

Minutes of the meeting of Dyffryn Cennen Community Council held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 at C.F.F.I. Hall Ffairfach. The meeting commenced at 6.30 with representatives from Dwr Cymru, and the Council meeting followed at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor D. Beynon in the chair

Councillors: P. Thomas, L. Durgan. D. Greenish, L. Griffiths  
County Councillor E. Thomas

Four members of Staff from Dwr Cymru.

**Apologies:** Councillor D. Saunders, Councillor J. Jenkins, Councillor B. Davies,  
Councillor D. Davies

Representatives from Dwr Cymru had asked to attend the meeting due to the complaints being received regarding the disruption of traffic in Trap while work was being carried out. It was noted that the road was closed too early in the morning which affected people going to work and children catching the school bus, there were also other issues. Not everyone had received letters from Dwr Cymru explaining the disruptions, when the road would be closed.

Representatives of Dwr Cymru had prepared a presentation explaining the work involved, the time scale of the work, etc. Following the presentation a lengthy discussion followed as to the way forward, Dwr Cymru had prepared two options and the second option offered to close the road after 9.30 a.m. and open before 3.00 p.m. This would extend the completion of the work until the 7<sup>th</sup> March, and this was the option that was accepted. All residents would be informed and posters put in place.

They also explained that there was a Community Fund available, next closing date would be the end of February. They also agreed to a site meeting at the Play Area to find out if they could assist with any work.

Everyone was thanked for attending the meeting.

### **3245 – MINUTES**

Minutes were accepted as correct.

### **3246 – Public Question Time**

One member of the public present.

### **3247 – Issues for the County Councillor**

- (a) Pencefn – only one pot hole had been filled.
- (b) Maesifan – issues with the drains.
- (c) Sweeper has not been in the Ffairfach – Trap area for over 2 years.
- (d) Grit/Sand boxes needed to be filled.
- (e) Issues on the road by Tirgoitre

### **3248 – Finance**

Following cheques were presented and resolved to be paid:

Hywel Lewis (Christmas Trees)	£360.00 cheque no. 002057
Davies Electrics (Christmas Trees)	£885.00 cheque no. 002058
Carmarthenshire County Council	£427.86 cheque no. 002059
Clerks Wages	£240.00 cheque no. 002060
HMRC	£ 60.00 cheque no. 002061
Ford Gron Llandeilo (Christmas Tree)	£100.00 cheque no. 002062
Ysgol Gynradd Ffairfach (Christmas Tree)	£100.00 cheque no. 002063
C.F.F.I. Llandeilo (Christmas Tree)	£100.00 cheque no. 002064
Sharon Sellers (Christmas Tree)	£ 25.00 cheque no. 002065
DHL Gwynne Fencing	£516.00 cheque no. 002066

Precept – it was agreed to increase the precept by £2,000.00 to £22,000.00 to cover increased costs. The chair signed the Precept form.

December precept payment of £6,666.67 had been received.

IRP – copies of the consultation had been sent to everyone, letters regarding the expenses claim for Community Councillors would be sent in May at the AGM.

It was discussed and agreed to increase the wages of the Clerk to £400.00 per month

### **Power of Competence**

Information regarding Power of Competence has been sent to every member, at the moment Dyffryn Cennen Community Council don't qualify for Power of Competence.

The kind of activities the GPoC could be used for include:

Lending or investing money e.e. to support village or town activities, or to support and generate local businesses.

Providing discretionary support and activities e.g. taking over youth facilities or offering organized support (such as reading/numeracy assistants to schools)

Generating and selling green energy

Building and providing a range of community facilities.

### **Welsh Government S137 donations**

The sum for 2024/2025 would be £10.81 per ratepayer.

### **3249 – To consider matters relating to footpaths**

Nothing to report.

### **3250 – To consider planning matters**

Brecon Beacons National Park – 23/22560/FUL – Construction of a Rural Enterprise

Dwelling – Trapp Fishery

No issues or comments

### **3251 – Correspondence**

- (a) Temporary speed limit C2138
- (b) Temporary road closure C2138
- (c) Training plans – election Wales
- (d) IRP consultation

### **3252 – Member’s Report/Issues**

The Christmas Meal had been a great success.

Councillor L. Griffiths was thanked for his excellent work as Father Christmas, the suggestion of a Brass Band at the next Christmas Tree event was great.

The Clerk had received a telephone call regarding the Defibrillator at Llandyfan, Debbie agreed to assist in looking into the problem.

The purchase of a special artificial tree was discussed, it could cost approximately £5,000.00. The possibility of obtaining donations, memory notes on the tree was discussed briefly. The Dwr Cymru Community Fund – an application would be made for funds for the purchase of special netting/grass, etc. to be placed under some of the play equipment instead of purchasing Bark.

The County Councillor had prepared a report for funding, regarding options for the additional works/purchase of a sustainable Christmas Tree.

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

14<sup>th</sup> February, 2024