

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.

1. 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. The clerk shared an update on his behalf. "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". A 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.
2. Meetings and minutes.
 - 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 in £220 for the four 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 which seems positive news.

Otherwise correspondence was mostly about the grant applications and quotes etc.

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.

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.

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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 a 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.

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
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.

- ❖ Cllr K Potts, asked if we have heard back from DCC re the flooding concerns raised by a member of the public (MOP) some weeks prior. Action: Clerk to chase responses and update MOP.
- ❖ Cllr D Jones, for awareness: issues of flooding and speeding in the Waen.
- ❖ Cllr A Edwards, for information: Following the funding success of the community orchard (which is due to be delivered very soon) for Rhualt it appears to be attracting other offers of funding. For example other organisations have contacted Cllr Edwards to offer some activities in school holidays including a temp pump track and a build a bird box session. More details to follow.
- ❖ Cllr J Baldwin-Evans, concerns about needing another grit bin also wishes to attend planning training. Action: Cllr Baldwin-Evans will request the grit bin and a list of training available via DCC and OVW. Also Clerk to ask DCC's planning department if they offer any training suitable for councillors.
- ❖ Cllr J Christian, concerns about the number and type of users in Cwm woods. Action: Clerk to write to landlord of the land citing concerns.

10. Next meeting venue.

For information. Wednesday 21st Feb 7pm Tremeirchion Old School Hall.

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Appendix 1.

All excerpts from information emails from Cllr C Evans in January 2024 following his enquiries on behalf of the community council to officers and other councillors in DCC,

As sent by Cllr Evans to highways in DDC.

- ❖ I'm having major concerns. That the issues that. The Council now has. With Budgets. and the price of. Oil. Which has a knock-on effect. On the price of tarmac. Why are we doing? Substandard. Temporary repairs on potholes. in my last two weeks. In my own Street Dyffyn teg the pothole was filled. When it was full of water Not only that, after four days. It came back up. And Was in the worst state it Started it off at. This is happening across all of my ward. That the roads that are now. Something you would expect. In a third world country. When the residents. Are Ripping Tires off wheels. Damaging their vehicles. Just turning up. I'm putting a little bit of. Tamarac. Into a pothole is not a temporary fix. Or a fix in anyway Can I please? Love a list? On Works scheduled for the roads in my ward. For the coming. Year please and a commitment that a shovel of tar is no a temp/prem repair.*
- ❖ Evening mark could I have an update on the survey you did last week the road is flooded again by Clwyd Agri and it's an accident waiting to happen. Two residents have. Contact me today. Wong has had to get the car pulled out. As it has locked the engine. They think. This is a major inconvenience of people needing to use that road. To get on to the a55 as well as to go about their business*

Sent by Cllr Evans to various senior officers at DCC.

- ❖ Evening to you all hope you all had a great Christmas
Could we have an update on where we are with the plan on the bridge as myself and James have seen some but very little info could maybe we have a meeting next week AM to discuss Monday would be great a we have Elwy mags next Thursday*
- ❖ Hi Chris. (email from Cllr B Mellor at DCC) Please see below this should give you the answers you require. (This was to answer the questions the community council had about the original planning consent for Biogen).*

Biogen signs North Wales AD contract The North Wales consortium of councils has signed a 15-year contract with green energy company Biogen and its investors Iona Capital to develop and operate an anaerobic digestion plant at Waen, Denbighshire. The contract was signed last week (October 31)and subject to planning permission, will see Biogen build a 22,500 tonne-a-year capacity AD plant. Biogen Greenfinch already operates a number of AD plants, including this one in Shropshire. Once operational, the AD facility will treat food waste from households collected by the three consortiums councils – Denbighshire county, Conwy county borough and Flintshire county. The facility will also treat food waste from local businesses including food manufacturers, caterers and retailers. The plant will generate over one megawatt of electricity and produce a digestate which can be used on nearby farmland as a biofertiliser. A planning application

for the facility was submitted in August 2012. If granted, construction work is expected to begin in spring 2013 with the plant becoming operational in the first half of 2014. Funding for the multi-million pound project is coming from Biogen and equity firm Iona Capital. Commenting on the contract, Richard Barker, Biogen chief executive, said: Biogen is looking forward to starting construction on our second Welsh AD plant alongside our partners, the North Wales Consortium and Iona Capital. We look forward to becoming leaders in this field in Wales. Councillor David Smith, Denbighshire county councils lead member for environment, added: We are delighted to make this announcement. This new AD facility will be good for the environment, because it will generate electricity from the food waste that people have thrown away. Biogen Greenfinch have a proven track record in delivering AD facilities. *Biogen said the project has been positively received by local residents and farmers, who have been keen to find out about the benefits of the digestate and the techniques used to spread it to land.*

Kind Regards. Cyng/Cllr Barry Mellor Aelod Arweiniol dros yr Amgylchedd a Thrafnidiaeth Lead Member for Environment and Transport.

Many Thanks

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This email has been sent by a person with a learning disability.