

**TROEDYRAUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2024**

**At COEDYBRYN VILLAGE HALL at 7.30 a.m.**

<b>Present</b>	Cllr. Sian Williams ( Chair )	Cllr. Emyr Jones
	Cllr. Sharon Thomas	Cllr. Ceri Jones
	Cllr. Maldwyn Lewis	Cllr. Mark Davies
	Cllr. Teifi Evans	Cllr. Llyr Evans
	Cllr. Osian Davies	

**Clerk** Rhian Jones

Chair Sian Williams first congratulated the Councillor Ceri Jones on his success at the Ceredigion Rally at the weekend. He was given second place in his group. Fantastic.

We welcomed our new Councillor to his first meeting which was the Councillor Osian Davies from Coedybryn. He has signed the appropriate documents.

**1 . Apologies**

- Cllr.Carol Davies along with Cllr.Rob Jones

**2. Declaration of Interest – NONE**

**3. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**3.1** - Everyone received a copy of the Minutes from July and Councillor Mark Davies proposed that they were correct and seconded by Councillor Sharon Thomas.

**4.Issues Arising from the Records**

**4.1** - Openreach morning was held at Neuadd Rhydlewis on August 10th. Chair Sian Williams and Clerk Rhian Jones attended the coffee morning as representation from Troedyrour Community Council.

**4.2** – Pathways – Jill Lowry – Received a response from her and if we can get an order number and we would pay the invoice to ensure the money stays in our community. We also discussed that it might be an idea for us to arrange someone to do the work on one of the already existing but overgrown routes. Maybe the path near Hawen Hall. This would assist Pathways as well. We will need to have 3 prices wth local contractors – ask Teifi Tree services, Bleddyn and the Flower Meadow. ( Councillors Teifi Evans, Mark Davies and Ceri Jones will go and see what work is needed before we contact the contractors).

**4.3** – T Llew Jones sign – need to contact Boomerang.

**4.4** – Audit – heard nothing. Cllr Sian Williams has contacted Audit Wales but the response she received in an email was not to contact them for an update.

**4.5** - Maesllyn signs have been re-installed by Gethin and Geraint. Thank you both.

**4.6** – Llinos Davies has translated the annual report and is already on the website.

**4.7** – The benches have been replaced at Brongest and the Cllr Teifi Evans has been thanked for arranging this. Nice to see they are already getting use and we need to arrange now to put a plaque on them and come and take a picture.

## **5. Courses**

- 5.1 – The Cllr. Osian Davies to do the New Councillor Course – September 30th.
- 5.2 – Module 4 – Understanding the Law – The Cllr. Sian Williams – September 11th  
Module 9 – Code of Conduct – Cllr Sharon Thomas, Cllr.Ceri Jones and Cllr.Osian Davies – September 11th  
Module 9 – Cllr Sian Williams and Cllr Llyr Evans – September 24th

## **6. County Councillor Report**

6.1 – There has been a meeting today about North County Education. A consultation about the future. One has to think of ways to save money in education, many children are in schools that are too small to sustain them. They might have to move to larger schools that already exist.

6.2 – Flood prevention consultation in Aberystwyth.

6.3 – There have been a number of small events across the county at food shows and festivals but the main event in Ceredigion was the Rally, the last weekend of August. It was a great benefit to the County and was a very successful event.

6.4 – Flood prevention work continues in Aberaeron..

6.5 – Fibre wires go down in villages across the community – started in Rhydlewis. The phones will also go digital by the end of the year.

## **7. Correspondence**

7.1 – Aberystwyth Defence Plan. There has been a meeting yesterday and there is a leaflet to respond and speak out.

7.2 – Safeguarding – we'll need to arrange to have someone talk to us when Wi-fi is available.

7.3- Tiggywinkles – information on saving the hedgehogs.

7.4 – Small grants available " Natural small grant schemes".

7.5 – Throw to fill ( shared on Facebook) by Elin Jones about buses in rural areas. In discussion with Dolen Teifi.

The Green Dragon bus already comes on Wednesdays to the Rhydlewis, Brongest, Coedybryn and Penrhiwpal area and travels to Newcastle Emlyn and Cardigan for a second week.

7.6 – Ceredigion Cost of Living Bulletin ( shared on Facebook )

7.7 – Quite a few emails have come about preventing domestic abuse.

## **8. Planning**

NONE

## **9. Chairman's Account**

9.1 - Gwyn Jones raised that some community Councils have a Chairman's account which is between £150 and £500 a year. They use the money to pay for a meal once a year for the Councillors as they work voluntarily. This was discussed and everyone concluded that they were doing the job for the community but the Council would be willing to pay when a Councillor resigns ( as Roger Davies did earlier this year – his meal was paid for as recognition and thanks for his service over the years).

## **10. Update the Website**

**10.1** – Need to get in touch to add Cllr Osian Davies' details to the Website.

**10.2** - Need to contact Lesley Parker to enquire about the price of getting emails to each Councillor rather than using their personal ones.

## **11. Defib**

**11.1** – Pads that went out of date have been updated in all boxes.

**11.2** – Croeslan's batteries are changed tomorrow night. Pauline noted these will be the last set of batteries and pads that will be free. We as a council will have to buy some in the future if they go out of date. However if the De- Fib happens to be used, then the Ambulance service issues new pads at that time.

**11.3** – Cllr.Ceri Jones has changed the De-fib boxes, and there are about 4 spare boxes available for inside buildings if needed.

**11.4** – Coedybryn De-fib – Cllr.Osian Davies along with his Dad, former councillor Roger Davies are going to keep an eye on the Coedybryn box.

## **12. Finance**

Everyone agreed to pay the cheques and signed by Councillors Sharon Thomas and Ceri Jones.

Gwyn Jones Audit £150.00	001770
Clerk's salary £515.96	001772 ( 2 months )
HMRC £129.20	001771
Ffostrasol Hall £60.00	001773
Sian Williams £36.99	001774 ( posting/ retirement dinner Cllr.R Davies)
One Voice Wales £271.00	001775
Llinos Jones Translation £74.14	001776
Ashmole & Co £94.50	001777

( A letter will be required by the next meeting to transfer £2,000 to the current account.)

## **13. Audit Update**

Received no response.

## **14. Area Matters**

**14.1** – The benches received earlier this year have now been replaced.

**14.2** – Stonetrap Brongest is still causing trouble – we need a jetter there.

**14.3** -Ffostrasol – the hedges towards Capel Cynon are overgrown and cause walkers to have to get off the pavement and walk on the main road which is dangerous.

**14.4** – Near Glyniscoed there is an approximately 8 inch hole on the road near the water cover.

**14.5** – Near the old Capel Cynon School the wall needs to be replaced – the baskets behind the bank have rusted and it is only a matter of time before the wall will collapse.

**14.6** – Rhydlewys – near Garreglwyd – hedges need to be cut because children are unable to walk on the path – having to take the road which is dangerous.

**14.7** - A shed has sprung up in Rhydlewys which has raised concern for some. This is a concern rather than a complaint – is planning allowed?

**14.8** – There is one hole on the square near the old shop. However holes that were further up the village have now been filled.

**14.9** -The orange fence is still in the same place which is an eye sore.

**14.10** – The bins cause concern to several villages – they are not collected regularly. This is probably a County-wide problem. The general complaint is that the taxes are going up and the service is declining!!

**14.11** – A Garden Club has started at Coedybryn Village hall and around 25 have attended each time so far.

**14.12** – There is a Concert at Coedybryn Hall on the 12th of October – "Welsh of the West End".

**14.13** – Those who cut around the flower barrels were thanked. It was noted that the pot near Maesllyn's sign would need to be removed by next year – it is under the trees and the growth is not prosperous.

**14.14** – There has been a lot of theft recently from farms (though not in our community). We must be vigilant.

**14.15** – Cllr Llyr Evans mentioned that he has a spare Yellow Grit Box ( this to discuss at the next meeting).

## **15. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at Rhydlewys Hall on October 1st at 7:30pm

As there was nothing further to discuss the meeting came to a close at 9:35pm.

Agreed that these minutes are correct.

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Signed ( Chair )

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Date