

Minutes of Meeting Date: 6/09/2022 7.30pm

Ceiriog Uchaf Community Council		Present: Cllr Benning (Chair), Cllr D. Berriman, Cllr S. Berriman, Cllr. Biddulph, Cllr. Claybrook, Cllr Evans Swogger (acting clerk) County Cllr Bates, Cllr Morris, Cllr Jones, Mr Miles Matile.
Agenda	Discussion	Action required – who/when?
1. Apologies	Apologies from Stephen Latham-White	Presentation by Mr Latham-White to be rescheduled by Chair.
2. Declaration of Interest	None.	
3. Minutes of Last Meeting	<p>i. Proposed correct by Cllr Benning, seconded Cllr D Berriman. Agreed unanimously.</p> <p>ii. Matters Arising</p> <p>1. Digital telephony survey. Cllrs Biddulph and Claybrook are finalising the survey.</p> <p>2. Huw Morus Memorial: still awaiting response.</p> <p>3. B4500 road survey. Cllrs. Evans Swogger and Claybrook's site visit resulted in a 13-point email being sent to WCBC.</p> <p>4. CCTV password has been changed and given to Chair and Cllr Evans Swogger.</p> <p>5. School Transport. Cllrs Claybrook, Evans Swogger and Chair met to discuss. Intention is to contact relevant bodies to highlight and discuss this issue – including Minister for Welsh Language, Chief Exec WCBC etc.</p> <p>6. Clerk vacancy posters.</p> <p>7. Whitegate Cottage. Despite letter from CUCC, no progress has been made or communication received from the property owner.</p>	<p>5. Will wait for more information before sending, pending report from Cllr Claybrook regarding her attendance at Glyntraian CC meeting and feedback from Trevor Bates in this matter, as he was shortly to attend meetings at WCBC.</p> <p>6. Cllr Evans Swogger to remove redundant posters.</p> <p>7. Conservation officer Kathryn Moore at WCBC will now be contacted for input. Cllr Swogger to action.</p>
4. Community Agent presentation by Mr Steve Latham-white	See Apologies	See Apologies
5. Recruitment of Clerk	After a brief introduction and presentation, a unanimous vote resulted in the appointment of Mr Miles	Cllr Evans Swogger and Chair to have a course of meetings with Clerk to ensure a smooth handover.

Cont.	Matile to the position of Clerk to CUCC. Thanks were given to Chair and Cllr Evans Swogger and Cllr Claybrooke for their diligent work.	
6. Reports	Police representative not in attendance, so no reports. C Councillor Trevor Bates reported that large numbers of recent planning applications all over Wrexham County are currently being refused due to concerns regarding phosphate runoff. The recent interest in runoff seems to be a particular concern to WCBC at present. Cllr Bates reports that there has been concern about a spate of quadbike and Landrover thefts, plus fuel thefts from tanks are on the rise. Local residents are informed that the large layby in Pontricket is being used by owner of local woodland to load timber, due to difficulties in accessing main site for loading. This may continue for long periods.	Cllr Bates to report back to clarify WCBC's recent focus on runoff and affects on planning decisions. Cllr Swogger to email Cllr Bates.
7. Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Precept planning was discussed and agreement was reached that it is a complex issue with many contingencies to plan for. Examples included 100 year anniversary marking for thwarting of Valley flooding proposal in 2023, and possible aid payments made to eg. Village Hall for high winter fuel bill. ii. Operation London Bridge discussed. iii. Proposed change of bank discussed. iiii. Audit overdue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cllrs need some time to think about budget headings and details of new precept plan. Chair suggested November/December as starting date. ii. CUCC website to be appropriately and temporarily changed to reflect this. iii. This will be delayed slightly until new Clerk has completed handover. iiii. Cllr Evans Swogger to contact Mr Brian Pratt to request he complete our internal audit.
8. Councillor photo and contact details	Discussion concluded that website would include name, phone number and email address of each councillor except those who do not	Cllr Evans Swogger to update website.

Continued	have email. Website to make clear that all councillors are contactable through the Clerk. No photographs or home addresses of the councillors will be on the website.	
9. Roads	See Matters Arising.	Cllr Bates to be sent copy of report by Cllr Evans Swogger.
10. Phone Box	Local resident raised issue of red phone box being in need of repainting. As it is a listed structure, more information is needed. Suggestion raised that much more information is needed regarding liability, insurance, constraints imposed by listed building/conservation area status, if purchase of phone box is even to be considered. Repainting of second red phone box, in Pentre should also be considered.	Cllr Evans Swogger to liaise with new Clerk.
11. A O B	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Threat of reduction of Air Ambulance station in Welshpool 2. Large rocks in Pontricket layby. These are reported to have been placed there by Dwr Cymru as storage of materials for their ongoing river project. There is very little information regarding this project and discussion highlighted how little was known. It would be a good opportunity for Dwr Cymru to engage in public outreach. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllrs reminded of existence of petition and encouraged to consider signing. 2. Cllr Evans Swogger to contact to get more information regarding project, timetable and feed back to CUCC.
12. Date next meeting	Tuesday 4 th October 2022	