

## **Decision summary of a meeting of Tremeirchion, Cwm and Waen Community Council**

Held at the Waen Parish Hall 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023. (zoom not available)

### **Present:**

Councillors: A Jones (Chair), D Williams, C Marston, J Christian, J Baldwin -Evans, Dr M Lloyd Williams, Dr P Day, A Morris, A Edwards, D Davies.  
Sue Fordham (Clerk) plus one member of the public.

**1. Open forum:** PCSO Dave Jones gave a quick update and responded to a few questions.

**2. Apologies:** Cllr's D Jones, K Potts, C Mearns, C Evans.

**3. Urgent matters:** Notice of items which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B (4) of LGA 1972. None recorded.

### **4. Declaration of interests:**

Cllr A Morris declared an interest as a governor of Tremeirchion School.

### **5. Approval of minutes and accuracy of the Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023:**

Correction required item 10 wrong surname (Williams should be Davies previous minutes now corrected.)

**Resolved:** That these be approved as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr J Christian Seconded: Cllr A Edwards.

### **6. Matters arising:**

Cllr J Baldwin-Evans has commenced exploratory work on getting a Tree Preservation Order on the two Copper Beech Trees and gave an update.

### **7. Correspondence:**

Action: Clerk to add a link to Welsh Water in minutes as council remains dissatisfied with the responses from Welsh Water. A link will also be put on social media.

[Your not-for-profit water company | Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water \(dwrcymru.com\)](#)

Internal Audit report is back (more details under item 14.)

Infrastructure (Wales) Bill 2023.

Details about slow internet speeds and a survey to report it. [Wales Connectivity Survey \(google.com\)](#)

The issue with out-of-date TCW Clerk and DCC Councillors information in the Dyserth Times is resolved and will be changed in a new edition at the end of July.

### **8. County Councillors report:**

*Cllr C Evans had shared information about some work he has been involved with to get a Denbigh Rural Fflecsi Service 77 going which will be run by DCC Fleet Services and they confirm this will now happen, date for its commencement and how to book etc are to be announced/follow.*

*Problems with your internet? Denbighshire County Council's Digital Officer is here to help!*

*Residents and businesses in Denbighshire can benefit from free advice and assistance from the Council's Digital Officer who can find the best solution for internet issues they may be experiencing due to a slow connection.*

*With an increasing number of residents using technology to work from home, and with many services, such as banking and utilities now online, it is essential that people can access a reliable service to meet their daily needs.*

*Philip Burrows, Denbighshire's Digital Officer said, "Some residents have slow or unreliable internet connections, and that's where I come in. I can help by diagnosing the problem and then work with residents to fix it, with the aim of improving the quality of their internet connection.*

*"We find that people experience a range of issues, for example, some may be fairly straightforward problems that require a tweak to their home network. However, others may have more complex issues which will need to be resolved with a third party."*

*Some communities may experience problems which require intervention by Openreach, the company which maintains and provides the major telephony and internet network system around the UK. However, individuals cannot contact Openreach directly, but the Council's Digital Officer is able to do this on their behalf.*

*Philip goes on to say, "I can be the go-between to hopefully take the stress out of sorting these types of problems. I can also advise on how to source funding to set up fibre community partnerships if there are specific communities who are all experiencing similar problems. I'm happy to advise any resident or business in Denbighshire on any topic related to their internet connection."*

*Councillor Emrys Wynne, Lead Member for Welsh Language, Culture and Heritage said, "Ensuring better digital networks is essential and supporting communities to achieve this is a key priority in the Council's Corporate Plan. Denbighshire is committed to helping residents to understand the options and solutions for improved internet connectivity – crucial for the digital age we live in today. I encourage anyone who is experiencing difficulties with their internet to contact Philip who will be able to advise on the best course of action."*

*If you're experiencing slow internet speeds or have trouble connecting to the internet in your home, contact the Council's Digital Officer on [communitydevelopment@denbighshire.gov.uk](mailto:communitydevelopment@denbighshire.gov.uk)*

#### *Denbighshire Micro-provider initiative supports over 140 citizens every week*

*The Micro-provider initiative, run by Denbighshire County Council is going from strength to strength, with over 30 individual businesses now set up around the county.*

*The council run initiative is a free development programme, supporting residents to set up their own micro-provider service in their local communities. Micro-providers offer care and support to older and disabled people in their own homes to help them live their lives their way.*

*Collectively, the 31 businesses provide 520 hours of care in Denbighshire to 146 residents each week.*

*These businesses help citizens in a number of different ways, including; practical help around the house, cleaning, helping with meals, DIY, shopping, personal care, dog walking, companionship and much more.*

*The scheme is free to join and enables the people of Denbighshire to work for themselves, choose their own hours and work locally, helping the local people in their community and offer a service that they can be proud of.*

*Councillor Elen Heaton, Lead Member for Health and Social Care said:*

*“The outcome of this council run scheme is a brilliant example of the strengths of the individuals we have living in our county. This is a brilliant service that helps provide the local community with a range of vital services”.*

*Each Micro-provider delivers an important service within the county, helping people live in their own homes for longer, as well as improving the quality of their lives.*

*This is a great project, with many benefits to all involved, so if you or someone you know may be interested, then I would encourage you to get in touch with the team”.*

*For more information go to: <https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/micro-provider-initiative>*

## **9. Community Council issues:**

**Cllr Dr P Day:** Fly tipping of garden waste and some trees that are needing cutting back that will be done later in the year.

**Cllr Dr M Lloyd Williams:** Requests for an additional salt bin.

**Cllr A Morris:** Caerwys road overhanging trees Junc 29/A55.

**Cllr A Edwards:** Email sent to DCC about poor patching and the finish of the work on the roads. Concerns raised about the damaged crash barrier on Old Rhuallt hill. (**Action:** send Clerk photo for concerns to be raised with DCC highways).

**Cllr D Davies:** Weedkilling at Waen by the phone box and a broken pane in phone box. (**Action:** Clerk to go back to DCC contact – who had asked if we were responsible for the weedkilling after checking with our Lengthsman and to ask Lengthsman to replace pane. Both actions completed next day – we hadn’t been responsible for the weedkilling.)

**Cllr J Christian:** Sign for footpath at Tany Bryn on Cwm road is missing and spoke about details for help with the costs of the Defibrillator. (Actions Cllr Christian to send Clerk details of the funding so Clerk can apply).

**Cllr D Williams:** Sign about the Defib at the top of the Bwlch needs a sticker showing a change of placement. (**Action:** Clerk to obtain stickers to cover out of date information and contact air ambulance to update their information after this has been changed).

**Cllr J Baldwin-Evans:** Concerns about changes to driveways and entrances being made without planning permission and speeding.

## **10. The Community Newsletter:**

**Action:** Spare copies to be circulated via other outlets such as local pubs.

**Vote of thanks to Cllr D Williams for her hard work on this** also feedback received from some local residents about how useful it was/nice to get etc.

## **11. Code of conduct and register of interests:**

Passed round, signed by those present and a reminder given about things to consider as a potential conflict of interests.

## 12. Planning:

- i. **47/2023/0334 The Lodge, Llys Y Delyn to Bryn Mawr Junction Rhualt LL170AL.** Objection to roof finish, request slate instead of composite to ensure a matching finish. Proposed Cllr D Davies. Seconded Cllr D Williams.
- ii. **47/2023/0285 Cornely, Llys Y Deln to Bryn Mawr Junction Rhualt LL170AL.** No objections.
- iii. **47/2023/0392 White house Rhualt St Asaph.** No objections.  
Both proposed by Cllr C Marston and Seconded by Cllr J Christian.
- iv. **47/2023/0389 Tyn Y Ffynnon Cwm Rhyl**  
Objection on flat roof as building within area of AONB and appears unsympathetic with rest of the building.  
Proposed by Cllr C Marston and seconded by Cllr J Christian.

Action: Clerk to add to next agenda how plans could be more accessible for councillors.

## 13. Llannerch bridge:

### Actions:

- I. Clerk to request copy of presentation from meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> June to share with the public.
- II. Chair to write a letter to the Transport and the Environment Assembly Members.
- III. Clerk to request a meeting timeline from T Ward at DCC.
- IV. Cllr C Marston to speak to Cllr C Evans about bringing this item into scrutiny at DCC.

## 14. Finance:

- i. Two bank accounts, current balance of both is a total of £21,845.07. The internal audit had been submitted and a report has been sent back. The auditor has given the clerk a new set of figures to work from to make some simple adjustments.  
Two other report recommendations include a correction that is required on the asset register and an updated risk assessment. We also have been charged a total of £48 in bank charges for cheques that bounced due to a temporary freezing of the accounts that Nat West applied due to an error.  
**Actions:**  
Clerk to write contesting these charges as it was a Nat West error in our opinion.  
Clerk to update risk assessment and circulate prior to July meeting.  
Clerk to check and correct Asset register and circulate prior to July meeting.
- ii. This meeting agreed that the primary signatory on the accounts needs to be the new clerk Mrs Sue (Susanne Jane Batts) Fordham.

**Actions:** Clerk to update Nat West.

- iii. The accounting statement, with the new figures supplied by the auditor, was signed by the Clerk and Chair.
- iv. Payments approved:
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| Harold Smith services for payroll Jan – Mar 23. | £42.00  |
| Lengthsman.                                     | £394.74 |
| Clerk salary May (includes 9.5 extra hours)     | £703.85 |
| HMRC clerk income tax for May.                  | £167.20 |
| Marian LI Rees Translation service.             | £36.36  |
- Plus replacement cheques (due to the original ones being bounced by Nat West) of Previous clerk April Salary £455.74, new clerk April Salary £417.52 and Lengthsman £170.

All agreed. Proposed Cllr D Davies and Seconded Cllr D Williams.

- v. Community proposals and capital works. One proposal submitted so far which is to put money aside in the capital works to improve the school field in Tremeirchion.
- £5,000 to be held as a rolling budget. Quote required. Lease needed to be viewed.
- Proposed by Cllr D Davies, Seconded by Cllr C Marston. Voted by those present in favour.
- Actions: Cllr A Morris talk to Head about quotes. Cllr D Davies to send round copy of the lease. A site meeting to be arranged.

### **15: Speed Watch:**

Update given – more to follow next month.

### **16: Local Development plan:**

#### **Actions:**

All to consider Cllr D Davies's report of the likely scenarios and put opinions forwards.

Clerk and Cllr D Davies to attend, if possible, the two remaining open information sessions.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

*Sue Fordham Clerk to the Community Council.*