

TROEDYRAUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON APRIL 2nd, 2024

At FFOSTRASOL VILLAGE HALL at 7.30 p.m.

Present	Cllr. Ceri Jones (chair)	Cllr.Maldwyn Lewis
	Cllr. Emyr Jones	Cllr.Mark Davies
	Cllr.Sian Williams	Cllr Sharon Thomas
	Cllr.Rob Jones	Cllr.Teifi Evans
	Cllr. Roger Davies	

Clerk Rhian Jones

The paragraph on the Agenda that welcomes the public to join our meetings needs to be removed – this information will be available on the Annual report.)

1. Apologies

- Cllr.Carol Davies and Cllr. Llyr Evans

2. Declaration of Interest

3. Minutes of last meeting.

- **3.1** - All Councillors had previously received a copy of March minutes . Cllr.Mark Davies proposed that the minutes were correct and Cllr.Teifi seconded.

4. Matters Arrising from the minutes

- **4.1** –The reponse to the De-fib course was disapointing. It might be due to the clash with filming (Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol) on the same evening. Another date will be arranged hopefully on Tuesday, May 14th.
- **4.2** – Mrs Owenna Davies from Ffostrasol has a copy of the images on the poster T Llew Jones that needs replacing in Coedybryn.
- **4.3**– Due to lack of time, we were unable to update the laptop during the last meeting with Office 365. We will try again next month in Coedybryn if the Wi-fi will be in place.
- **4.4**– The spare De-fib at the Chairman’s home showed a fault. This was returned to Calon Hearts and within days a new one was received as a replacement for us.
- **4.5** – Double Yellow Lines need painting on the square in Coedybryn.

5. County Councillors Report.

6. Correspondence

- **6.1**– Rhondda Cynnon Taf Eisteddfod requested a donation. They will need to fill in the appropriate form from the website.
- **6.2** – A poster was received regarding the filming of ‘Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol’ at Glynarthen.
- **6.3** – Celia Richardson from Llandysiliogogo Community Council asked if we cared to join them with the Fibre for the area. Maybe we could ask Gavin from Openreach to attend one of our meetings for further information.
- **6.4** – A letter of Thanks was received from Wendy Organ for our £300 donation towards the Wi-fi at Coedybryn village hall.
- **6.5** – A renewal letter was received from One Voice Wales. All present agreed to continue with the subscription.
- **6.6** –Poster received from the Urdd – Cronfa Cyfle i bawb.
- **6.7** –An update letter was received regarding New Quay Community School.
- **6.8** –We received a list of courses available during the next few months.
- **6.9** – Judy Lawson sent verses regarding Bwcabus.
- **6.10** – Elin Jones replied to the e-mail regarding Bwcabus service. They are hoping to arrange with Dolen Teifi a bus service to some villages in the community.
- **6.11** – A quote for a replacement notice board at Ffostrasol was received from Gary Morgan
£590 + VAT.
Greenbands.co.uk have similar ones for £1400 - £1700
It was noted that the board would need to be moved, and we would ask Gary to also fix the new one in place. It would be beneficial to have a larger noticeboard that would hold 6 pages A4.
- **6.12** – A resignation letter was received from Councillor Roger Davies. He will resign at the end of April. He has been an important member of the committee since 2007 and will be missed.
- **6.13** – A resignation letter was received from the Clerk.

7. Planning

8. Financial

All present agreed to pay the cheques. They were signed by Councillors Rob Jones and Roger Davies.

One Voice Wales - £114 & £228
Clerk's Wages - £257.98
HMRC - £64.40

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9. Community Benches

- **9.1** – Benches have arrived
- **9.2** – Cllr. Teifi Evans will kindly arrange that the stonework behind the bench near Troedyraur Church will be tidied up before placing the bench in place.
- **9.3** – A problem has arisen with the Bwlchygroes bench. We have to contact Estates and fill in various forms to place the bench on the green area outside the chapel. We have re-thought of another location, and a bench has been in place in Rhydlewys for years but needs maintenance. We could replace the existing bench with a new one, but will need to ensure first how to secure the bench so that it will not be stolen.

10. Hybrid System

- **10.1** – The OWL would be a good system for our meetings but the cost would be around £2,700 plus extra annual subscription.
It was noted that some areas use Zoom and Teams – this would be more cost effective, as we would only need the voiceover, not the camera.
Jabra is another system that is available, this would connect to the Laptop and pick up the voice only. This would cost roughly £80. Cllr. Mark Davies and Cllr Teifi Evans suggested we invest in this system.
- **10.2** – Wi-Fi would be needed at all locations to use the hybrid system. As no wi-fi at Ffostrasol hall, maybe we could re-locate to Bwlchgyroes Vestrey in the future.
- **10.3** – We will need some Hybrid system and anyone can join the meetings. If they wish to add anything on the Agenda (they must give us 7 days notice)
The public may give their view on anything on the Agenda – there will be a 10 minute slot available at the beginning of the monthly meetings. We might ask Dafydd Morgan who currently works for Ceredigion if he could join us in a meeting with views of best Hybrid option for us to invest.

11. Chairman's Chain

- **11.1** – The Chairman Ceri Jones has been with David Evans in Cardigan and bought 4 new pin badges for the chain. The first quote he received was £110 each, but after looking at a different company managed to get them for £15 each. As they are becoming rare and price of everything is rising it was agreed to purchase another 10. We have 2 spare at present, but with the extra 10 we should be fine for the next 12 years.
- **11.2** – A cheque will be needed next month for £61.80 to repay the Chairman for this purchase.
- **11.3** – An estimate value of the chain was received – we were told it was only sentimental and replacement value which could be around £4,000

12. Audit Update

- **12.1** – We received an update from Deryck. Details are needed from April 1st 2017 – March 31st 2022, including Cashbook, monthly banking details, invoices and minutes and send them to Audit Wales. The Councillors that were in the role during those years understood that there was an issue that didn't allow them to be sent.
- **12.2** – If Gwyn Jones would be willing, it would be beneficial to meet up with him at some point to get these paperwork in place. The Clerk will contact Gwyn to arrange a suitable date and time and who would he like to meet up with.

13. Courses feedback

- **13.1** – Councillors Mark Davies, Ceri Jones and Sian Williams received Module 2 training recently.
- **13.2** – Each member of the Committee are allowed £158 unless they send a letter to reject this payment. They also could receive mileage payment travelling to meetings.
- **13.3** – The Code of Conduct training is essential and there to assist all Councillors.
- **13.4** – In many areas the Clerk runs the Facebook page. It was noted that this would be extra monthly work for the Clerk.

- **13.5** – All Councillors are re-elected every 5 years and all must sign the Declaration of Interest when elected.
- **13.6** – If a Councillor fails to attend meetings for 6 months then they must resign from their position on the Community Council.
- **13.7** -No one should use their personal e-mails for Council matters.

14. Annual Report

- **14.1** – Chairman Ceri Jones contacted One Voice Wales on various occasions and after a few days received a reply. A template would have been beneficial, but nothing was available, only looking at what other councils have in place.
- **14.2** – Councillor Mark Davis thanked the Chairman for his hard work with the Annual report.
- **14.3** – This report will need translating after the next meeting – we should ask Llinos for her services once again.
- **14.4** – We have promised £1000 to Pathways to maintain the local paths. This will be on next months payments.

15. Area Matters

- **15.1** -Coedybryn – A successful plant sale was recently held at Llangynllo Church.
- **15.2** – Croeslan – The hedge remains overgrown by the bus shelter and pedestrians are walking from Croeslan towards Bwlchygroes, which is a dangerous and busy road.
- **15.3** – Ffostrasol – The potholes remains on the road at the turning towards Penrhiwpal and the cone remains on the pavement by Bryn Hyfryd.
- **15.4** – Rhydlewii – Large potholes outside Garreg Lwyd SA44 5RE and the road is sinking between Mark Webb butchers and the Chapel.
- **15.5** – Congratulations to Bro Teifi boys Senior team who won the plate final at Principality recently in a final against Bro Pedr. All finals teams were from the Scarlets region, great to see the West on the map.
- **15.6** – Good Luck to all competing in the Urdd Eisteddfod.
- **15.7** – As a Community Council we sympathise with Llyr Davies's family in Aberporth. He was a pupil at Ysgol Bro Teifi. It's fantastic to see the rural community pull together under such tragic circumstances.
- **15.8** – Congratulations to Ffostrasol Football team on winning the Easter Monday cup against Felinfach. This is their third victory for this cup.

16. Next meeting

- **16.1** – The next meeting will be held at Coedybryn Village hall on May 7th – the AGM at 7:30, followed by the monthly meeting.
- **16.2** – A new Chair and Deputy will be appointed next month.
- **16.3** – As there were no further matters, the Chair brought the meeting to a close at 10:15pm.

It was confirmed that the minutes were correct.

Signature.

Date
