

TROEDYRAUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 3rd, 2023****At FFOSTRASOL VILLAGE HALL at 7.30 p.m.**

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

Clerk Rhian Jones

1. Apologies

- Cllr. Roger Davies
- Cllr. Llyr Evans was not present and no apologies were received.

2. Declaration of Interest – NONE**3. Minutes of last meeting.**

- 3.1 – Cllr. Maldwyn Lewis confirmed that the minutes were correct and it was seconded by Cllr. Sharon Thomas.

4. Matters Arising

- **4.1** – Mandate, Cllr. Sharon Thomas awaiting response from the Bank.
- **4.2** – Coedybryn bus shelter – Hopefully the job will be carried out next week.
- **4.3** – Audit – Clerk in the process of gathering the VAT information.
- **4.4** – Precept – to be discussed during November meeting, and Clerk to forward copy of last years to all Councillors.
- **4.5** – Wages – the contract with Cllr. Ceri Jones and Clerk needs to contact the accountant to amend the hours and wages details.
- **4.6** – Parish Online – no one was aware that this was previously paid yearly, and all decided to Void the cheque and not pay the invoice.
- **4.7** – Area Matters – New De-fib box in Coedybryn, Croeslan and Ffostrasol, although the one located in Ffostrasol has changed location slightly. The one in Rhydlewys needs replacing. We need to check the dates of the pads on the De-fibs in each location as it's almost time to replace the ones at Ffostrasol and Brongest. Cllr. Sian Williams is in charge of the box at Maesllyn. In the new boxes there are lights and heaters, although they have not been connected to electricity. It might be an idea to remove them in case they will get stolen. A decision was made to keep the old boxes in case they would be needed at a later date.

The flower pots planted in the villages have been a great success, and it has come to light where the flowers from the pot in Brongest disappeared. Cllr. Sian Williams offered to collect Daffodil bulbs from Trefhedyn and they will be planted during half term week, to keep the pots colourful over the Spring months.

The hole in the road in Rhydlewis was filled within 3 days.

5. County Councillors Report

- **5.1** - Bwcabus – the grant for the Rural development scheme came to an end back in June, and the Welsh Government has been funding Bwcabus since, but the service will come to an end this October. This will affect villages throughout Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire. The service was set up 14 years ago and has proved to be successful and used on a regular basis by many in poor communities.
- **5.2** – 20mph – many local areas have seen vandalism to the 20mph signs. It has not been a problem in Troedyaaur area. The local authority will have to pay for the damage caused and the police are taking this vandalism seriously.
- **5.3** – A consultation regarding second homes and homes that are empty for long periods will take place online and it's important that the public input their opinion. A link is available on the County website. All who own second homes have already received letters. This information will also be available on our webpage.
- **5.4** – Electrical car charging points – charging pods are available in Cardigan, Aberaeron, Llandysul, Llanybydder and Newcastle Emlyn.
- **5.5** – On October 10th, at Theatre Felinfach there will be a performance of Carwyn James.
- **5.6** – There is mention that they are thinking of changing the language of some primary schools in the area to the medium of Welsh. Also lower the school age to 3 years old. New Quay school is the closest to us here. The closing date for this consultation will be October 30th.

6. Correspondence

- **6.1** – there will be an online course on October 10th – 'Women in Leadership'
- **6.2** – RAAC Concrete - a questionnaire has been received, but we have no areas of concern in Troedyaaur.
- **6.3** – A questionnaire to fill in from the Air Ambulance.
- **6.4** – Bevan health board – a chance to voice your opinion on the health and care service – November 7th.
- **6.5** – A review will take place on the electoral divisions and polling stations in the Ceredigion area on the website.

7. Planning

- **7.1**– Maesyffynnon, Brongest
Erect a shed for machinery, feed and horses. We have no objections as long as they follow the guidance and that it will be used for the correct purpose.

8. Finance

- **8.1** – It was agreed by all present to pay the cheques and they were signed by Cllr Mark Davies and Cllr. Emyr Jones. This month Cllr. Maldwyn Lewis received his cheques for the De-fib boxes, although it was on September payments – the cheque was signed by Cllr Sharon Thomas and Cllr. Emyr Jones.

HMRC (month 6)	£43.40	001725
Rhian Jones, Clerk's wages (month 6)	£173.80	001726
Rhian Jones – translating	£36.18	001727

9. Area Matters

- **9.1** - Bwcabus – all were in agreement that this is a very useful service for the local area. The Clerks needs to send a letter to Ben Lake, Elin Jones and Keith Henson complaining the effect of loosing this service will have on our community. In such a rural area, many depend on this Bwcabus service, as this is our only public transport. Many do not drive and some families with young children rely on this service along as the elderly.
- **9.2** – COEDYBRYN – many branches near the village square were cut down over the weekend.
A McMillan Coffee morning will be held in the village hall on Saturday October 7th.
- **9.3** – PENRHIWPAL – The street lights near where the phone box was located are flashing.
- **9.4** – FFOSTRASOL – We would like to congratulate Elain Evans who ran the Cardiff half marathon last weekend.
Congratulations to Cllr Mark Davies on recently competing the Pavestone Rally and raising a fantastic amount of £212,000 towards four charities – The British Heart Foundation, Rainy Day, Crash and The Children’s Variety.
- **9.5** – FFOSTRASOL – A cone remains over the hole in the pavement between Bwlchygroes and Ffostrasol. Due to it’s location it’s quite dangerous. We are hoping to contact Welsh Water in regards to this hazard.
- **9.6** – PENRHIWPAL – Sioe’r Cardis recently held an afternoon tea and flower arranging display at The Flower Meadow. It was lovely to see present the Grandmothers of both Gareth’s that have played for Wales recently. Gareth Thomas and Gareth Davies have raised the status of our community through their skills playing for the Welsh Rugby team. Congratulation to you both.

10. Next meeting

- **10.1** – Financial meeting will be held at 7:00pm followed by our next monthly meeting at 7:30pm at Coedybryn village hall.
- **10.2** – As there was no further matters to discuss, the Chairman brought the meeting to a close at 9:10pm.

It was confirmed that the minutes were correct.

Signature.

Date
