

**TROEDYRAUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023**

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

**Present –**

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. Roger Davies	

Sue Lewis from Citizen Advice, Cardigan was welcomed by Cllr.Maldwyn Lewis.

**Clerc –** Rhian Jones

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>By whom</b>	<b>By when</b>
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1. Apologies	Cllr. Siân Williams & Cllr. Teifi Evans.		
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2. Citizen Advice Officer Introduction	Sue Lewis works as a Business Development Officer for the Citizen Advice team in Ceredigion. The charity is funded through the Welsh Government and donations.		
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They help people in the community with various problems, including Benefits, Debt, Cost of living & Food banks. There is a lot of poverty in the County. They work throughout Ceredigion, and last year 2,500 clients came for help and advice. Most were regarding poverty & the increase in fuel charges.

The greatest need in the county is in Cardigan, with only 5,000 residents, last year 241 contacted Citizen Advice for help. Aberporth & Penparc were among the top communities seeking help too.

It was noted that they had been contacted by 41 from Troedryaur community.

They are mostly contacted by the working age group, but not all are working. 66% of them have health conditions.

Last year they were contacted by 660 individuals cases with over 3,000 problems. They all come in crisis! with multiple issues.

44% are experiencing Welfare crisis – money problems – i.e. behind with Council Tax and had to turn to loan sharks which only escalates the problem. Many seek vouchers for the food banks too.

September 2022, a ‘Surplus Fridge’ opened in Aberporth and already 400 individuals have already benefited from it.

The team is there to guide people in the right direction, and some could be due benefits which they don’t claim, i.e. Pension Credit. This could help individuals with other benefits such as Opticians and reduced Council Tax.

Leaflets were handed out with a helpline phone number that could benefit the elderly & other families that are in crisis. All calls are free & confidential.

They have 15 members of staff working for them in Ceredigion and also another 15 volunteers. They hope to get a Lottery funding to open four drop-in centres across the county as working remotely at the moment. Cardigan 'Cynnal y Cardi' is open for 5 hours weekly at present, and on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, they will be a drop-in session in Llandysul. All are welcomed to visit to see what services they offer.

They are also there to provide advice for small businesses, and last year they worked with the refugees that came to Llangrannog.

One phone call could help towards changing peoples lives

Hopefully next year they will have a Lottery grant to buy a van to go around the county providing mobile drop-in centres. Many in the county live remotely and have no transport or funding to visit the centre at present.

The helpline number can be found on the Citizen Advice page and the Clerk will ensure that this number will be shared on the Council's Web page.

The Councillors present agreed to discuss at a later date a donation to the group.

3. Declaration of Interest      NONE
4. Conformation Of Minutes      All Councillors had received a copy of January minutes.
5. & Matters Arising.      Cllr Sian Williams was absent from the list of Councillors from the January meeting, and that was amended.

Cllr. Emyr Jones noted that the minutes were not detailed enough regarding the £1,000 towards the Pathways. It was agreed in the last meeting that the Council would contribute £1,000 towards the upkeep of the public footpaths in Troedyraur community only – or if a gate was bought, that a plaque would be placed notifying that it was a donation from Troedyraur Community Council.

Cllr. Sharon Thomas proposed that the remaining minutes were correct, and it was seconded by Cllr. Ceri Jones.

6. County Councillors      The Council has a budget to arrange for next year. Various workshops and discussions will be held to ensure the budget is fair and purposeful.

The Wales Examination team are observing the Planning system, and a new Document will be published next month.

The road between Rhyd Lewis and Brynhoffnant is closed due to laying a new pipe near T.Llew.Jones School. More details on road signs where exactly the road is shut would be beneficial, as rather misleading at the moment.

7. Correspondence A letter was received from the Head of Ceredigion Pathways notifying that some walkers using the paths are leaving the gates open and this could cause problems to farmers with livestock in fields.  
The Clerk needs to ensure that this is on Troedyraur Community Council website – the importance of closing all gates behind them while using the public pathways.

During January a letter was received from Teifi Valley Show enquiring about a contribution. All Councillors present agreed that in future all should be made aware that all forms requesting funding should be in by the end of the year (December) – for them all to be discussed in the January meeting.

Cllr.Mark Davies proposed for the Clerk to keep a list of all that have requested funding throughout the year – but missed the December deadline. This would be beneficial for next year. All present agreed that this would be a great idea.

Flooding Consultation – was noted that this was not a major issue in this community.

Coronation Garden Party – (King Chares) – any nominations are welcomed if anyone was aware of a great achievement/good work by anyone in the Community or County.

Outdoor learning – apparently teaching in the open air is more beneficial and healthier. Outdoor classroom promotes learners.  
A consultation on the matter is now open.

It was agreed that the Clerk would fill in a de-fib survey that was received recently.

8. Planning One planning application was received for Porthyrhyd, Brongest. The application was to convert the property from a commercial to a residential – as a holiday let.  
After quite a discussion, it was decided by the Councillors present –
- Building Regulations should correct and in place
  - They were happy for it to be used as a holiday let and not a private residential property
  - How will this affect the Phosphates situation in the area.

9. Financial All present agreed to pay invoices and cheques were signed by Cllr Rob Jones & Cllr Roger Davies.

<b>Payments</b>	HMRC - £43.40	001693
	Clerk's Wages - £173.80	001694
	Contribution towards Eisteddfod Rhydlewis -£200	001690

Llinos Jones, Translating services - £41.30 001691

Ashmole & Co - £157.80 001692

( It was noted that the Clerk, Rhian Jones was happy to translate the Minutes, and all that were present agreed. It was agreed that it would be courteous for the Clerk to send a letter to thank Llinos Jones for her Translating services, and that the Councillors appreciated her work over the years. All present agreed if in future there would be a voluminous document to translate, that we would keep her in mind).

It was also agreed to hold a mini Committee Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm to discuss wages and to draft an employment contract for the new Clerk.

Councillors Maldwyn Lewis, Mark Davies, Sharon Thomas and Roger Davies agreed to be present.

10. Area **CROESLAN** – It was noted that a new Grit bin had been placed near Tegfan -  
Matters instead of the one that had gone missing.

It was notified that an e-mail was received from BT, informing that they had no intention of replacing the door to the kiosk. It might be worth contacting them again notifying them that the door had been blown away by the wind.

**COEDYBRYN** – Pauline is meeting Cllr Roger Davies Wednesday evening, February 8<sup>th</sup> to change the De-fib pads.

**RHYDLEWIS, BWLCHYGROES, FFOSTRASOL, MAESLLYN & BRONGEST** - None

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

As there were no further matters, the Chairman brought the meeting to a  
close at 9:15pm

12. Items for  
next meeting  
Agenda
- Apologies
  - Declaration of Interest
  - Minutes of last meeting
  - Conformation of Minutes
  - County Councillors Report
  - Correspondence
  - Planning
  - Finance – Payments

Area Matters – discuss the flower pots for the villages  
- New De-fib box for Coedybryn hall  
Date of Next meeting