

TROEDYRAUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 1st, 2024****At RHYDLEWIS VILLAGE HALL at 7.30 a.m.**

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

Clerk Rhian Jones

1 . Apologies**2. Declaration of Interest – NONE****3. 'Green Dragon' Community Transport**

3.1 – Caroline Wilson from Green Dragon Buses joined us at the start of the meeting. Pembrokeshire's Green Dragon was established in 2022 due to the unavailability of public transport for rural people. A free bus was accepted by Pembrokeshire County Council and initially used by the disabled as a means to go shopping, to the doctor etc. 22 years later and it remains prosperous. The company received lottery money and purchased a second hand bus. Anyone with a buss pass can travel for free.

As Bwcabus have finished in our area, 'Green Dragon' has taken some of the trips. The support of the people is important so that it can continue and it will be used to get rural people to towns or to larger buses for further travel.

If you want to book a seat, the company must be phoned to enquire for assistance. This will then have to be passed by the Traffic Commissioner as well as the Council.

They currently travel every Wednesday in our area and alternate to Emlyn and Cardigan.

They already have travellers from Brongest, Rhydlewys and Coedybryn. After booking your seat, you must wait 10 minutes before your allocated time and 10 minutes later as the time may change slightly, depending on the traffic!! It is possible to pay on the bus if you do not have a buss pass. If there is enough demand for it in the area, it would be possible to perhaps get more buses. They need more drivers (if anyone is interested). The drivers arrange their routes according to the demand of the passengers. Your seat must be booked 48 hours in advance, and they currently have 5 buses that are out daily.

4. Minutes of the last Meeting

4.1 - Everyone has received a copy of the September minutes and the Cllr. Ceri Jones agreed they were correct, and Cllr. Teifi Evans seconded.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

5.1 –Pauline has put new batteries in the De-fib at Croeslan but still shows a red cross so Cllr. Sharon Thomas is going to contact the Tech team. There's a spare one there now.

5.2 – Routes – Hawen Hall to Felinganol. Cllr Ceri Jones and Cllr Teifi Evans have walked the path. The path needs signage – Public Footpath, Close the gates etc.

It was noted that there were a few muddy spots on the trail and wellingtons are needed.

We'll have to talk to Osian and Jill Lowry to get their views and what's the best way with the mud situation. It was noted as a lovely path with three bridges in good condition.

5.3 – Boomerang – Cllr.Sian Williams has been in touch with Boomerang regarding the sign T.Llew Jones and awaiting a response.

5.4- An email has been received about the bench which was recently placed near the Church at Brongest. There is also praise for the bench near Ael y Bryn.

5.5 – The 2 stone traps in Brongest is full and needs to be cleared. Already contacted Clic about this but haven't been done.

6. Aberystwyth Coastal Defence Scheme

6.1 – Need to fill the questionnaire in order to make your voice heard.

7. Courses

7.1 – The course for new Councillors was full on the 30th of September so a second booking was required for Cllr.Osian Davies on October 22nd.

7.2 – Code of Conduct – some in councils across Wales taking pay for everything and the majority taking annual pay – all Councillors here working voluntarily.

Personal email for Councillors – freedom of information.

All Councillors can get access to One Voice Wales.

Need to make an annual training plan

The meetings must be attended with an open mind and be open with all aspects of Declaration of Interest .

8. County Councillor Matters

8.1 – Financial support is on the website for cost of living. There is support for residents who are more vulnerable. It's worth doing some research regarding additional support availability.

9. Correspondence

9.1 - Cllr.Sian Williams attended the meeting at New Quay recently. It has been noted that 'pest control' is now finished (2 members of staff).

This year 15 million has been over spent, but next year it falls to 8 million. Eifion noted that the Welsh Government had underpaid Ceredigion, and that some areas had been overpaid. 3/4 of the money is used for Education, Social Services and Highways. That leaves only 1/4 of the money for all the other aspects. Local councils may have to take on more responsibility such as cutting hedges etc – but this will affect the Precept.

9.2 – There was a Police Commissioner meeting tonight, but unfortunately it was the same evening as our monthly meeting as a Community Council.

9.3 – There is a meeting on the 20th of November – One Voice Wales and the Welsh Clerks' Association.

9.4 – ' Pethau Pawb' has opened at the former Barclays bank in Newcastle Emlyn. There is a community Fridge and a Library of things available to borrow. They have been assisted at Carmarthenshire County Council and are asking for further support to maintain this service.

9.5 – Winter Wellbeing – raising awareness of available support.

9.6 – October 16th – One Voice Wales Conference.

9.7 – Meals on Wheels – details shared on the Council's Facebook.

10. Planning

None

10.1 – We discussed the article in the Tivy Side about the planning in Rhydlewis. A complaint came from the community about the holiday cabins and extra noise – as a Council we decided to listen to residents' complaints when coming to our conclusion .

11. Finance

Everyone agreed to pay the invoices and the cheques were signed by Cllr.Rob Jones and Cllr.Maldwyn Lewis.

Clerk's Salary - £258.18 001779

HMRC - £64.40 001778

12. Area issues

12.1 – Around the flower pot near Llaindelyn in Croeslan needs trashing. Cllr.Rob Jones is ready to do the job, but who owns that piece of land?

12.2 – The flower pots still look good – they have been very prosperous this year again – with less watering due to the wet summer.

12.3 – Signs of villages needing washing.

12.4 - McMillan's Coffee Morning will be held at Coedybryn Village Hall Saturday, October 5th from 10-12pm.

12.5 – 'Welsh in the West End' – Concert is at Coedybryn Hall on October 12th.

12.6 - Ffostrasol – Councillor Mark Davies is going to re-sheet the roof of the bus stop.

12.7 – Ffostrasol's new Noticeboard is almost ready to be replaced.

12.8 - New phone posts are going up across the area ready for the Fibre.

13.Christmas

13.1 -There is a carol service at Coedybryn on December 8th. This will be too late for us to turn on the lights on our trees. Discuss at our next meeting - maybe have carols around every tree in the area on December 1st. (also need to order trees)

13.2 – Councillors' Christmas Dinner (to be discussed next month)

14.Next Meeting

14.1 – Ffostrasol Hall needs to be contacted to see if the hall is available on Monday, November 4th for us to meet .

14.2 – As there was nothing further to discuss, the Chair brought the meeting to a close at 9:40pm

Agreed that these entries are correct.

Signed (Chair) Date