**CEIRIOG UCHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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| **COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING****5th NOVEMBER 2024** | **Present:** **Cllr K Benning (Chair),** **Cllr D Berriman****Cllr J Claybrook****Cllr E Morris****Cllr A Jones****Cllr G Jones****County Councillor Bates****Clerk Miles Matile** |

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| **1** | **APOLOGIES** | **Cllr S Berriman****Cllr Swogger****Christina Brewin****PCSOs**  |  |
| **2** | **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS RELATED TO ANY AGENDA ITEM** | **Cllr D Berriman See 6 (iv) Grant 4** |  |

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| **No** | **AGENDA ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTION** **WHO/WHEN** |
| **3** | **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** **1ST OCTOBER 2024**  | **PROPOSED** : **Cllr G Jones**  **SECONDED**: **Cllr E Morris****Approved** |  |
| **4** | **MATTERS ARISING**  |  |  |
| **4 (i)** | **NATIONAL PARK UPDATE** | * A full discussion related to recent consultation events took place. This included the public meeting in Llanrhaeadr.
* The Council approved a motion that we should convene a public meeting to ensure that we accurately reflect local opinion prior to the Council’s vote.
* Representations to National Resources Wales must be made by the 16th December 2024. Two possible dates for the public meeting were proposed: 26th November or the 3rd December.
 | Clerk to make arrangements |
| **4 (ii)** | **THREE COUNCILS’ MEETING.** | * The Clerk has been in contact with Glyntraian to confirm a date and this is awaited.
* The Clerk confirmed that he has made contact with the ‘Community Catalyst’ organiser and she will attend the meeting in January.
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| **4 (iii)** | **WALES IN BLOOM** | * Cllr Claybrook attended a recent meeting and confirmed that preparations will be made for entry into the 2026 competition. Cllr Claybrook has agreed to represent the Council in future meetings.
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| **4 (iv)** | **WEST ARMAS FENCING** | * The Clerk referred to the request in May that he approach the owners of the West Arms regarding the eye-sore of the improvised fencing. This achieved no response and in June he contacted WCBC and they recently confirmed that enforcement officers had visited and given the fencing had been removed they were unwilling to take further action.
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| **5** | **REPORTS** |  |  |
| **5 (I)** | **COMMUNITY AGENT** | * Christina was unable to make the meeting of Council but will attend in December.
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| **5 (ii)** | **NORTH WALES POLICE** | * Apologies have been sent and crime information has been circulated in advance of this meeting.
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| **5 (iii)**  | **WREXHAM CBC** | * Cllr Bates confirmed that a legal challenge to the Local Development Plan is being undertaken and a judgement from the Supreme Court is expected shortly.
* No date has been set for a debate about the proposals for a National Park.
* It was acknowledged that delays in payments to contractors has effected local services and there is a real concern for the winter period and road clearance.
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| **5(iv)** | **OFF-ROADING** | * No further updates.
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| **5 (iv)** | **GRAVEYARD AND CEMETERY SUB-COMMITTEE** | * In the absence of Cllr Swogger there is no further update from the Sub-Committee.
* The Chair and Clerk have received an e-mail about potential damage to a headstone in the cemetery as a result of WCBC mowing the area.
 | Clerk to investigate. |
| **6** | **FINANCES** |  |  |
| **6 (i)** | **PAYMENTS IN OCTOBER 2024 AND BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS**  | * The Clerk confirmed that no payments were made during October beyond those discussed and noted in the October Council meeting. Burial Fees for £45.00 have been received from Rowlands on the 16/10/2024 .
* The Council has also received interest of £69.33 on the Savings account.
* A further and final precept payment of £3,333 is expected December 2024.
* The Clerk confirmed that Audit Wales had not responded to his original request for a breakdown of their services with the full audit 2022 -2023 (£663.17). Rather a second request for payment has been made. Council requested that the Clerk write again to Audit Wales for an itemised invoice.
* The Clerk provided written information to the Council which confirmed the following balances:

Current Account £ 918.46Savings Account £ 11,080.86* The Council approved a donation of £27 to Royal British Legion for a wreath.
 | Clerk to write to Audit Wales |
| **6 (ii)** | **PRECEPT PLANNING 2025-2026** | * The Council continued its annual financial review to set the Precept for 2025-2026.
* The Clerk had placed notifications in Glyn News and on the Council Website as to the process and to invite suggestions for spending. No responses have been received.
* The Clerk circulated a proposal for 2025-2026:
* Keep the Precept the same as this year £10,000.
* Continue to build a small contingency for potential future liabilities.
* Build the required fund for potential election expenses in 2026-2027 (£5,000)

The Council approved the proposal for 2025-2026:**Proposed**: Cllr E Morris**Seconded:** Cllr A Jones**Approved: Nem Con** |  |
| **6 (iii)** | **FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 2024+** | * Subject to minor modifications in s5.2 (process) and 6.3 (removal of reference to cheques) the Financial Regulations for 2024+ were approved.

**Proposed**: Cllr A Jones**Seconded**: Cllr E Morris **Approved: Nem Con** |  |
| **6 (iv)** | **APPLICATIONS FOR** **ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS** | **APPLICATION 3** Ysgol Llanarmon requesting £210 for various items – planters, binoculars, saw-horse.**APPLICATION 4:** From Cllr D Berriman for 326.86 for repair of bench on Llanrhaeadr Road  | APPROVEDCllr Berriman asked to cost oak as the wood. |
| **7** | **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** |  |  |
| **7 (i)** | **DYFFRYN TANAT YOUNG FARMERS** | Request for a financial donation in their 90th year. The Council acknowledged that a number of young farmers from Dyffryn Ceiriog are members and the group provided an invaluable service in preparing future farmers.Proposed that £100 be donated:**Proposed Cllr Benning****Seconded Cllr Morris****Approved** | C |
| **8** | **NEXT MEETING** | **The date of the next meeting will be subject arrangements for the public meeting. Either TUESDAY 3RD or 10th DECEMBER 7.00PM** |  |