

TROEDYRAUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 4th, 2024

At FFOSTRASOL VILLAGE HALL at 7.30 p.m.

Present	Cllr. Sian Williams (Chair)	Cllr. Emyr Jones
	Cllr. Sharon Thomas	Cllr. Ceri Jones
	Cllr. Maldwyn Lewis	Cllr. Mark Davies
	Cllr. Teifi Evans	Cllr. Carol Davies
	Cllr. Osian Davies	
Clerk	Rhian Jones	

1 . Apologies

- Cllr Llyr Evans and Cllr Rob Jones

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2. Expression of Interest – Cllr.Sharon Thomas –The Christmas Trees

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

3.1 – Everyone received a copy of the October minutes and the Cllr. Mark Davies agreed they were correct, and it was seconded by Cllr. Sharon Thomas.

4. Issues arising from the minutes

4.1 - Cllr.Sharon Thomas is still waiting to hear about the De- Fib in Croeslan.

4.2 – Cllr Ceri Jones has contacted Jill Lowry about the walks. They are tidied up three times a year and I wonder if we would be able to contribute by helping pay people to trim the hedges. Signs could be put up on the public footpaths - but Jill already has some. The Rhydlewys route requires 'shale', and it has been mentioned to open closed paths – past Clos Glas in Coed-y-bryn.

4.3 – We still are awaiting response from Boomerang about the T Llew Jones signing.

4.4 – November 20th – Welsh Clerks' Association meeting, but it is on a working day and the Clerk cannot attend.

5. Courses

5.1 – Cllr. Osian Davies attended a course for new Councillors in the last month

5.2 – It was decided that we would look at a list of courses in the new year.

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6. County Councillor Affairs

6.1 – Congratulations to Troedyaaur YFC on their recent success at the Eisteddfod and also to Pontsian YFC for winning the shield for the club with the highest points. The Clerk will send a letter congratulating Troedyaaur YFC.

Ceredigion was the County that won the Eisteddfod.

6.2 – After the sudden death of Paul Hinge, Gwyn James was elected in his place as Armed Forces Champion.

6.3 – Caru Ceredigion's nominations deadline is on the 13th of November.

6.4 – This week's discussion about the future of sixth forms in County schools continues.

7. Correspondence

7.1 – Received a response from Lesley about personal emails to Councillors. The cost was prohibitively expensive. Another option might be to go ahead and create other e-mails ourselves, but according to Healthcheck Cymru, they must be under (.gov.cymru)

Another company to get in touch might be – wearechain.gov.cymru. They focus on community councils. It would be worth asking at a price to get personal emails to the Councillors.

It was also mentioned that we could ask One Voice of Wales.

7.2 - Need to complete 'Digital Community Self Assessment Tool'. It was noted that it would be an idea to have a group meet to co-fill out the form. Cllr Sian Williams, Cllr. Mark Davies and The Clerk will try and meet during the month.

7.3 – Antur Cymru – leaflet for 'Shaping town centres'. Local meetings are held for us in Aberystwyth on the 12th of November and at Newcastle Emlyn on the 13th of November.

7.4 – Nature Logo – a new local place for nature.

7.5 – Information about Pension Tax credit on Facebook.

7.6 – Funding Grant and Precept – October 24th (Chair participated.)

7.7- Digital Health Check

7.8 – Grit boxes available from (broxap.com)

7.9 – Cost of living bulletin on Facebook

7.10 – 1.5 million has been funded for a Warm Community Hub. This offers a cup of tea and a warm place for people to meet and have a chat.

7.11 – Timeline of annual funding actions. We need to create a personal one – an annual calendar.

7.12 – December Agenda – (Local Government Services Pay Agreement)

7.13 - Teifi Link. A meeting with Elin Jones was present. A small amount of money has been received for 2 minibuses to rural areas. They are already in Crickhowell, but volunteers are needed to drive the bus. Suitable days have to be arranged and things are already in place to try and create some sort of link with (the people in the community). The minibus in this area has not yet reached Llandysul. Rod from Dolen Teifi has given some information at the meeting about what they already offer – buses and cars are available but it's a service that relies mainly on volunteers. Passengers must pay by the mile.

8. Planning

None

9. Precept

9.1 -We need a copy of what we have spent this year and how much money we have in the bank. The Clerk needs to send an email with this information to the Councillors in the coming weeks.

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10. Finance

10.1 – Everyone agreed to pay the cheques and they were signed by Councillors Ceri Jones and Sharon Thomas.

Clerk's Salary –	£257.98	001782
HMRC –	£64.60	001786
One Voice Wales -	£20.00	001780
The Solutions Factory -	£72.00	001781
Ashmole & Co -	£94.50	001784
Clerk's Costs -	£63.50	001785

11. Salt Box

11.1 - Everyone came to the conclusion that salt boxes needed to be installed before Winter. We noted it will also be our responsibility to fill the boxes with salt. Cllr.Teifi Evans proposed that we purchase 6 salt boxes to install across our community. It will be necessary to obtain 3 prices before proceeding to purchase them.

12. Area issues

12.1 – Brongest – need to contact Clic about the water problem in the village. There is so much water running down each hill, the drains have filled up and it is causing the tarmac to deteriorate.

12.2 – Ffostrasol – a problem in the forest where people litter. (fly-tipping)

12.3 – Need to contact Clic about the overgrown and dangerous trees/bank for pedestrians. The bank is between Bwlchgyroes and Ffostrasol, and also there is the same problem between Ffostrasol and Capel Cynon.

12.4 – Coedybryn – the junction coming from the direction of Coedybryn in Penrhiwâl is dangerous and there is no speed indication on the road. It's just a matter of time before an accident happens.

12.5 – The animal sign crossing near Penrhiwpâl has been broken.

12.6 - Ffostrasol – The new noticeboard is in place. Thanks to Gary Morgan for doing it and placing it in it's position.

12.7 – Rhydlewis – The orange fence/bollards are still in the same spot, although have contacted Clic many times.

12.8 – Various posters have been seen put up on the village signs, and some in inconvenient places, they look messy.

12.9 -Lunch Club started in Rhydlewis and is very prosperous.

12.10 – Cynllo Lunch Club – has recently raised a substantial sum of £1,612.80p towards Blood Bikes Wales.

12.11 – Need everyone to remove the flowers of their villages when they have finished. They still look pretty good.

13.Christmas Trees

13.1 – We discussed having a set of colourful lights for every Christmas tree in the villages to attract attention to them. These are ordered from the same company we used in the past.

We will be ordering 7 Christmas trees again this year from Michael Thomas -Cllr. Sharon Thomas is going to arrange this. The trees will be installed on November 30th. Maesllyn will need to be asked this year again if they want a Christmas tree from the Council.

13.2 – On December 1st we will go around each village singing carols – so that the villagers can come together and they can join the council members. It's an opportunity to show the faces of Council members because that's who's in charge of the trees on an annual basis. The tour on the 1st will finish at Coedybryn. There will be posters on the website and around the villages stating times we gather to sing carols in each village.

13.3 – Our Christmas dinner this year will be in LaCalabria on November 30th. All need to choose from the menu in advance and send your choice to the Clerk.

14.Next Meeting

14.1 – Our next meeting will be at Coedybryn Hall on December 3rd at 7:30pm.

14.2 – As there was nothing further to discuss, the Chair brought the meeting to a close at 10:07pm

Agreed that these minutes are correct.

Signed (Chair) Date