

Minutes **TREMEIRCHION, CWM AND WAEN Community Council**
MEETING held 7.00 PM ON WEDNESDAY 17th January 2024

Held at Waen Parish Hall, LL17

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. Today's Open Forum should have included a meeting with a representative of Welsh Water re the constant leaks and repairs in Tremeirchion. Russel (Performance Manager for the North East Area) had stated to the Clerk he would attend in either March/April or May once he has some, hopefully more positive news to share. For now they are continuing to repair and monitor where necessary but bids for more substantial asset replacement works (new pipes) to be done are currently under consideration for a 2km or longer piece of pipework to be replaced in 2025 or sooner if possible. The decision is expected in the next couple of months which is why he felt it better to attend once the decision has been made to inform the community council about what would happen next.
- ii) Meetings and minutes.
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| i) | Apologies. | Cllr's C Evans (work commitment) A Morris (work commitment) Dr P Day (away) Dr M Lloyd Williams (family commitments) |
| ii) | In attendance. | Cllrs A Jones (Chair), D Williams, D Jones, J Christian, C Means, C Marston, J Baldwin-Evans, A Edwards, D Davies, K Potts. |
| iii) | Declarations of interest outside of the annual declaration form. | Several councillors declared an interest in the Salusbury Arms (regarding a grant request) – Cllrs D Davies, K Potts, C Mearns and J Baldwin-Evans. Cllr A Edwards declared an interest in the grant application for Rhualt community group, and Cllr D Jones declared an interest as a trustee of the Waen Parish Hall which needs adding to the overall annual declaration of interests document. |
| iv) | Previous minutes approval and accuracy. | One small typo needs correcting re the correct spelling of Delyn Press. Otherwise all accepted as correct and approved. Proposed Cllr C Marston, Seconded Cllr J Baldwin-Evans. |
| v) | Matters arising not covered by this agenda. | 2024-2025 Precept Form for signing and then sending to DCC.. Action: Clerk to send. D Day celebration lanterns. A sum of approximately £240 to be set aside. Agreed by all present. Action: Clerk to purchase and reclaim money, lanterns costing £220 for the 4, at present the postage amount is unknown. One lantern to be brought to the next meeting after they arrive. A decision is yet to be made about how the community |

will decide where these go in June. Action: Clerk to add agenda item for discussion and agreement about how this will proceed.

£300 donation by the Dyserth Meliden & Cwm relief in sickness fund where their previous cheque was questioned by the bank has been redone and was handed to Clerk in the meeting. Action: Clerk to bank this cheque.

vi) Correspondence.

The report written by Cllr J Christian on the joint meeting at Marian Cwm was discussed and it was agreed that it was a positive step highlighting these issues to DCC etc and some actions appear to be happening already.

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. Papers circulated in advance to all councillors.

i) Quotes for the work on the school field.

Action: Clerk to contact both companies and ask them to attend a site meeting with Cllrs A Morris and A Jones to discuss the quotes in depth and find a way forwards.
Action: Clerk to contact both companies and arrange a date with meetings one hour apart and to notify the school they are taking place.

ii) Grant applications.

A total of 4 completed applications and 1 general request had been received that were relevant.

Decisions*:

1. Tremeirchion Bach Choir. £400 agreed. Proposed Cllr K Potts, Seconded Cllr D Williams.
2. Rhualt community residents' group. £250 agreed. Proposed Cllr J Baldwin-Evans, Seconded Cllr D Jones.
3. Charity of Elizabeth Hughes. £200 agreed. Proposed Cllr J Christian. Seconded Cllr A Edwards.
4. Salusbury Arms community pub. £300 agreed. Proposed Cllr C Marston. Seconded Cllr D Jones.
5. Fund for All. (Urdd). £180 agreed with a condition attached. Proposed Cllr D Davies. Seconded Cllr J Baldwin-Evans.

Actions: Clerk to let successful applicants know (and the condition for the fifth one) and prepare cheques for signing at February meeting plus ask for some

feedback from those funded. Plus to notify charity who couldn't apply in time for personnel reasons know they can apply for possible approval in February.

❖ *It should be noted that all Councillors who had declared an interest didn't vote, propose, second etc with regard to these financial decisions and that despite many councillors having declared an interest in the Salusbury Arms the remaining councillors meant the meeting was still quorate at that point.*

Planning: For decisions
i) 47/2024/

None for this meeting.

6. Finance:

- i) Current and reserve balances.
- ii) Finance reports and accounts.

For information. Total bank balance is £23,371.44 held in the two accounts.

Update given. Councillors reminded that the next precept request is likely to need a larger increase as an election will be coming up in 2027 and is likely to be costly so some funds need to be ring fenced each year.

Quarter 3 is reconciled and has been checked by Cllr D Davies. The Income and Expenditure for third quarter ending 31.12.2023 was reconciled with statements on 14.01.2024. Two inter account, self-cancelling transfers, in the sums of £417.52, and £300.00 were checked, and the recording thereof, in the Income and Expenditure to be checked with internal auditor. Date of issue to be recorded on all Overview, Income and Expenditure reports.

- iii) Payments

Councillors were also reminded that the new rate of allowances is set by the Independent remuneration panel for Wales and this year is not taxable plus can include an secondary allowance for consumables (paper, printing etc) as most of our business is done electronically instead of sending out hard copies. Councillors were also reminded to please bank cheques promptly to make end of year accounts more straightforward.

For approval.

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| i) | Clerks' salary for December plus back pay. | £820.01 |
| ii) | HMRC Income tax Clerk for December. | £158.00 |
| iii) | Clerk exp Q3 inc Microsoft Team subscription. | £116.56 |
| iv) | Harold Smith accounting, pay roll services Q.3. | £42.00 |

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| v) | Marian LI Rees translation services (Newsletter) | £55.32 |
| vi) | Cllr A Edwards (annual councillor allowances). | £208.00 |
| vii) | Cllr A Jones (annual councillor allowances). | £208.00 |
| viii) | Cllr C Mearns (annual councillor allowances). | £208.00 |
| ix) | Cllr C Evans (annual councillor allowances). | £208.00 |
| x) | Cllr C Marston (annual councillor allowance 1 part only) | £156.00 |
| xi) | Cllr D Williams (annual councillor allowances) | £208.00 |
| xii) | Cllr J Baldwin-Evans (annual councillor allowances) | £208.00 |
| xiii) | Cllr J Christian (annual councillor allowance 1 part only) | £156.00 |
| xiv) | Cllr K Potts (annual councillor allowances) | £208.00 |
| xv) | Cllr Dr P Day (annual councillor allowances) | £208.00 |

All approved: Proposed Cllr D Jones, Seconded Cllr D Davies.

7. Llannerch Bridge: No update available. Action: Clerk to request MAG report via Cllr C Evans.

8. County Councillors Report: Cllr C Evans sent round via the Clerk a series of relevant emails which have been circulated from which excerpts will be added to Appendix 1 by Clerk (Action).

9. Community Council issues. For information.

10. Next meeting venue.

For information.

(Mrs) Sue Fordham Clerk to the Council.

Appendix 1.

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