

Ceiriog Uchaf Cyngor Cymuned/Community Council

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 4th September 2018

Present Cllrs J Greatorex (Chair), F.Evans-Swogger, RW Edwards, GM Jones, E Owens, JW Thomas, ,

Apologies – Cllrs KL Benning, E.W.Morris, T.R.Bates (WCBC)

Declarations of Interest -----

Minutes of the last meeting found as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr F Evans-Swogger, seconded by Cllr JW Thomas

Matters Arising

125 Police Report –

Report received by e-mail from PCSO Martin Griffiths regarding Glyn ward stats. = ASB x 2, Theft x 1 heating oil, criminal damage x 1 gate & fence, assaults x 3. No off-road related calls.

Residents need to be aware of cold callers offering poor standard of work on guttering & drives. Cllr Evans-Swogger also reported cold callers ringing regarding HSBC account. One individual has had a significant amount taken from their account.

126 Ambulance response times/ Defibrillator -

Cllr KL Benning & Cllr Bates (WCBC) both attended the meeting with the Ambulance Service at Llanfairfechan. Unfortunately, neither were present to give a report. However, Cllr Bates informed the clerk by e-mail that the Ambulance Service are planning to visit the valley at 2pm on Friday 5th October. We would be happy to host in Llanarmon D.C., particularly following the recent experience of delays, although the Welsh Air Ambulance & North East Search & Rescue were excellent once deployed.

Cllr Benning proposed by e-mail that we should go 'all out' to obtain funding for 2 defibrillators ; one in Llanarmon DC & one in Tregeiriog. He is happy to undertake research & lobbying. The clerk reported that the defib. box has gone missing from The West Arms hotel & no one seems able to shed light on where it has gone. Cllr GM Jones expressed his dismay that this could happen when the Community Council had spent approx. £450 on the item. Jane Claybrook has informed the clerk that Welsh Hearts could supply a new (slightly damaged) box below the normal price of £460. It was agreed that once an acceptable amount was established, the council should go ahead with this & install it on the Centenary Hall. The West Arms has already donated to the cost the £500 due to it for access to public loos. However, feedback from the ambulance visit would seem to suggest that we also need first responders. Ambulance response times will not be speedy & we need to look after ourselves

Cllr Evans-Swogger noted that she had been a first responder but they had received minimal support & training plus the lack of mobile signal also made their job difficult. Cllr E Owens reported that his experience in dealing with the Ambulance call centre had been less than satisfactory. A petition to the Welsh Assembly for better mobile coverage has been launched by Mike Rutt & Cllr TR Bates (WCBC) following recent events. Cllr E Owens noted that on the top of Cae Clwyd, where the existing emergency mast is, there were all the necessary facilities (power etc) to install a new telephone mast.

127 Finance/Bank –

Balance as at 3rd August £5,859.91. Outstanding cheques £385, leaving a total balance of £5,474.91

128 Planning - None

128 Road & Lighting –

Road from Glyn to Llanarmon has now been dressed & a good job it is too!

Further problems on the Cwm Road ie. Potholes etc.

130 Reports from Committee Reps -

One Voice Wales

Wrexham & Flintshire Area Committee – Tues 18 Sept Gwersyllt Community Centre

A.G.M. Sat. 29 Sept. @ Royal Welsh Show Ground

131 A.O.B

Cllr GM Jones noted that the hedge inside the churchyard is in need of attention, particularly around Teddy William's grave. Clerk to liaise with Hywyl Edwards to get it cut.

Cllr K Benning was investigating lighting on the footpath in the churchyard. Ben Barnes to provide quote ?

Concern was expressed regarding wildfires on the mountain. Natural Resources Wales have not undertaken any controlled burning for many years. What is their view now ??? Clerk to write to Arfon Hughes NRW.

There will be a meeting of the 4 councils, in Chirk, on Wednesday 10th October at 7pm.

Meeting closed 8.26 pm

Next meeting Tuesday 2nd October 2018