will examine Glyndwr DC minutes at Ruthin Archives.
* A request has been made to purchase and site bench as a memorial. Given the uncertainties of ownership of the Cemetery an alternative option was proposed which will be discussed.
 | **Clerk** to update the Council.**Clerk to** discuss with the applicant. |
| **5** | **REPORTS** |  |  |
| **5 (i)** | **NORTH WALES POLICE** | No representative. A generic report for the Valley has since been received. |  |
| **5 (ii)**  | **WREXHAM CBC** | Cllr Bates:* GLASS v WCBC remains listed for the 13/09/2023 for a full Hearing at Wrexham County Court.
* Details were given of the recent attempt to establish a Temporary Restriction Order. This was removed due to procedural issues and there is now a consultation process underway to re-establish this. Residents are encouraged to respond to a public consultation by Wrexham CBC by the 30/06/2023
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| **5(iii)** | **OFF-ROADING** | Cllr D Berriman confirmed that he continued to receive information from relevant associations to advise the Council’s approach to off-roading. |  |
| **6** | **LICENCING OF SHOOTS** |  |  |
|  |  | The Council discussed the proposal from **Senedd Cymru** that all shoots would need to be Licenced by **National Resources Wales**. The Council wanted to continue to support all those involved with this activity. * It remains essential for the local economy.
* It is responsibly and humanely managed.
* It enhances conservation.
* It allows professionals to proactively manage the local environment.
* It is active in the re-population of certain species of birds, flora and fauna.

**Proposal**: The Clerk should complete the NRW consultation representing the views of the Council in its opposition to Licencing**FOR**: 8**AGAINST**: 0  | **Clerk** to complete NRW consultation by the 19/06/2023. |
| **7** | **COUNCIL PRIORITIES 2023/24** |  |  |
|  |  | The Chair and Clerk confirmed that they would wish the Council to draw up a list of priorities for 2023/2024: After discussion the following would form the focus of Council work:* **Cemetery and Closed Graveyard** -ownership.
* **CCTV** review technology and options for upgrading.
* **Centenary** – continued representation of Council in 2023.
* **Community Agent**- development of role for Ceiriog Uchaf.
* **Governance –** publish revised Standing Orders; develop a programme for policy review and prepare for a full audit.
* **Licencing of Shoots**: On-going monitoring and up-dates.
* **Mobile Telephone**: Completion and availability of other telephone providers.
* **NRW** – public meeting 2024?
* **Off-Roading**: Continued support to reduce the impact of this activity
* **Village – Enhancement Programme** for Llanarmon and Tregeiriog
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| **8**  | **FINANCES** | * The Clerk provided the Council with a list of payments since the last meeting.
* The Clerk also circulated an ‘*expenditure against budget’* sheet for **Month 2.**
* The Council’s Insurance was renewed at £490.25
* The Clerk issued the balance of accounts up to 12/06/2023 **£5,819.49**
* Accounts for 2022/23 were now with the Auditor following approval at the Annual Meeting.
* Formal transfer from HSBC to Unity Trust Bank is now underway.
* The Council will have a full audit this year.
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| **9** | **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** |  |  |
|  |  | * Cllr Evans Swogger reminded that the Council was waiting on advice from WCBC conservation services about the Mile Stone.
* A new sign for the Cemetery about the contact details for the Clerk will be ordered.
 | **Clerk** to contact WCBC |
| **10** | **NEXT MEETINGS** |  |  |
|  | **4TH JULY 2023 @ 7.00** | COUNCIL MEETING |  |