

Minutes of the meeting of Dyffryn Cennen Community Council held on Wednesday 12th April, 2023 at the C.F.F.I. Hall, Ffairfach

Present: Councillor D. Beynon in the chair

Councillors: J. Jenkins, P. Thomas, L. Durgan, D. Saunders, B. Davies
County Councillor E. Thomas

Apologies: Councillor D. Greenish

3187 – MINUTES

Minutes were accepted as correct, on correction of minute 3186 Member's Reports and Issues – resident was 111 and not 104.

3188 – Public Question Time

No one present

3189 – Issues for the PCSO

Any issues to be given to County Councillor E. Thomas

3190- Issues for the County Councillor

The County Councillor was given a welcome as he had accepted the invitation to become a member of the Community Council.

(1) Potholes were the main issue throughout the area. Trap Fun Run was being held in May therefore it was important that the potholes be filled.

(2) There was an issue on Heol Cennen, Councillor J. Jenkins to send a photograph to the County Councillor.

(3) Councillor Pat Thomas requested that the Sweeper visit the area.

(4) A Filter Arrow was being placed at the Traffic Lights

The County Councillor confirmed that there was not enough funding to cover the repairs required for the Highways.

3191 – Finance

Following cheques were presented and resolved to be paid:

Clerks Wages	£ 240.00 cheque no. 002014
HMRC	£ 60.00 cheque no. 002015
CCC Footway charges	£1,674.48 cheque no. 002016
Zurick Insurance	£ 366.03 cheque no. 002017
Running Imp	£ 385.17 cheque no. 002018

Finance and Governance Tool Kit

This was now complete and would be placed on the web site.

Training template

It was agreed everyone would attend Code of Conduct training

Audit 2021/2022

Audit opinion – qualified

Except for the matters reported below in my Basis of opinion, on the basis of my review, in my opinion no matters have come to my attention giving cause for concern that in any material respect, the information reported in this Annual Return:

Accounting Statement

In my opinion, the Accounting Statement does not properly present the Council's receipts and payments and financial position:

Line 3 – 2020-21. In 2020-21, the Council misclassified monies received from the county council as precept in line 2. The 2022-2021 comparatives have corrected this error but the comparative amounts show other receipts as £28,457. The correct amount is £10,457.

The Council is reporting unpresented cheque payments as a separate item in lines 6, 7, 9 and 11. These are reconciling items between the Council's cash book and its bank statement balance at 31 March, 2022. These must not be reported in the annual accounts.

The Council has not provided sufficient explanation for the variances in its receipts and payments compared to the prior year.

Annual Governance Statement

In my opinion, the Annual Governance Statement is inconsistent with the Council's governance arrangements for the year:

Assertion 1: The Council states it made proper arrangements of the approval of the accounts. We are unable to confirm back to meeting minutes of when the accounting statements were approved.

Other matters arising and recommendations

There are no further matters I wish to draw to the Council's attention.

3192 – to consider matters relating to Footpaths

Dog fouling was an issue with the footpaths.

3193 – To consider planning matters

Brecon Beacons National Park – Construction of pipe and access footbridge, etc. for the wastewater treatment works at Ty Cennen were granted.

Carmarthenshire County Council – PL/05788 – Construction of detached dwelling – Cefncethin, Ffairfach

3194 – Correspondence

- (a) Extra consultation meetings – Hywel Dda
- (b) OVW Training dates
- (c) Electoral Reform White paper
- (d) Temporary Road Closure C2140
- (e) Digital Health – Community Councils
- (f) Biodiversity and ecosystems consultation
- (g) Community/Town Council Consultation
- (h) Grants Coedtiroedd Bach
- (i) CCC – latest news

3195 – Member’s Reports and Issues

The Chair had been invited to attend the service appointing a new Mayor in Llandeilo.

The Flag was torn, Councillor D. Saunders agreed to ensure the correct flags, etc. were in place for the Coronation and the Eisteddfod.

Councillor D. Beynon had agreed at the previous meeting to decorate, etc. Cornel y Tywysog with support from Ysgol Gynradd Ffairfach.

Chairman: _____

17th May, 2023