**CEIRIOG UCHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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| **COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  **8th APRIL 2025** | **Present:**  **Cllr F Swogger (Chair),**  **Cllr D Berriman**  **Cllr S Berriman**  **Cllr J Claybrook**  **Cllr A Jones**  **Cllr G Jones**  **Christina Brewin Community Agent**  **Clerk: Miles Matile** |

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| **1** | **APOLOGIES** | **Cllr K Benning**  **Cllr E Morris**  **Cllr T Bates**  **Gareth Jones: North Wales Police** |  |
| **2** | **MIKE CRAWSHAW** | The Council observed a minute’s silence for former Councillor Mike Crawshaw |  |
| **3** | **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS RELATED TO ANY AGENDA ITEM** | **Nil** |  |

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| **No** | **AGENDA ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTION**  **WHO/WHEN** |
| **4** | **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**  **4th MARCH 2025** | **PROPOSED** : Cllr A Jones  **SECONDED**: Cllr G Jones  **Approved** |  |
| **5** | **MATTERS ARISING** |  |  |
| **5 (i)** | **CARAVAN AT PONT Y MEBION** | The Clerk had confirmed that he had been in contact with WCBC and had received a reply to say that the Planning Department was aware of the on-going concerns and were monitoring in the context of the Enforcement Notice. The Clerk had also been contact with the home-owners. |  |
| **5 (ii)** | **HIGHWAY WASTE** | The Clerk confirmed that he had been in contact with WCBC about the wates believed to be caused by waste disposal operatives in their collections. He had not received a response. Councillors noted that further waste, cardboard, had been noted |  |
| **6** | **REPORTS** |  |  |
| **6 (I)** | **COMMUNITY AGENT REPORT** | * The Council was pleased to receive a report from Christina Brewin and her work in this role over the past 2 months. There is clearly a significant need for her interventions. A separate report is attached. * Noted but not mentioned that funding for a parallel organisation ‘Community Catalysts’ has been withdrawn by WCBC. |  |
| **6 (II)** | **NORTH WALES POLICE** | * Apologies have been sent and a report received and circulated of crime incidents in March 2025. Councillors noted the reporting of 4x4 incidents which are increasing with the better weather. |  |
| **6 (iii)** | **WREXHAM CBC** | * Apologies have been received from Trevor Bates and the Council wished him well in his recovery. |  |
| **6(iv)** | **ROADS AND OFF-ROADING** | * The Council had been asked to nominate 2 roads which highlight local concerns related to pot holes. The Council agreed the roads to Llanrhaeadr and Maengynedd should receive special mention |  |
| **6 (v)** | **GRAVEYARD AND CEMETERY SUB-COMMITTEE** | Cllr Swogger reported:   * Thanks to Cllr G Jones for clearing the pathway in preparation for the funeral of Mike Crawshaw. * There is a developing plan for tidying and upkeep. * Given the recent damage to a memorial, low level fencing is being considered for the area marking cremations. |  |
| **7** | **FINANCES** |  |  |
| **7 (i)** | **PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL IN APRIL 2025 AND BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS** | * **PAYMENTS FOR APRIL 2025** * Bank Charges **£6.00**. * Environmental Grant 25/26/01 **£142.59** payable to Cllr D Berriman for bench repairs as previously approved * One Voice Wales **£75** Annual subscription * Hedge cutting **£114 to** Lewis Edwards   **Approved** |  |
| **7 (ii)** | **2024/2025 Year-End Accounts** | The Clerk presented a provisional *Annual Governance and Accounting Return* which will require internal auditing and then formal Council approval in June; Highlights:   * The original plan to build a small financial buffer for work in the graveyard/cemetery has been achieved. * Most areas of expenditure are within budget with the exception of Audit Wales (250%+ over budget) and De-fibs due to new pads. * We have received £220 in interest * We have **£11,586** in combined accounts, £4,000 is reserved for potential election costs in 2027. There is a set-aside of £500 for a new cemetery bench. * 2025/2026 will be subject to a full audit. |  |
| **8** | **MATTERS - OTHER** | * The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Adam Salomson to thank him for his on-going maintenance of the de-fibs |  |
| **9** | **NEXT MEETING** | **The date of the next meetings will be:**  **TUESDAY 13th MAY @ 7.00**   * **Proposed joint Annual Meeting followed by formal Council Meeting unless advised to the contrary.** * **The Annual Meeting will include election of Chair and Vice-Chair.** |  |