

**TROEDYRAUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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

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

<b>Present –</b>	Cllr.Maldwyn Lewis (chair)	Cllr.Ceri Jones
	Cllr.Emyr Jon	Cllr.Mark Davies
	Cllr.Llŷr Evans	Cllr.Carol Davies
	Cllr. Roger Davies	Cllr Teifi Evans

Gavin Witte from Ceredigion County Council ( Community Youth Worker coordinator) was welcomed.

**Clerc** – Cyng. Sian Williams.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>By whom</b>	<b>By when</b>
1. Apologies	Clerk Rhian Jones, Cllr Sharon Thomas & Cllr Rob Jones.		
2. Presentation by Community Youth worker Coordinator.	<p>Gavin mainly works with young people between the ages of 11-16 &amp; 16-25. These are young people that find it difficult attending school. They work closely with Social services, Fire Service, Police and Schools. They also work to prevent drug abuse.</p> <p>There are currently 3 Youth Clubs in Ceredigion located in Aberystwyth, Aberaeron &amp; Cardigan and around 20-30 individuals attend each Club. These clubs run once on a weekly basis between 3:30-6:30pm. They offer free trips during the Summer and Easter holiday to places like Alton Towers, The Big Pit &amp; St. Fagan.</p> <p>The over 16's without education work closely with HCT Colleges to improve their confidence – many of these suffer from Mental Health issues. Their Communication skills are also very low.</p> <p>They do community work to encourage young people of different ages to respect their community and communicate with different ages around them. They were responsible for the 'Wildlife Park' project, and the wall near Jewson's in Cardigan. Also 'Beach Cleans', HCT Aberystwyth, create 6 benches on the Coastal path.</p> <p>They have a large van funded through the Lottery – 'Mobile Youth Club'. In the van there is an X-box and Wi-fi to support them in finding jobs. There is also a car steering wheel &amp; beer-goggles to inform them of the dangers of drink driving.</p> <p>Help is needed, but the hours are unsociable. They are supporting opening Clubs in Talybont, Llanddewi Brefi &amp; Aberporth.</p> <p>There is a request to support the area with planting flowers – this will be discussed after April.</p>		
3. Declaration of Interest	NONE		

4. Conformation Cllr Mark Davies proposed the February minutes to be correct and was of Minutes. seconded by Cllr Roger Davies.

5. Matters arising. NONE

6. County Ceredigion County Council budget was discussed last week.  
Councillors There will be a 6% increase on Council Tax.  
Report 1.3% will be for Fire & rescue Services = increase of 7.3%, around £8 a \month.  
National funding has decreased in order to keep services running – but  
There will be a need to find money from somewhere.  
There are discounts for Council Tax available.  
Business taxes are different, these interests go direct to Westminster.  
Rateable value will remain the same, the county will evaluate this and small  
Business tax relief will decrease and could cause difficulty for these  
businesses.

The County Council are discussing grants for empty properties up to £25,000 in the hope of seeing less empty properties. There are conditions – whoever applies for the grant must live at the property for 4 years. A question arose if they would have to pay £1 for £1. This would be for empty houses only, not second homes.

7. Correspondence. There was a consultation regarding building a new hospital in Whitland/ St Clears and it's important for us as a Community Council to respond as it will affect us too. A drop in session will be held in The Guild Hall, Cardigan between 2-7pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and in The Ivy Bush, Carmarthen between 2-7pm on the 21<sup>st</sup>. If unable to attend, there is an option to respond online.

An open day will be held for Businesses 'Grow, Define, Deliver Together' In the Metropole hotel in Llandrindod Wells on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Ceredigion are asking for opinions regarding the Dementia plan – "local Dementia Action Plan Engagement Events". Posters are for each area.

Ceredigion have a 'Spring Clean' plan to clean grass verges in the area. We need to raise a profile locally. Cllr Mark Davies noted – we need someone to collect rubbish near Pantyrefail, as this is causing quite a concern in the area. Litter Pickers are available in the Library.  
March – Keep Wales Tidy!!

8. Planning NONE  
( A concern was raised for planning in general in the area .)

9. Financial      The Clerks wages was discussed – a sub committee meeting was held following last months meeting. Cllr Mark Davies researched into holidays. The previous Clerk’s agreement has been re-vamped.

‘National Association of Local Council’ scale-

Start Date 01/11/22, £12.06 p/h pro rata.

Spinal Column 9- including August to cover holiday pay.

5 hrs a week @ 52 weeks = £3135.60 a year.

- A contract should be sent to all Councillors
- Insurance & working from home – omit wording 11.1
- Working hours per week – 5 ( need to add time for translating)
- 21 days holidays pro rata including August.
- Risk if ill, but will still be paid. Need to add Financial Risk Register.
- Opting out of pension – certificate received.
- Rhian Jones & another Councillor needs to sign the Contract.
- Half an hour a week to translate – 2 hours a month.  
( Cllr Sian Williams proposed and was seconded by Cllr. Teifi Evans)

Cllr Ceri Jones proposed the Clerk’s Contract and Cllr.Carol Davies seconded – and all present agreed.

Cllr Mark Davies was thanked for all his work.

**Payments**

HMRC - £43.40      001695

Clerk’s Wages - £173.80      001696

Solution Factory -£150.00      001697

All present agreed to pay invoices and cheques were signed by Cllr Ceri Jones & Cllr Mark Davies.

10. Area Matters      **COEDYBRYN** – A ‘Musicathon’ was held recently towards the disaster in Turkey/Syria and £800 was raised.

A new De-fib box needs to be ordered like the ones in Brongest, Penrhiwpal and Bwlchygroes. The present one needs upgrading.  
( Replacement backup boxes are also needed in Rhydlewis & Croeslan, Cllr. Mark Davies suggested contacting Calonnau Cymru for a price for 3 new boxes).

Cllr Roger Davies & Cllr Emyr Jones will make an assessment of the bus stop.

**FFOSTRASOL** –3 large holes have appeared in the road, one near Gary

Morgan's shed, one near the village shop and one near the junction leading to Newcastle Emlyn. (CLIC) SA44 4TE

Dog walkers are not clearing up after their dogs, and this is quite a concern.

A replacement De-fib box is needed.

**RHYDLEWIS** – There is a concern regarding rubbish on the way from Rhyd Lewis towards Penrhiwpal.

**BRONGEST** – Stone trap and the drains are fine now. Mr Barlow recently visited regarding the flooding at Ffynnon Fair.

( Flower Pots – Friends of Ffostrasol & Coedybryn already maintaining theirs).

- Location of pots causes a risk.
- What sort of pots?
- What will the be the cost?

Trefhedyn are willing to supply half barrels & compost @ £56 each.

They will be needed for the 7 villages.

2 half barrels for each village = 14 x £56 = £784.00p

Money has been set aside for this project

£253 unused for 3 years

(Cllr Ceri Jones willing to collect them from Trefhedyn and distribute to all locations).

£759

Clerk to order 2 half barrels for each village – 14 altogether.

Cllr Teifi Evans proposed and Cllr Mark Davies seconded.

11. Next meeting - Next meeting will be held TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> of April at 7:30pm at Coedybryn Village Hall.

12. Items for next meeting Agenda	Apologies Declaration of Interest Presentation by Chief Executive 'CAVO' Minutes of last meeting Matters arising – Clerk's Contract. Conformation of minutes.
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County Councillors Report

Correspondence

Planning

Finance – Payments

Area Matters – Latest regarding De-fib boxes

Payment for Flower boxes

The problem with the rubbish.

Annual Meeting Agenda

Annual Dinner

Date of Next meeting