

TROEDYRAUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on March 4th, 2025 at Coedybryn Village Hall.

Present Cllr. Sian Williams (Chair)

Cllr. Teifi Evans

Cllr. Sharon Thomas

Cllr. Ceri Jones

Cllr. Emyr Jones

Cllr. Osian Davies

Cllr. Rob Jones

Cllr. Maldwyn Lewis

Clerk

Rhian Jones

1 . Apologies

Cllr. Llyr Evans, Cllr Carol Davies and Cllr. Mark Davies

2. Independent Living Centre, Penmorfa

It was a pleasure to welcome Melinda Goodwin from Independent Living in Penmorfa to talk about the resources available and the service they offer. The centre opened in April 2024 and is a small team that is a centre where people can go for help to live independently. The centre is located in Aberaeron – the centre of the county and is open daily from Monday to Friday. There are different events going on every day as well as regular events.

- Visually Impaired Room, Information Centre, Smart Room, Adapted Kitchen, Collaboration with fire service and collaborating with Havav and Cantre Care. Equipment can be borrowed from the centre. There is information on transport, financial aid, various courses and a hand-held room. This is always a welcoming centre and needs better connection with the local GP surgeries.
- 'Ask Sara' – Online Self-Help Tool. Here are ideas about things to buy, the support available and there are a number of assessments to do online to help people in different situations.
- Pressing the Telecare Button – the number has increased significantly from 60 to 210 people using this tool. There are two packs available – the cheapest which is £3.90 per week and works around 300metres from the box site. Another package is also available which is £7.20 per week and includes quite a bit more technical equipment to keep people safe. This can be a reminder of medication, assist if you fall and includes GPS that works inside and out of the home.
- Everyone is sure to have contacts who would be able to make use of this valuable center.

3. Declaration of Interest

None

4. Minutes of the last Meeting

4.1 - Everyone received a copy of the February minutes and Cllr Sharon Thomas proposed that they were correct, and was seconded by Cllr Teifi Evans

5. Issues arising from the records

5.1 -Walking Path. There have been emails during the month between Councillors and the work will be completed by Gerwyn James. The Chairperson has obtained permission from the local farmers of Blaenbachcrydd and Blaenllan to go on their land to cut the hedges on this route.

5.2 - Stickers on the salt bins. Action Graphics 20 x A5 =£45

Cllr Mark Davies also needs to be asked about price before deciding.

5.3 – Councillors Sian Williams and Maldwyn Lewis met with Carwyn from Boomerang and work has commenced on the renewal of the T Llew Jones sign.

5.4 – One Voice Wales Toolkit Courses. A date has been arranged for a meeting to discuss Toolkit with all councillors on Tuesday March 11th in Codybryn. It will be necessary to look at what needs to be focused on mostly, but the process of working through it can take up to 2 years to fully complete.

5.5 – Clerk Rhian Jones was thanked for her work and noted that a number of previous issues had been sorted out while in office. It was noted that work since 2018 that needed to be completed has now been done so the work of his successor should be much easier. A new Clerk will need to be searched as soon as possible and it may be an idea to ask someone who is already doing the job in a nearby council. It was decided to interrogate Catrin of Beulah. One Voice Wales will need to ask what happens in the Clerk's absence about the RFO.

5.6 – The Chair will need to complete the annual report by the end of the year before the new Chair takes over.

5.7 – The asset list will need to be updated and the position of the benches, flower pots de-fibs and salt boxes will need to be added.

6. Courses

6.1 – Webinars are available free of charge – list available.

7. County Councillor Matters -

7.1 - An apology was received for missing the last meeting.

7.2 – The Council's funding for the financial year has been passed this week – over 209million, a 9.3% increase in council tax. Due to this there will be no cuts in services this year but 4 new posts will be created for planning enforcement officers.

8. Audit Update

8.1 –A letter has been sent to Gwyn Jones, Internal Auditor asking if he is happy to take up the post for the next three years. He agreed to this for £150 a year.

9. Correspondence

9.1 – Consultation on draft Planning Guidance

9.2 – Click – garbage collections, responded with contact details as well as addresses but still expect a response back to them.

9.3 – Electoral survey programme.

9.4 – Information from the Cost of Living Support Team

9.5 – Police information and crime.

10. Planning

10.1 – Pods at Rhydlewis, Llwyn Iwan. Appeal because they have been rejected repeatedly. There was a lot of discussion about this again and it was decided to follow Ceredigion's guidelines and policies. Continue with what has already been said with the original planning application.

11. Finance

11.1 – It was agreed to pay the invoices and the cheques were signed by Cllr Sharon Thomas and Cllr Rob Jones.

HMRC - £67.60

Ashmole & Co – £94.50

EDAF Building supplies - £2,512.80

Rhydlewis Indoor Bowls - £198.50

Teifi Valley Show - £300.00

Coedybryn Hall - £300.00

The Solutions Factory - £150.00

Clerk Salary - £270.54

12. – Area Matters

12.1 – **Brongest** -water coming out of the gutters between Troedyraur Church and down to the village.

12.2 – **Rhydlewis** – There is a lot of water on Blaenwern hill and the pothole is still on the road near the old shop.

12.3 – **Coedybryn** – The rusty water near Penrhiwpal quarry is causing a traffic problem.

12.4 – **Maesllyn** - Water problem again – had to take sandbags down to Nurseries. (thanks to the Chair for arranging this).

12.5 – Many trees have been cut down on Maesllyn hill so there is nothing to stop vehicles coming down. This could cause an accident so some sort of crash barriers needs to be placed there in terms of safety.

