

TROEDYRAUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 4th, 2024

at RHYDLEWIS VILLAGE HALL at 7.30 pm.

Present - Cllr. Sian Williams (Chair) Cllr. Emyr Jones
 Cllr. Sharon Thomas Cllr. Ceri Jones
 Cllr. Maldwyn Lewis Cllr. Carol Davies

Clerk Rhian Jones

The new Chair welcomed all to her first official meeting

1 . Appologies

- Cllr. Teifi Evans, Cllr Mark Davies & Cllr. Rob Jones

2. Superfaast Presentation

- Gavin from Openreach was welcomed to the meeting to give us further information regarding the 'Superfast Fibre' along with Jonathan & Sandy Edwards from Rydlewis. Gavin works for Openreach throughout mid and north Wales. He introduced us to Openreach and how they hope to introduce 'full fibre' throughout Wales - and 25% of these are rural communities. This would enable more to work from home. He notified us that over half of Ceredigion has already benefited from 'full fibre'.

Welsh Government Vouchers – all households are eligible to receive a voucher. By receiving a voucher you must sign for the 'full fibre' package for at least 12 months (but shopping around for the best option is available through Openreach, Bt, Sky, Talk Talk etc) Roughly it should cost around £30 a month. Rhydlewis area is vast with hundreds of homes in the villages of Rhydlewis, Plwmp, Penrhiwpal, Coedybryn, Brongest, Ffostrasol, Maeslyn, Croeslan & Bwlchygroes.

- The benefit of receiving 'full fibre' is increase the speed from 16% to 90%. They will begin installing fibre cables within the month and they hope all homes will benefit by March 2025. They are working alongside highways and might have to close a few roads to install the cables – but as a company are willing to work during the night to facilitate the process. They are used to working in rural communities and on country roads.
- For any further information you can contact Gavin via e-mail or by phoning him.
- It was noted that analogue phones would soon finish, but you could have a box intalled to enable them to work through a Wi-Fi syytem.
- Ceredigion County Council have arranged 4 Roadshows to inform people of the Full Fibre benefits.
- Sandy has formed a working group of 8 locals to distribute leaflets around homes in the area. (695 leaflets have already been distrubuted). She has also contacted Ben Lake. She also contacted Clive Davies from Ceredigion County Council and the information can be found on Facebook groups also. She has worked hard to inform the locals through many sources – through schools, newsletters, banners etc. Everyone will benefit from the full fibre in the area.

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Declaration of Interest - NONE

3. Minutes from the last meeting

3.1 – All received a copy of the minutes from the May meeting. Cllr Emyr Jones confirmed that they were correct and it was seconded by Cllr Ceri Jones.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

4.1 - Mandate Nat West – no update.

4.2 – We need a Certificate and frame to present Roger Davies in our Annual dinner on Friday evening.

4.3 - Benches– One bench is with Cllr Teifi Evans and will be placed in its location as soon as possible.

4.4 – Cllr. Sian Williams has purchased Jabra to enable us to have Hybrid meetings.

4.5 - Cllr. Sian Williams has been in touch with Owenna Davies and managed to locate a few of the images for the notice board in Coedybryn - T Llew Jones. She has tried to make contact with Sion Iar for copyright to re-create the poster and left a message but awaiting a reply.

4.6 – New noticeboard for Ffostrasol – Cyng Ceri Jones will call with Gary Morgan over the next few weeks.

4.7 – On May 20th a few Councillors got together to look through the accounts and documents since 2017, and to get all up to date. Gwyn Jones has looked at the accounts for us and ensured there was a correct Cashbook corresponding with each year. We managed to have an online meeting with Deryck from Audit Wales and we must thank Gwyn for all his hard work over the past few weeks. (Cllr. Maldwyn Lewis apologised for his absence in the meeting with Deryck). Everyone that attended to sort out the accounts was thanked.

4.8 – Jill Lowry has been in touch as we would like the £1,000 we donated to Pathways to be kept local. A few ideas that came were from Fronfach up towards Penlan / Blaenbachcrydd down towards Ackerman as there is a Bridal pathway there already / Hawen Hall towards Crimson moon. (we would appreciate any ideas from the the local walkers groups).

5. County Councillors Matters.

Election on 4th of July.

6. Correspondence

6.1 – An invitation to join a session ‘ Ceredigion County Council Ethics and Standards’.

6.2 – A list of courses available over the Summer months was received.

6.3 –Adult Safeguarding Conference – Roadshow in Brecon on 4th and 5th of June.

6.4 – Elin Jones responded to the 20mph questionnaire from Troedyraur Community Council. It's important to keep the 20mph through Coedybryn and Rhydlewis as there are no pavements and some areas are very narrow.

7. Planning - None

8. Finance

All agreed to pay the Invoices and the cheques were signed by Cllr Ceri Jones and Cllr Maldwyn Lewis.

Christmas Trees - £360.00
HMRC - £72.40

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Clerk's Wages - £289.36
Annual Insurance - £1119.33
due date was end of May).

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9. Area Matters

- 9.1** –The 2 Maesllyn signs that were missing have re-appeared and need to be replaced back on their posts.
- 9.2** – The street lamp in Penrhiwpal is now working
- 9.3** - 12 locals from Coedybryn got together over the weekend to tidy the square. All worked hard weeding and planting flowers. One has kindly offered to re-paint the sign post that stands in the middle of the triangle. It's fantastic to see the community coming together and take pride in their surroundings.
- 9.4** – Another barrel was requested at Coedybryn near Blaenbachcrydd. It was noted that sadly the sign for Coedybryn has been stolen and it would look out of place to have a barrel of flowers by the hedge without a sign.
- 9.5** – The potholes are still causing problems in Ffostrasol on the junction towards Penrhiwpal.
- 9.6** – There is a general drainage issue on the square at Ffostrasol that could cause flooding.
- 9.7** –We need to arrange that someone waters the pots regularly in each location over the summer months.
- 9.8** –Rhydlewis – Many villagers have gathered together to do a rubbish collection around the village. It's fantastic to see locals taking pride in their community.
- 9.10** – The Potholes that were causing disruption in Rhydlewis have been filled.
- 9.11** – Congratulations to Penparc YFC on winning the Ceredigion Rally. Last time they won was exactly 40 years ago to the day. It will be amazing to welcome the Rally to the south of the county next year.
- 9.12** – A successful De-fib training session was held at Ffostrasol Village hall recently

10. Next meeting

10.1 – The next meeting will be held at Ffostrasol Village hall on the 2nd of July at 7:30 pm.

As there were no further matters to discuss the Chair brought the meeting to a close at 9:45pm.

It was agreed that the Minutes were correct.

Signed (Chair)

Date

