**CEIRIOG UCHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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| **COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  **5th MARCH 2024** | **Present:**  **Cllr K Benning (Chair),**  **Cllr D Berriman**  **Cllr J Claybrook**  **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 S Berriman** |  |
| **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**  **6th February 2024** | **PROPOSED** : Cllr Swogger  **SECONDED**: Cllr Claybrook |  |
| **4** | **MATTERS ARISING** |  |  |
| **4 (i)** | **POST HUTS/RESTS** | Cllr Swogger had previously circulated an update and together with Cllr Claybrook had visited the site and concluded that despite its historical interest, the post hut was beyond repair. It was recommended that the Council does not proceed to take any responsibility for it.  Cllr Swogger will collate a historical record of it. |  |
| **4 (ii)** | **NATIONAL PARK UPDATE** | The Council has been informed that National Resources Wales held a TEAMS update for Community Councillors on the **22/02/2024** which was attended by 2 Councillors from Ceiriog Uchaf.  Cllr Berriman confirmed that National Resources Wales had appointed a consultancy firm to begin to advise on the fine-tuning of boundaries leading to further presentations later this year. |  |
| **4 (iii)** | **PLANNING ISSUES** | Confirmation that Enforcement Proceedings will be heard at Wrexham Magistrates Court on the 22/03/2024 regarding Pont y Meibion. |  |
| **4 (iv)** | **COUNCILLOR-GOVERNOR VACANCY** | Following further discussions, the Council nominated Cllr Aled Jones as the Council’s representative on the School’s Federation Governing Body . | CLERK to inform Wrexham CBC |
| **5** | **REPORTS** |  |  |
| **5 (i)** | **NORTH WALES POLICE** | * Cllr Bates confirmed that there had been a successful information day at Dolywern involving key essential services. The Council would like to explore the possibility of this being repeated in our two Wards. | Clerk to contact PCSOs Martin an dGareth |
| **5 (ii)** | **WREXHAM CBC** | * Cllr Bates gave an overview of Wrexham CBC budget for 2024/2025 given the increasing financial pressures from both a demand side (social care, education, roads) and the financial supply side. More details as they become available. * An environmental firm providing heat pumps and solar panels is going door to door and saying that they are working in partnership with Wrexham CBC. This is not the case and Cllr Bates has posted a warning on Facebook |  |
| **5(iii)** | **OFF-ROADING** | Cllr Berriman confirmed that he was still collecting photographic evidence of the state of the lanes. |  |
| **6** | **FINANCES** |  |  |
| **6 (i)** | **UNITY TRUST BANK TRANSFER** | * The Chair and Clerk’s meeting on the 8TH February was cancelled due to adverse weather and a further one is booked for March | **CHAIR and CLERK** to attend HSBC |
| **6 (ii)** | **PAYMENTS IN FEBRUARY 2024 AND BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS** | * The Clerk provided details of payments made in February 2024.   **Expenditure**  Bank Charge £ 5.00  Cemetery **h**edge cutting £ 108.00  **Approved**   * Balance is **£9,204.83** which includes the carry-forward from 2022/2023 of £4589.74. Within that carry-forward was £1,000, ring-fenced for election expenses. It is anticipated that this year’s carry-over will rise to a minimum of £6,000 (which will include £2,000 for election expenses) *subject to any significant invoice from Audit Wales for the current audit*. * The Clerk confirmed he was still waiting for a refund from Vision ICT and this has been progressed again.   **Invoices that are still pending:**  Donation for audit work - £250  Printing of Centenary leaflets - £155  Audit Wales- £259 (for 2021/2022). |  |
| **6 (iii)** | **REMUNERATION TO COUNCILLORS** | The Clerk further 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. | Cllrs to return forms by 31/03/2024 |
| **6 (iv)** | **VILLAGE HALL DONATION** | Cllr Claybrook notified Council of a proposed fund-raising event on the 8/06/2024 and queried if s137 regulations would permit a donation.  The event does meet the criteria and it was proposed that £100 be donated.  Proposed Cllr Berriman  Seconded Cllr Swogger  For 2  Abstains 4  Carried |  |
| **6 (v)** | **AUDIT WALES UPDATE** | * The Clerk informed the Council that there is still no feedback from the audit of the 2022/2023 accounts by Audit Wales. Based upon the experience of other Councils the potential invoice represents a significant financial risk for CCUC |  |
| **6 (vi)** | **CLARIFICATION TO OCTOBER 2023 MINUTES 7(i)** | * The Chair had received a request that a clarification be made to this Minute – that the transfer process from HSBC to Unity Bank was not waiting for the former Clerk, but for the Council to notify HSBC. The Council noted this amendment |  |
| **7** | **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** |  |  |
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| **8** | **NEXT MEETING** | **TUESDAY 9th APRIL at 7.00** |  |