

Minutes TREMEIRCHION, CWM AND WAEN Community Council  
**MEETING held 7.00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> October 2023**

Held at The White House, Rhualt.

Option to attend via Microsoft Teams was available if required you will normally need to email clerk for link at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

- i) Open forum.
- ii) Meetings and minutes.
  - i) Apologies. Cllr's Dr M Lloyd Williams; J Baldwin-Evans; Dr P Day; D Jones; and A Morris.
  - ii) In attendance. Cllrs A Jones (Chair), K Potts, D Davies, A Edwards, C Marston, C Evans, J Christian, D Williams, C Mearns. S Fordham (Clerk).
  - iii) Declarations of interest outside of the annual declaration form. Several councillors including Cllr's K Potts, D Davies, A Jones declared an interest as shareholders in the Salusbury Arms where we will hold our next meeting.
  - iv) Previous minutes approval and accuracy.
  - v) Matters arising not covered by this agenda. An update on Speedwatch and plans to join forces with Bodfari CC were given – been put on pause for now. The School playing field and plans to improve it were discussed. **ACTION:** Clerk and Cllr K Potts to draft an advert for the works required and distribute for input to rest of councillors before advertising. Cllr A Jones to pass on details of a pest controller as moles are one cause of the problems.
  - vi) Correspondence. Grants for Community Orchards. **ACTION:** Cllr A Edwards to discuss with a contact of his and pass back to Clerk to consider applying on behalf of the council by 27<sup>th</sup> October. Notice from One Voice Wales re 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024. **ACTION:** Clerk to add to November agenda. Notice from One Voice Wales re training. Cllr D Williams expressed an interest in one about planning if and when it arises. **ACTION:** Clerk to forward any future training emails to Cllr D Williams.
- vii) 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. Briefing paper for both circulated in advance to all councillors.
- i) Review of Clerks hours. For approval.
  - ii) Review of the Lengthsman contract. For approval.
5. Planning: For decisions
- i) 47/2023/0608  
St Beunos college, Tremeirchion. Alterations and reparation of existing cottages and studio flats including external lighting to building, erection of pergola including solar panels above, installation of two ground source heat pumps, lighting bollards and associated works (listed building application).  
**No objections.**
  - ii) 47/2023/0607  
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**No Objections.**  
**Proposed Cllr D Davies and Seconded Cllr J Christian.**
6. Finance:
- i) Current and reserve balances. For information. Total bank balance is £22,438.18
  - ii) Quarter 2 finance reports and accounts. Update given. Accounts have some more work required and will be re-presented in November 23 for signing off.  
A new draft budget plan for the next 3 years presented and some discussion about ways it could work, **ACTION:** Clerk to make some changes and bring back to Novembers meeting.

iii) Payments

For approval.

i)	Clerks' salary for Sept (inc extra hrs)	£677.93
ii)	HMRC Income tax Clerk Sept.	£122.60
iii)	Clerks' expenses Q2 (Jul-Sept)	£44.13
iv)	Lengthsman.	£333.80

**All approved: Proposed Cllr D Davies, Seconded Cllr J Christian.**

7. Llannerch Bridge: Ongoing updates/for information. **ACTION:** Cllr D Davies to draft update for the minutes – see appendix 1.

8. Heol y Brenin trees. **ACTION:** Cllr C Evans to talk to an officer at DCC about permission to plant on DCC land.

9. Community Council Newsletter. **ACTION:** First draft to be ready ASAP for signing off. Cllr D. Williams and the subcommittee will compile a draft to present to the next meeting. Councillors to let D. Williams have their contributions re: Dwr Cymru, Llannerch Bridge, Youth in Rhualt etc.

11. County Councillors Report: For information. circulated in advance. See appendix 2. **ACTION:** Clerk to draft a letter re libraries to share.

12. Community Council issues. For information.

Cllr D Davies. Power outages. **ACTION:** He will draft a letter to Scottish Power re the short outages for Clerk to send.

Cllr D Davies. Water supply issues. **ACTION:** He will draft a letter to Welsh Water for the Clerk to send.

Cllr J Christian. Cwm Defibrillator. Presented a cheque to the Clerk for £300 from the Dyserth Meliden & Cwm Relief in Sickness Fund as a donation for the cost of moving said item to the Blue Lion. **ACTION:** Clerk to pay into the TCWCC bank account and to write a letter of thanks.

Cllr J Christian. Concerns expressed about the cutting down of the weeping willow tree in Cwm.

Cllr A Edwards. Concerns expressed about repeated vandalism (most likely by local young people) in and around Rhualt. **ACTION:** A reminder that these issues need reporting to 101 and Cllr Edwards will also write a piece for the Newsletter inviting young people to the Rhualt community group meeting to discuss what the village needs for young people.

Cllr J Baldwin-Evans. Had raised a couple of issues with the Clerk as she could not attend meeting. One was about the library's savings announcement at DCC and the other was a potential police initiative around local matters that she is still awaiting further information of.

Cllr K Potts. Gave information about the launch of the Salusbury Arms on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October and gave the Poppy wreaths to councillors for each of the villages and the invoice to the Clerk. **ACTION:** Clerk to add payment to next agenda.

13. Next meeting venue and for rest of 2023.

For information.

**15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Meeting confirmed to be held in room at Salusbury Arms Tremeirchion;** no meeting in December (Waen Chapel January 2024 to be confirmed.)

*(Mrs) Sue Fordham* Clerk to the Council.

Appendix 1.

*Llannerch Bridge update:*

*Denbighshire County Council's published a third Newsletter – Spring 2023 - regarding the Bridge see link -*

[https://countyconversation.denbighshire.gov.uk/uploadedfiles/Llannerch%20Bridge%20-%20Newsletter%203\\_SPRING%202023.pdf](https://countyconversation.denbighshire.gov.uk/uploadedfiles/Llannerch%20Bridge%20-%20Newsletter%203_SPRING%202023.pdf)

*Slow progress is being made, meanwhile and the Community Council and our two County Councillors for Trefnant and Tremeirchion, Cllrs Chris Evans and James Elson, keep raising the progress with the County Council, and with our Member of the Senedd and Member of Parliament.*

*Some £350k has been spent on exploratory research and design work, and a further £400k is funded by Welsh Government to advance detail design. This could be regarded as positive in so far Welsh Government has not written off the rebuild. What is clear is that the county will design a modern 60mph capacity, 6.3m width road bridge, and that the Grade II Listed bridge will not be replicated. This will not alleviate the concerns of the community of the Waen, re return to high volume and speed of traffic.*

*Discussions with stakeholders Welsh Water and Natural Resources Wales continue to progress – as does the project cost is elevated at £9M! A worry is the recent reports of a call for more cut backs in DCC and WG budgets for 2024/25.*

*As we approach 3 years since Storm Cristoph, we remain a minimum of two years away from any potential rebuild completion.*

## *Appendix 2.*

### *County Councillors report:*

*As I'm sure you're all aware DCC are looking to cut the funding in libraries and try to cut the running of them by 50% myself and other County Councillor's feel this is totally wrong on many levels.*

*1 The decision has not been put in front of us as County Councillors to debate and look at the business plan*

*2 The libraries are not just there for borrowing books they offer. One stop shop*

*3 The libraries places for people to meet.*

*4 The libraries offer a service and many of information points for residents to gain access to information they may find difficult to access at their own homes.*

*5 Children local to the library may only have that area to study. Their whole lives can be chaotic or cramped and they do not have the headspace or the workspace to do that school work.*

*6 The council have said it will save £480,000 but they have not taken into consideration the redundancies that they will be paying as well as not showing the County Councillor's a business plan*

*7 Finally, and this is the biggest issue, this decision goes against the council's constitution that any decision needs to be put in front of county councillors to vote on this has not been done Tony Ward has not even shown us a business case*

*Many Thanks*

*Cllr Chris Evans*

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