

Cilymaenllwyd Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 26th March 2024 at Caffi Beca at 7.30pm

Present: Russell Davies (Vice Chair), Anthony Jenner, Dennis Jones, Julian Williams, Rebecca Jaimangl-Jones, Ffion John, Cllr Dorian Phillips, Janice Morgan (Clerk)

In attendance for first item under AOB: Dr Stephen Griffiths

1. Apologies: Tudur Lewis (Chair), Anthony Eynon, Michael Fussell

The meeting was chaired by RD, Vice Chair, in the absence of TL, Chair. Best wishes were expressed by RD to TD as he receives treatment.

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting 30/1/2024:

- Minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 30th January 2024 were proposed by AJ as being accurate and seconded by FfJ.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Action 1: Need to advertise the community walks by other means as not everyone is on Facebook – a poster has been created and will be uploaded onto the website and displayed on the noticeboards in Glandy Cross and Ffynnonwen. There are 2 walks very month

Action 2: JM to submit the grant application by the deadline, which is tomorrow – the 'Paths Accessibility Funding' grant application was submitted by the deadline, to clear the two identified public footpaths; decision is awaited

Action 3: JM to ask Sarah or Lee Roberts whether they would be interested to be nominated as an additional community governor on the Beca and Bro Brynach Federation of Schools Governing Body – Sarah Roberts has agreed to be nominated and the details have been forwarded

Action 4: The Chair and Clerk to sign and return the precept form for £8,500 – JM confirmed that this had been done. JW proposed to inquire further about precept setting

Action 5: JM to include Rhos when completing Section 106 form as they are residential dwellings – JM is in the process of completing the form

Action 6: JM to send the Sustrans online survey link to everyone if they would like to complete – JM sent the link to all

Action 7: Cllr DP to look into the 'mobile' sighted parking in laybys – it was reported that there was nothing that can be done re this

Action 8: JM to arrange a quiz competition with members of the sub-group re wildlife – an online quiz was created and launched at Ysgol Beca's Bingo Night and was also put on Cilymaenllwyd and Efailwen Network Facebook. The quiz focused on Cilymaenllwyd as a way of fostering community engagement. Cllr DP offered to donate £20 prize for the winner.

Other issues arising from the minutes:

- Login kiosk: JM stated that the residents of Login are keen to volunteer with the restoration of the kiosk. AJ has bought the primer and glass panels and waiting for the weather to improve. AJ has also been in contact with Eagle Signs re having a panel with a logo on the top of the kiosk and also the possibility of having stickers with the project logo on them as small pathsigns that can be placed on the project's footpaths
- Noticeboard near Glandy Cross Shop: JM stated that the price of a 1050 x 750mm width (9 x A4) noticeboard is £277 exc VAT
Action: JM to discuss best location for this noticeboard with the owner of Glandy Cross
- Training Plan: JM will prepare this for the next meeting

4. Footpaths Restoration Project Update

- JM provided the following update:
 - The footpath subgroup continues to meet every month and a meeting was held last night
 - Many diversions are being made to the footpaths to avoid going through farmyards or through grazing land. Jason Lawday, The Countryside Access Officer with the County Council has prepared the necessary documents relating to these diversions and a 28-day consultation was conducted which included the relevant landowners and some other organisations. The consultation closed on 26th February and it was confirmed that no objections had been received. The contractor will be able to recommence the clearance work soon after the weather has improved. One footpath is almost complete
 - Claim 4 payment is due very soon and payment will then be made to the contractor for his January invoice. Claim 6 will be sent soon after, claiming £6K for the contractor's February invoice
 - £23,760 will then have been spent, leaving £32,486. The total grant is £57,138.96
 - Grant project equipment: £1,116.20 of the grant has been earmarked for the purchase of 2 x brush-cutters and safety equipment. The following were discussed: best place to buy the equipment – 3 quotes would be required (Toby Williams, Mow It Grow It, Terry Harrison); when to purchase; storage of the equipment and who would carry out the maintenance on this equipment
- Action:**
 - **AJ to ask Mike's Quad Bikes in Efailwen for advice;**
 - **JM to ask Amy Goodwin, Ramblers re safety equipment for volunteers and the possibility of Ramblers doing a volunteer training session before starting the volunteering clearance work**
 - **JM to check the details of our insurance re volunteers. If volunteers register with Ramblers, they would be covered under their insurance**
 - **JM to ask Dr Stephen Griffiths if it would be possible to store the equipment in one of his outbuildings**
- As part of community engagement, the first meeting of the Local History Group will be held next week, Thursday 4th April at 3.30pm at the Cardi Bach Heritage Centre at Login. Dr Steven Griffiths will lead and the title of the session will be 'Ways of Life' gathering information on life over the last 100 years. The event is being advertised on Cilymaenllwyd Facebook and the Efailwen, Hebron, Glandwr, Login and Garnwen Facebook pages.

5. Correspondence

- A letter of thanks was received from the Wales Air Ambulance for the £200 contribution to their appeal. They are celebrating their 23rd anniversary this year
- An email received from the Carmarthenshire Ploughing Association requesting a contribution to the All-Wales Ploughing Championships 2024 held 28/9/24. It was agreed to give £100 as Carmarthenshire is hosting the event this year
- A letter was received requesting a contribution from the 2024 National Eisteddfod Rhondda Cynon Taf Working Group. As the Eisteddfod is not held in Carmarthenshire it was agreed not to contribute
- Several consultations have been sent to all for information e.g. consultation on modernising the education programme strategy; consultation on the electoral candidates list; South West Wales Transport Plan
- A list of One Voice Wales training sessions for March, April, May and June has been e-mailed to all

6. Finance Update and Sign Cheques

- JM gave a report of the current financial position:
 - Since the last meeting 2 bank statements have been received:
 1. One on 21/2/24 for the period from 20 Jan - 20 Feb. On 20/1/24 there was £12,539.34 in the current account. A total of £9,090.16 payments were made in January and February, including £6K for the contractor and all the payments that needed to be made after the bank account had been reopened (eg £1,105 to Audit Wales, lighting , clerk's payment, Wales Air Ambulance), leaving £3,448.18 on 20/2/24
 2. The 2nd statement received today, 26/3/24 for 21 Feb - 20 March. On 21/2/24 there was £3,448.18 in the current account. Two payments were made: £633.40 to Ffynnonwen Social Centre for the Diffib Cabinet and the electrical costs (the first cheque has been rejected when the centre tried to pay it in when the account had been closed), and £50 donation to Ysgol Beca's quiz night as a prize, therefore the current balance is £2,764.78

Grant funding of £6K will be paid in within the week however the contractor's February invoice will need to be paid immediately afterwards, leaving £2,764.78 again
 - VAT claim form was sent on 20/3/224 for 23/24, a total of £345.43
- Sign in checks
 - Jamie King for updating the web for the next three months, from 1st April until 1st July: £150
 - One Voice Wales membership for 2024/25: £142.00
 - Caffi Beca for tonight's meeting £25 and also £25 for the public meeting held to discuss Garnwen's planning application on 4/3/24 £25: £50
 - Clerk's payment for the last three months, Jan - March: £349.70
- Remuneration: it was agreed to defer 23/24 payments until the next meeting. JM stated councillors would be required to confirm in writing if they do not wish to receive this payment
- It was agreed for JM to progress with online banking as Haverfordwest Barclays Branch is closing mid May

7. Planning

- Two planning applications have been submitted since the last meeting:
 - PL/07270 - 15/2/24 First Review Planning Permission - Mineral Planning (ROMP) C4/432 dated 1st February 1994 – Garnwen Quarry, Hebron, SA34 0YP. This means

a review to renew the conditions. A public meeting was arranged on 4/3/24 at Caffi Beca chaired by Cllr DP. Over 60 people attended and also 2 representatives from G D Harries. Everyone had an opportunity to express their views and concerns on the proposed plans and representatives of G D Harries had an opportunity to respond. Following the meeting, a letter was submitted from Cilymaenllwyd Community Council setting out all the points made at the meeting and was presented as an objection. The deadline was extended to March 21st and a large number of letters and emails have been sent objecting this application

- PL/07434 - 25/3/25 Barn conversion and extension to residential dwelling - Sylvania, Hebron, SA34 0xp - No objection

8. County Councillor's Update

- Cllr DP provided an update as follows:
- DP has reported the fly-tipping problem again. This is still happening on the Ynys Fach site
- Cllr DP has also reported the potholes several times. The current condition of the roads is very poor, particularly in the Login area; near Ffynnonwen Farm and on the way to Garnwen. It is the landowners' responsibility to keep the gutters on the sides of roads clean
- Black bags have been issued to all. No more black bags will be issued this year and only 3 black bags are allowed per collection

9. Health, Safety & Wellbeing – none

10. Biodiversity

- Some biodiversity activities have taken place recently:
 - JSweet and JM attended the West Wales Biodiversity Information Centre Annual Conference (WWBIC) - 'Annual Recorders Forum' on 2/2/24 at Clydau Centre, Tegryn
 - On 23/3/24 JSweet, RJJ and JM met with Carys May, WWBIC Biodiversity Officer, on the project's public footpaths site. Carys May demonstrated how to identify plants and wildlife using the Lerca app. It is hoped that Carys May will be able to hold a training session in the summer
- JM will record these two activities on the biodiversity action plan

11. AOB

- Maintenance of roadway and footpath from Login to Cilymaenllwyd Church: Dr Stephen Griffiths provided background information re this roadway and footpath. In the past the community council contributed to the maintenance cost of this roadway as was used as a public path. However the community council discontinued with the maintenance support. No one knows who owns the roadway. It is currently maintained by the residents who use it as access to their properties. However drainage problems are causing the roadway to deteriorate, washing away the surface and creating potholes. Approx £200 is spent on hedge maintenance and a similar amount for improving the surface of the roadway each year. Dr Griffiths requested the community council to consider providing maintenance support by possibly seeking funding, to include maintenance of the Landsker Borderland Trail which is a priority one footpath. This section of the LBT is in a very poor condition with ditches blocked, causing drainage and flooding issues

Action: The community council to consider contributing to the maintenance of the roadway via accessing grant funding, to include making improvements to the Landsker Borderland Trail in this area

- Dr Griffiths would like to donate his mother's books of pressed flowers and ferns to the community and could set up a temporary library at his property where they would be accessible for those who would like to view them
- FfJ was thanked for being quizmaster in Ysgol Beca's quiz night on 23/2/24. The community council donated £50 prize to the winning team. The PTA was very grateful for this collaboration and are keen to do more with the community council
- JM has received a request from JMetcalfe who lives in Hebron and works for an environmental charity called Greener Growth to attend the next meeting of the community council. JMetcalf would like to discuss environmental issues and an opportunity to present information about the charity's work and how the charity could help the community

Action: JM to invite JMetcalfe to the next meeting

12. Date of next meeting

- Tuesday 28 May 2024 meeting is during half-term, therefore the possibility to hold the meeting the following week, on Tuesday 4 June at 7.30pm at Caffi Beca. JM will confirm the date asap

The meeting came to a close by the Chair at 9.00pm

Signed

Chairperson: TR Davies Date: 4.6.2024

