**CEIRIOG UCHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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| **COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING****4th MARCH 2025** | **Present:** **Cllr K Benning (Chair),** **Cllr D Berriman****Cllr J Claybrook****Cllr A Jones****Cllr G Jones****Cllr Swogger****County Councillor Bates****Clerk: Miles Matile** |

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| **1** | **APOLOGIES** | **Cllr S Berriman****Christina Brewin: Community Agent****Gareth Jones: North Wales Police** |  |
| **2** | **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS RELATED TO ANY AGENDA ITEM** | **Nil** |  |

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| **No** | **AGENDA ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTION** **WHO/WHEN** |
| **3** | **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** **4th FEBRUARY 2025**  | **PROPOSED** : Cllr A Jones**SECONDED**: Cllr G Jones**Approved** |  |
| **4** | **MATTERS ARISING**  |  |  |
| **4(i)** | **PLANNING APPLICATION** | * The Clerk confirmed that he had written to WCBC Planning with the Council’s resolution. He has also written to the Obbards to thank them for the courtesy of their attendance.
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| **4 (ii)** | **CARAVAN AT PONT Y MEBION** | Cllr Benning confirmed that he had made contact with the owners of the adjoining property to the caravan and that there were outstanding concerns. | **Clerk** to make contact with the owners to gain further information |
| **5** | **REPORTS** |  |  |
| **5 (I)** | **COMMUNITY AGENT REPORT** | * Apologies sent by Christina Brewin due to a training event. Information on her activities during January /February/March will be addressed when she attends in April.
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| **5 (II)** | **NORTH WALES POLICE** | * Apologies have been sent and a report received and circulated of crime incidents in February 2025. The Council noted several specific offences which give rise for concern.
* P.C.S.O Martin Griffith remains off duty due to illness.
* The Clerk has been in contact with the Inspector for Rural Policing and will encourage his attendance at our Council or the Valley Councils’ meeting.
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| **5 (iii)**  | **WREXHAM CBC** |  County Cllr Bates reported on the following:* There is no further development with NRW and the obstructions in the Ceiriog.
* Potholes. Further contact has taken place with Mark Pritchard from WCBC.
* The development of digital technology to assist emergency services was discussed. WCBC are using waste disposal lorries fitted with antennae to map the level of connectivity around the Borough.
* It was noted that O2 is now providing a limited connection to the local signal masts
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| **5(iv)** | **ROADS AND OFF-ROADING** | * Noted that WCBC has issued a TRO in Glyntraian to restrict motorcycles.
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| **5 (v)** | **COUNCILLOR-GOVERNOR’S REPORT** | Cllr A Jones reported on the following:* The Headteacher went to Canada to investigate how French and English was being taught and how this could be transferred to our experience of teaching Welsh and English.
* Roll numbers are steady.
* Nett budgets are reducing.
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| **5 (vi)** | **GRAVEYARD AND CEMETERY SUB-COMMITTEE** | Cllr Swogger reported:* Now that Spring is arriving, there is going to be a general tidy of the graveyard.
* A possible graveyard plan is being developed to allow for easier identification of locations of family graves.
* Given the growing partnership between the Council and the Church it is recommended that guidelines be developed to promote health and safety for visitors.
 | **Cllr Swogger/Anne Wride and Clerk** to meet. |
| **6** | **FINANCES** |  |  |
| **6 (i)** | **PAYMENTS IN FEBRUARY 2025 AND BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS**  | * **PAYMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2025**

Bank Charges £ 6.00. Room Hire £210.00Councillor remuneration has been paidRefund from web-site host of £152Invoice from website host for £186.75**APPROVED****•** The Clerk circulated financial information up to the 28/02/2025.  **Current Account £ 1.629.83** **Savings Account £ 11.174.83****TOTAL BALANCE** **£12.784.66 (**This incorporates £4.000 for 2027 election costs).* The Clerk proposed that half of his honorarium will be set aside for the donation of a bench for the cemetery and to have an inscription to mark the names of Councillors between 2022-2027.
* £250 of his honorarium will be used for professional training fees.

**APPROVED**  |  |
| **6 (ii)** | **AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2024/2025** | * The Clerk confirmed that our Auditor will get all paperwork completed to allow for submission to Audit Wales by 30/06/2025.
* The Council wanted to confirm its appreciation for the work that the Internal Auditor has undertaken over the years.
* The Clerk confirmed that an invoice for the 2023/2024 audit was outstanding from Audit Wales.
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| **6 (iii)** | **ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS** | * Cllr D Berriman has now obtained a revised quotation of £190 + VAT for the restoration of the bench. The Council originally approved a payment of £100 and accepted that there were additional costs.

**Approved** |  |
| **6 (iv)** | **FUNDING REQUEST**  | * The Clerk has previously circulated a request for funding from the National Eisteddfod Fund-raising Panel. It was proposed that £150 should be donated.
* **Approved**
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| **7** | **MATTERS - OTHER** | * **Emergency Power Box**. It is recognised that the number of power cuts are increasing and that this is leading to vulnerability for some of our residents. Several options were considered including an emergency box with a heat source and food. The possibility of a generator for the village hall. Discussions with Scottish Power to look at alternatives.
* **Rubbish and Waste Collection**. Cllr A Jones collected 25 items of rubbish within 400 yards along the B4500. Concerns that this may be from WCBC waste lorries and, or, out of recycling bins.
* **Ceiriog at Tyntwll :** Cllr Benning informed Council that Robin Edwards had contacted to inform that supports placed in the Ceiriog at his famer had eroded or moved causing environmental issues.
 | **Clerk and Cllr Claybrook** to progress these discussions.**Clerk** to contact WCBC Waste Department.**Clerk** to contact WCBC Environmental Services |
| **8** | **NEXT MEETING** | **The date of the next meetings will be:****TUESDAY 8th APRIL @ 7.00*** **2024/2025 Annual Accounting Return**
* **Consider Date of Annual Meeting**
* **Attendance of Community Agent**
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