**CEIRIOG UCHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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| **COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING****1st JULY 2025** | **Present:** **Cllr F Swogger (Chair),** **Cllr K Benning (Vice-Chair)****Cllr D Berriman****Cllr S Berriman****Cllr J Claybrook****Cllr A Jones****Cllr G Jones****Cllr E Morris****County Councillor Bates****PCSO Gareth Jones****Clerk: Miles Matile** |

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| **1** | **APOLOGIES** | **Nil** |  |
| **2** | **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS RELATED TO ANY AGENDA ITEM** | **Cllr J Claybrook 9 (iii)** |  |

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| **No** | **AGENDA ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTION** **WHO/WHEN** |
| **3** | **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** **3rd JUNE 2025**  | **PROPOSED** : Cllr E Morris**SECONDED**: Cllr G Jones**Approved** |  |
| **4** | **MATTERS ARISING**  |  |  |
| **4 (i)** | **3 COUNCILS’ MEETING** | The Clerk advised that due to difficulties in agreeing a July date – the recommended next meeting is now confirmed as the **3rd September**.Nicola Edmunds will talk about her work with bird protection and ringing. | Clerk notified the other Community Councils on. |
| **4 (ii)** | **SCOTTISH POWER MEETING** | The Clerk confirmed that there was no update at this stage.Cllr Claybrook and Clerk to try and arrange a meeting | Cllr Claybrook |
| **4 (iii)** | **FIRST RESPONDERS** | * The Clerk confirmed that the Welsh Ambulance Service will be present at the Valley Show on the 30th August to promote the re-starting of First Responders and First Community Responders.
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| **4 (iv)** | **ENERGY PARK** | No further updates |  |
| **5** | **REPORTS** |  |  |
| **5 (i)** | **NORTH WALES POLICE** | * PCSO Jones attended and presented a report of crime incidents in June2025 which represented a quieter month.
* With sadness the Council received the news of PCSO Jones’s retirement in September 2025. We have been so grateful for his service to the Ceiriog Valley over the past 8 years and he will be greatly missed. He is hoping to attend the Ceiriog Show on the 30/08/2025.
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| **5 (ii)**  | **WREXHAM CBC** | Cllr Bates reported on the following items from WCBC:* WCBC own 11,000 house , 80 of which are in the Valley. There are 13,300 street lamps and offer 1944 car parking spaces.
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| **5 (iii)** | **ROADS AND OFF-ROADING** | * Cllr D Berriman reported that the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Outdoor Recreation and Access to Nature is seeking ideas for new legislation. GLEAM intends to respond.
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| **5 (iv)** | **GRAVEYARD AND CEMETERY SUB-COMMITTEE** | Cllr Swogger reported:* Since the last Council meeting a working group of 7/8 volunteers has met on a number of occasions and started to clear, chip, develop pathways and clear mounds of earth.
* The working party is engaging with local neighbours to get their views on the work to date.
* The Chair confirmed that she had been contacted by a resident who was concerned about the impact of storm water damage to graves in the cemetery. The Council approved a letter to be sent to WCBC on the resident’s behalf.
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| **6** | **NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD 2025 UPDATE** | The Clerk circulated an update from Carys Davies National Fundraising Coordinator. Thanks to the Council for its recent donation. |  |
| **7** | **INTERNATIONAL SHEEP DOG TRIALS** | Cllr A Jones updated the Council as to arrangements for the International Trials and the potential impact of the current blue-tongue epidemic. |  |
| **8** | **‘ENERGISED COMMUNITIES PROJECT’** | Cllr Claybrook confirmed that she had met with Mark Ellis from the Energised Communities Project to look at ideas for future grant-funding. More information in due course.  |  |
| **9** | **FINANCES** |  |  |
| **9 (i)** | **PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL IN JULY 2025**  | * **PAYMENTS FOR JULY 2025**
* Bank Charges **£6.00**.

**Approved** |  |
| **9 (ii)** | **BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS TO 30/06/2025** | * **Current Account £ 731.68**
* **Savings Account £12,725.06**
* **TOTAL £13,456.74**

**The total is inclusive of election costs £5.000 .** |  |
| **9 (iii)** | **ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT APPLICATIONS** | * Cllr Claybrook presented a request for money for plants and environmental improvements of £122.96 for Tregeiriog. APPROVED
* Cllr Claybrook presented a request for assistance with funding for the repair of the fencing around the Village Hall. Total cost will be about £599. Cllr Claybrook left the Council to all for discussion.

Given that the Hall offers a resource to the whole community and in considering Hall’s current bank funds, the Council approved the request in part. Cllr Claybrook to return to Council when work has been completed and Council will consider any short-fall in getting the work completed. Cllrs were able to advise on ways of significantly reducing the cost of the project. |  |
| **10** | **AVIAN FLU** | An outbreak of Avian Flu has been reported within the past 3 weeks leading to a devasting impact for local employers, staff and the birds. A discussion was held about the learning points from the outbreak and how agencies had responded.* Until well into the outbreak no agency had made proactive contact with the local Council or residents.
* The media was the main source of information including a BBC news item on the 28th June.
* Local residents were eventually contacted by post with information which was reported as confusing and in part difficult to understand.
* Agencies had not informed North Wales Police of their intended actions.
* There was a significant delay in placing restrictions around the affected area and the closure of footpaths.
* As a result of the delay in closing footpaths and poor information, walkers had come into contact with dead birds and dogs had been walked off the lead.
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| **11** | **MATTERS - OTHER** | * Thanks to Cllrs D Berriman, Swogger and John Swogger for the recent bench repairs funded by the Council.
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| **12** | **NEXT MEETING** | **The date of the next meetings will be:** **5th AUGUST** **at 7.00pm** |  |