

## TROEDYRAUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 6th, 2024

#### At COEDYBRYN VILLAGE HALL at 7.30 p.m.

<b>Present</b>	Cllr. Ceri Jones (chair)	Cllr.Maldwyn Lewis
	Cllr. Emyr Jones	Cllr.Mark Davies
	Cllr.Rob Jones	Cllr Roger Davies
	Cllr.Llyr Evans	Cllr.Teifi Evans
<b>Clerk</b>	Rhian Jones	

The chairman sympathised with Cllr.Sharon Thomas who recetly lost her Mother and also Cllr.Rob Jones who lost his mother in law.

Anwen Davies PCSO called in incase there were any recent issues in the community.Most cases in this area are domestic and recently due to the bad weather there have been a few rosd collisions. A case was raised also regarding hunting.

It was noted that Troedyraur hill was trecherous during the icy weather and that currently there isn't a salt box on that strech of road. Many collisiions took place during that extreme weather.

The Head of Highways has stopped gritting many roads and in a rural community this caused a concern to many.

The Clerk will contct the Police monthly notifying where our meeting are held in order for them to call in to our meetings if anyone has any concerns.

#### **1. Apologies**

- Cllr.Sharon Thomas, Cllr. Sian Williams & Cllr.Carol Davies.

#### **2. Declaration of Interest**

- Cllr Ceri Jones – Grant towards Tivy Side Agricultural Show.
- Cllr Roger Davies & Cllr Emyr Jones – Grant towards Coedybryn Village Hall towards the Wi-Fi.

#### **3. Minutes of last meeting.**

- All Councillors had previously received a copy of the minutes and Cllr.Mark Davies proposed that they were correct.

#### **4. Matters Arrising**

- **4.1** – We are awaiting Nat West to reply regarding the Mandate.
- **4.2** – We are waiting Ffostrasol Football Club's response regarding the bench.
- **4.3**– Gary Morgan is away on holiday at present and on his return will price up a new Notice board for Ffostrasol.
- **4.4**– We are aiming to arrange a DE-fib training sessiion at Ffostrasol Village Hall on March 20th. The Clerk will contact the secretary to ensure the hall is available on that evening. Hopefully the event can be shared on Facebook page for Friends of Ffostrasol.
- **4.5** – Welsh Blood Bikes – correct forms not received in order for us to contribute.
- **4.6** – No response so far from Derryck or Gwyn regarding the Audit.

- **4.7** – T Llew Jones sign. Contact Owenna Davies from Ffostrasol – she might have the correct information for the board – then we can get in touch with Boomerang.
- **4.8** – Bench for the Community. One in Bwlchygroes. The Chairman has contacted Troedyaaur Church regarding placing a bench outside. The bench must first with the local surroundings – maybe we could move one of our current benches to this location if more appropriate. A colourful bench would not be appropriate outside the Church.
- **4.9** – As there is Wi-Fi in Rhydlewish hall, we will try and update the system to Microsoft Office 365 in our next meeting.
- **4.10** – The Grant contributions have been open for an extra month and only one extra application was received.
- **4.11** – Courses – a few have already completed Module 1.

## **5. De-fib Course/First Aid**

- **5.1** - Arranged for March 20th if Ffostrasol Hall is available.

## **6. County Councillors Report.**

Apologised for his absence over the past few months.

- **6.1** – The Budget is a sore subject. Ceredigion as a rural community will suffer. Many workshops have taken place recently. The main discussion was ways of making cuts to save money, as the public will see a tremendous impact during the financial year ahead. Unfortunately, things are not looking bright for Ceredigion along as many other rural areas of Wales. The Council Tax is due to increase and many cuts to be made – it looks like we have a serious problem on the horizon.
- **6.2** – The work has begun to protect the Harbour in Aberaeron.
- **6.3** – AGS – Audit Wales are in discussion.
- **6.4** – It was a pleasure to see our local PCSO in our meeting earlier this evening.
- **6.5** – It was with great sadness that one of our local villagers Lyn Davies from Coedybryn recently passed away a few days before his milestone birthday of 100 years. The Clerk will send a letter to his daughter Dilys.

## **7. Correspondence**

- **7.1** – Ceredigion local meeting was held recently.
- **7.2** – The Chief Executive of Ceredigion noted that finances would be less next year.
- **7.3** – Welsh Hearts Screening – in Mwldan on April 6th.
- **7.4** – Ben Lake sent a questionnaire regarding local Banks. The Voice of the people is very important – the more that respond, the better.
- **7.5** – Audit Wales – Fees 2024
- **7.6** – Cynnal y Cardi fund – reopened February 1st.
- **7.7** – An invite received to the Kings Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. All that have attended on previous occasions have thoroughly enjoyed – an unforgettable day. Anyone is welcome to note the good work of someone from the community in order to put forward their name to attend the event.  
(A name was put forward – Llinos Davies from Ffostrasol for her achievement during Covid. She received an honour and praise for her work.)
- **7.8** – Cymdeithas yr Iaith – opinion regarding holiday homes. Dwelling houses/Long & Short term rentals. There are so many holiday homes around, the price of houses has raised greatly. This was discussed during the meeting.
- **7.9** – Cllr. Maldwyn Lewis distributed envelopes during the meeting he received recently regarding the loss of Bwcbys.

## 8. Planning –

### 9. Feedback from the recent Course

- **Module 1** – 55 minutes on Zoom  
3 Councillors attended and other will participate tomorrow evening.  
Many changes have been since 2021.  
Meetings should be on Zoom/Owl – the public can listen into the meetings and participate on certain aspects of their choice. The meetings are for the Public. We must have the available equipment in place in case we have a request to join.  
All Councillors, including the Clerk need to have the appropriate training.  
There are 11 Councillors in Troedyaaur Community Council – a combination of Llangynllo and Troedyaaur.

Tomorrow evening Councillor Ceri Jones will attend the Module 1 training. If the Clerk could also arrange at very short notice, Councillors Roger Davies, Llyr Evans and Maldwyn Lewis would like to attend.

### 10. Salt Box for Troedyaaur hill

A tragedy awaiting to happen!! On this steep stretch of hill a mile and a half long there isn't one salt box. It's important to have one on Troedyaaur hill, one by the Church and also by Ael y Bryn square. To purchase a salt box and fill would roughly cost us £300, but this would be a continuous cost as we would need to replace the salt ourselves. The Clerk will contact CLIC notifying them of the recent accidents and that the Police and Fire Service were involved. It would also be worth notifying them that other have requested salt boxes in Penrhiwpal and Twrgeyn – to be fair with all.

### 11. Contributions

- **11.1** – Tivy Side Agricultural Show requested £500 to buy a storage container.
- **11.2** – Coedybryn Village hall requested £300 towards the cost of Wi-Fi for the hall.  
Cllr. Teifi Evans proposed these requests to be paid and it was seconded by Cllr. Mark Davies.
- **11.3** – The requests for contributions this year has dropped greatly – we should re-look at how much we request in our Precent next year.

### 12. Financial

**Payments** – HMRC - £104.00 (PAYE)

Clerk's Wages - £416.18 (including backpay)

Ashmole & Co - £90.00

All present agreed to pay the Invoices and Cllr Roger Davies and Cllr Mark Davies signed the cheques.

### 13. Area Matters

**FFOSTRASOL** – A hole has appeared in the road on the junction towards Penrhiwpal. (CLIC)

The bollard on the pavement remains between Ffostrasol and Bwlchgyroes. This is dangerous as many with pushchairs have to dismount the pavement onto the road in order to pass.(CLIC)

**PENRHIWPAL** – The street lamp opposite the junction towards Coedybryn needs replacing. (CLIC)

**COEDYBRYN** – The De-fib pads need replacing.

**CROESLAN** – The hedge has overgrown over the speed sign below the bus stop.

**BRONGEST** – The heavy rain we had recently has washed the chippings from the roadsides down the hill, and caused culverts in the roadside near the hedges which are dangerous.

**14. Next meeting**

- **14.1** – The next meeting will be held at Rhydlewys Village Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm
- **14.2** – as there was nothing else to discuss, the Chairman brought the meeting to a close at 10:30pm

**It was confirmed that the minutes were correct.**

**Signature.**

**Date**

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