

**TROEDYRAUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 3<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2023**

**At COEDYBRYN VILLAGE HALL at 7:30pm**

<b>Present –</b>	Cllr.Maldwyn Lewis (chair)	Cllr.Ceri Jones
	Cllr.Sharon Thomas	Cllr.Emyr Jones
	Cllr.Mark Davies	Cllr.Rob Jones
	Cllr.Llŷr Evans	Cllr.Carol Davies
	Cllr. Sian Williams	

Jill Lowry from Pathways was welcomed, and Cllr.Maldwyn Lewis wished all that was present a Happy New Year.

**Clerc –** Rhian Jones

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>By whom</b>	<b>By when</b>
1. Apologies	NONE Cllr. Teifi Evans and Cllr Roger Davies were not present, and no apologies were received.		
2. Pathways Officer Introduction	Jill Lowry works as a Pathways officer for Ceredigion County Council ‘Bridal & Pathways Team.’ There are 3 Rangers on the Public Rights of Way team & Osian Jones is the Ranger for South Ceredigion. She advised us that there are 2700km of public rights of way paths around the County, and 800km are in the South of the County. At present, only 60% of them are open for use, due to lack of funding. They depend greatly on grants based funding, and donations from societies. They have ‘Donate a Gate’ , where members of the public or groups may purchase a gate i.e. – a memory gate, where a plaque may be placed. Signs are provided on routes -‘Keep dogs on leads at all times’. It was noted that a map has recently been placed outside Coedybryn hall notifying of all the pathways in the surrounding area, where lottery funding was used to help open up some of the routes. Jill noted if a photograph of the sign could be sent to her, they might be able to assist with maintaining the pathways. As a team they aim to encourage Health & Wellbeing, but emphasise the importance of keeping to the marked pathways, be aware at all times of livestock and keep all dogs on leads. Rhyd Lewis have a Ramblers group who use these pathways on a regular basis. A pathway leading from Rhyd Lewis up towards Penlan needs some work to clear the path and re-open.		
3. Conformation Of Minutes	All Councillors had received a copy of December minutes. Cllr Sian Williams proposed the December minutes to be correct and was seconded by Cllr Mark Davies. All present agreed.		

4. Matters Arising ( Clerk needs to add to December minutes issue with chippings outside Ffostrasol hall.)
5. Declaration of Interest NONE
6. County Councillors Report  
 Cllr Maldwyn Lewis informed of the Water issue in the area recently. There was an issue with the water supply in Llechryd from Tivy pools. Various valves had to be closed at different times in order to try and re-fill the Reservoir. Ben Lake & Cllr Maldwyn Lewis deals with the situation well, by keeping residents updated with information. Some Councillors helped with distributing water bottle to the community and Cllr Maldwyn Lewis thanked them for their support. All villages in the area were lucky to have their supply back before Christmas.
- It was a privilege to Congratulate a local lady who received a National Excellence award for Nursing recently. Llinos Davies from Ffostrasol received the 'Liz Baker Excellence in Renal Nursing award'. A Congratulation letter will be sent to her by the Clerk.
7. Correspondence CAVO have a grant available for First Aid training in the community. It was discussed that basic First Aid training session would be of advantage to the community.
- A Consultation will be held regarding the present Council buildings. As the majority of Council workers have opted to work from home since Covid, many buildings are empty. People can hire a desk to work if they wish. There is an opportunity at present to voice an opinion towards the use of the present empty buildings.
8. Planning A220906 – Popplars, Rhydlewis  
 Triple freestanding garage. ( No objections in principle).
9. Financial  
**Payments** HMRC - £86.80 (PAYE) Nov & Dec 001688  
 Clerk's Wages - £347.60 Nov & Dec 001687  
 Coedybryn Hall - £40.00 001689
- All present agreed to pay invoices and cheques were signed by Cllr Ceri Jones & Cllr Sharon Thomas.
- Cllr Mark Davies informed that the Pension Regulator had issues a Certificate for the year.
- Precept** - It was discussed that funding was needed this year towards new Defib boxes in Coedybryn & Ffostrasol.

New planting boxes were needed to beautify the villages. Various were discussed from wood to concrete, but pricing needs looking into. The Clerk requires new IT equipment – Printer & External Hard-drive.

Cllr Emyr Jones proposed we apply for £10,000 funding & seconded by Cllr Sian Williams.

Cllr Mark Davies suggested that a £1,000 funding to be donated to help with Pathways in the area, seconded by Cllr Llŷr Evans. ( It was noted that the Funding would be maintain and preserve the pathways in Troedryaur community).

A vote was held and 6 Councillors agreed with requesting £11,000. Cllr Emyr Jones 7 Cllr Sian Williams refrained their proposed offer, and all agreed with £11,000. ( It was agreed that the extra £1,000 would be donated to Public Pathways).

All Councillors present agreed to donate £200 towards Rhydlewis Eisteddfod. The Clerk to prepare a letter and Cheque by next month's meeting).

10. Area  
Matters

Councillors all agreed to arrange via What's App when would be convenient to remove the Christmas trees and lights from Villages. It was agreed that due to Health & Safety at least 2-3 would be needed to lend a hand. It was noted that care should be taken when removing the lights and they should be dried out completely before storing.

It was agreed that the Clerk would send a letter to Congratulate the Primary School in Bro Teifi for their successful Christmas show, as many pupils from the community took part.

**FFOSTRASOL** – All street lamps are working fine at present.

A coffee morning will be held at Ffostrasol Inn, Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> between 10:00-12:00am to raise money towards NICU, Swansea, a Special Care unit for babies. It was arranged by Friends of Ffostrasol, as a family from the village used the unit recently.

**COEDYBRYN** – The community thanked the Councillors for the tree & lights on the Village square.

**RHYDLEWIS** - None

**CROESLAN** – Phone box door still hazardous.

Gritt box by Tegfan hill SA44 4SS has disappeared. New box needed. (CLIC)

**BRONGEST** - None

**BWLCHYGROES** – Gritt bos by Penllwybr ( road from chapel towards La Calabria) needs re-filling. (CLIC)

11. Next meeting - Next meeting will be held TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> of February at 7:30pm at RhydLewis Village Hall.

As there were no further matters, the Chairman brought the meeting to a close at 9:40pm

12. Items for next meeting Agenda	Apologies Declaration of Interest Minutes of last meeting Conformation of Minutes County Councillors Report Correspondence Planning Finance – Payments Discuss Clerks Wages Area Matters Date of Next meeting
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