

TREMEIRCHION, CWM AND WAEN Community Council
MEETING minutes from 7.00 PM WEDNESDAY, 19th July 2023

Held at Blue Lion Public house (separate room) Cwm LL18 5SG [Zoom currently unavailable due to circumstances beyond control](#)

- i) Open forum.
- ii) Meetings and minutes.
 - i) Apologies.
 - ii) In attendance.
 - iii) Declarations of interest.
 - iv) Previous minutes approval and accuracy.
 - v) Matters arising.
 - vi) Correspondence. Keep Wales Tidy from OVW Circulated in advance by email.
Sustainability Drainage Feasibility Grants OVW Circulated in advance by email.
Paths to Wellbeing from Heather Martin. Circulated in advance by email and agenda item as request for funds.
Cwm Churchyard email. Circulated in advance by email and agenda item as request for funds.
Ian Hodgkinson email. Circulated in advance by email, one item for information and the other (Seat between CWM and Dyserth) request for replacement.

Actions on the requests for grants. **Decision** to refer until later in financial year when decisions will be made about funding requests and an agreement in principle to look at adopting a funding policy and related forms. Clerk to action.
- iii) 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.
- 4. Updated risk assessment (circulated prior to meeting). **Formally approved.** Proposed Cllr D Davies. Seconded Cllr C Evans.

Actions: Clerk to upload to website and to check liability for playing field.

5.	Updated asset register (circulated prior to meeting).		Formally approved. Proposed Cllr Dr M Lloyd Williams Seconded Cllr J Christian.
6.	Planning:	For decisions	Discussion around accessibility to plans. Decision to stay same as now with the addition of a projector at meetings which Cllr Dr P Day will bring along.
	i)	47/2023/0408	Land at Cwm road Rhualt: <i>Erection of an agricultural building for housing livestock, storage of feed and machinery and associated works.</i> No objections. Proposed Cllr D Williams. Seconded Cllr Dr M Lloyd Williams.
	ii)	47/2023/0358	Bryn Hafod Rhualt: <i>Erection of a single storey extensions and alterations to dwelling including integral garage.</i> No objections. Proposed Cllr J Christian. Seconded Cllr K Potts.
	iii)	47/2023/0421	Coed Duon Tremeirchion: <i>Conversion of part of a detached garage to form holiday let accommodation and associated works. Due to a clerical error the wrong details had been put on the agenda.</i> Deferred. Actions: Clerk to contact DCC to see if an extraordinary meeting was required and if necessary put on next agenda. Proposed Cllr K Potts. Seconded Cllr D Davies.
7.	Finance:		
	i)	Annual accounts 22/23	For information.
	ii)	Annual accounts quarterly report 23/24	For information.
	iii)	Internal audit report.	For information. (circulated in advance)
	iv)	Stamp record	For information. (circulated in advance)
	v)	Current and reserve balances.	For information.
	vi)	Payments	For approval.
	i)	Clerks' salary for June. (inc extra hrs)	£725.39
	ii)	JDH Business services. (internal audit)	£294.00
	iii)	Delyn Press. (Newsletter)	£95.00
	iv)	Clerks' expenses April – June.	£166.17
	v)	Harold Smith payroll services April – June.	£42.00

vi)	HMRC Income tax Clerk June.	£172.40
vii)	Replacement cheque C Evans (another one bounced)	£120.00
viii)	Lengthsman.	£242.25
ix)	HMRC Income tax Clerk July.	£181.20
x)	Clerks' salary for July. (inc extra hrs)	£760.36

All payments approved. Proposed Cllr D Davies. Seconded Cllr Dr M Lloyd Williams.

8.	Funding/grant enquiries. i) Cwm Church. ii) Paths to wellbeing. iii) Seat between Cwm and Dyserth	For approval/decision. Refused due to rules about what the community council can fund. Action: Clerk to inform applicant plus information about when funding applications will be considered. Deferred until later in financial year when applications will be looked at en masse. Cllr C Evans informed the meeting that a member of the public/local business wishes to fund this. More details to follow. A discussion then took place about when and how funding requests will be considered. Details will be available in the Autumn. Actions: Clerk to circulate materials for consideration at the September meeting and to inform applicants of the timeline.
9.	Tremeirchion school fence.	For information/discussion. Cllr D Davies presented a report on the recent meeting. Some changes to original plans re the footpath.

10. Local development plan. Update/for information.

11. Llannerch Bridge: Ongoing updates/for information.

to Newsletter in minutes and to request presentation. <https://countyconversation.denbighshire.gov.uk/project/620>

12. County Councillors Report: For information.

See appendix 1 below.

13. Community Council issues. For information.

Old Rugby club ongoing; Plastic on hedge ongoing Cllr J Christian reported back on a discussion she's had with planning at DDC; Work to look at making the copper beech trees protected is still ongoing; Approach about the Old School windows is clearly not a TCWCC matter; enquiries made about bus timetable no response as yet:

14. Speed watch: (update).
Autumn for volunteers.

Partnership with Bodfari CC still moving on slowly and training likely to be mid

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Appendix 1:

County Councillors report:

Energy team sparks drive to net zero goal

Denbighshire County Council's Property Section Energy Team has completed over 90 working measures into 47 council owned buildings in a drive to reduce building emissions.

During Net Zero Week 2023 which focuses on initiatives to reduce carbon emissions, the Council's Energy Team are embarking on a number of additional projects including some significant initiatives. Since the declaration of a Climate Change and Ecological Emergency in July 2019 additional funding has been available to enable the rate of progress to increase.

The Council committed to becoming a Net Carbon Zero and Ecologically Positive Council by 2030 which includes the reduction of carbon emissions from the non-domestic building estate, which is responsible for over 60 percent of the Council's overall emissions.

Members of the Energy team have tackled improving the efficiency of a range of buildings, from schools to leisure centres across the county.

This work has included complete mechanical, heating and ventilation overhauls, modifications to heating controls, heat recovery systems, heatpumps, solar PV (panels), LED lighting, battery storage, loft and wall insulation as well as emission reductions through behaviour change and ICT infrastructure.

Up to now emissions from the Council's non domestic buildings have reduced by 11 percent since the 2019/20 financial year. This reduction equals to 1,069 tonnes of carbon emissions.

The team are not stopping with more schools to receive work over 2023 along with plans for drive through changes in other Council buildings. This future work is looking at the further roll out of solar PV, solar PV car ports, air source heat pumps, battery storage and complete overhauls of mechanical, ventilation and heating systems at some sites including upgrades to the electrical grid infrastructure.

Team members are even reducing their own travel emissions by using a zero tail pipe emission Renault Zoe electric vehicle.

Robert Jones, Principal Energy Manager said: "The energy team have embraced the increased workload and have been able to deliver some exciting and award nominated projects. The decarbonisation of old buildings can be challenging but we are finding innovative and modern solutions with the full support of the Council.

"Ysgol Dinas Bran and Ysgol Betws GG were standout projects for me, the former being mentioned in the House of Commons and nominated for a national award and the latter was our first 'major remodel' of an oil school which received; cavity wall and loft insulation, air source heatpump, solar PV, battery storage and LED lighting which was supported by the Welsh Government.

"The replacement of the two large boilers at Rhyl Pavilion, heating controls, LED lighting and Solar Panels on the roof was a challenging project carried out under limited time restraints but the site are now benefiting from significant reduced energy consumption and an improved working environment."

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Cllr Barry Mellor, Lead Member for Environment and Transport, said: “This work is extremely important for reducing our non-domestic building carbon footprint and we are grateful to the innovation brought in by our Property Section Energy team for tackling this issue to help us move towards net-zero.

“I look forward to seeing this innovation continue to drive down our building emissions through the projects to come. “

OPENREACH

Openreach has been accused of ‘passing the buck’ over rural internet speeds. The accusation was made during a meeting of Denbighshire County Council, during which a row broke out about who is responsible for ensuring rural communities have adequate broadband speeds. Openreach have been invited back to a scrutiny committee in January to give an update on progress. [*The discussion took place at Cabinet this week and you can view back the meeting – agenda item 6*]

Council flats given modern energy efficiency boost

Finishing touches are being put to a Llangollen energy efficient roofing project.

Denbighshire County Council’s Denbighshire Housing Team have worked to replace the flat roof at Aberadda flats in Llangollen.

The flats were originally built in the 1960’s, when flat roofs were a popular part of the architecture.

The Council has repaired the roof in the past, but there are flaws in the general design of the flats.

Denbighshire Housing launched the project to improve the roof, increase energy efficiency of the building and overall appearance of the flats.

Workers have built over the existing roof, with a steel frame pitched roof. This has not only removed the problems associated with the previous roof but has also increased the thermal efficiency of the roof as they are now fully insulated to current standards.

The new slate like roof will also blend in better with the surrounding properties and is 90% manufactured from recycled materials.

As part of the project, Denbighshire Housing are also upgrading and improving the outside appearance of the flats to modernise the look and feel, as well as improve the overall insulation of the building.

Councillor Rhys Thomas, Lead Member for Housing and Communities, said: “This has been an important project to improve the energy efficiency of the flats which will better support our tenants with the cost of living.

“I have visited the Aberadda site with council officers and am very impressed with the work that has been carried out. The flats now have a much more modern appearance, the added insulation will help the tenants to cope better with the cost of living crisis and the whole project contributes to the Council’s environmental priority of reducing the production and release of carbon dioxide.”

“I look forward to seeing the results of similar projects that we have planned across Denbighshire to improve the energy efficiency of our tenant’s homes.”

Bench in Cwm- A Resident of cwm has offered to donate a new bench and put it in place for Cwm.

Daily post - Thank you all that has supported me in my article in the daily post about mental health, thank you.

Wall top in Tremeirchion - I have reported the wall top where the flag poles are in Tremeirchion DCC are looking at repairing.

Cllr Chris Evans