

Minutes TREMEIRCHION, CWM AND WAEN Community Council

MEETING held 7.00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, 20th March 2024

Held at The Salusbury Arms Community Pub.

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.
2. Meetings and minutes.
 - i) Apologies. Cllr's D Jones (work commitments), Dr M Lloyd Williams (work commitments) and A Edwards (home commitment).
 - ii) In attendance. Cllrs A Jones (Chair), J Baldwin-Evans, D Davies, C Marston, D Williams, C Mearns, Dr P Day, J Christian, C Evans (via speaker phone).
 - iii) Declarations of interest outside of the annual declaration form. None additional recorded re this meeting.
 - iv) Previous minutes approval and accuracy. Resolved as accurate. **Proposed Cllr J Christian, Seconded Cllr C Marston.**
 - v) Matters arising not covered by this agenda.

Minute 6 (iii) Finance (ii) Payments – Cllr DD advised that he had reviewed 'The Pension Regulator-The essential guide to automatic enrolment', and the age of the employee, the state pension age, and the earnings. A Review to File, dated 14/03/2024, summarised that there is no need to provide a pension scheme in 2023/24 and 2024/25 provided that earnings do not exceed the monthly threshold – this to be verified at year end.

Trees at Heol Y Brenin: This matter has been discussed several times and it was agreed to move this plan forwards in the next few weeks. **ACTION:** Cllr C Marston to purchase trees and claim money back via the clerk and a working party will be formed to plant them. Also to include a particular extra tree as per item 2.vi.

- vi) Correspondence.
- Request for a memorial tree or bench to mark a previous residents' special memories of Tremeirchion. Agreed to purchase a Yellow Rowan tree (as discussed with family) to be planted alongside the other new trees and offer the family an opportunity to place the plaque they have requested with one or more councillors in attendance in late May and a photo etc to be placed in the next newsletter. **ACTION:** Clerk to inform family and pass details of the specific requested tree to the Cllr who will purchasing them.
- An enquiry re an old planning decision in 2021 whereby the community council changed the decision from objections to no objections. **ACTION:** Clerk to give the information gathered from those who knew the history as feedback to member of the public.

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 papers circulated in advance to all councillors.

- i) New reserves policy and updated investment policy.
- ii) Insurance information request prior to renewal.
- iii) Renewal request from One Voice Wales.
- iv) Updated statement of internal control and updated asset register.
- v) Updated quote from 360 for work on school playing field.
- vi) Bench replacement on the road from Cwm to Dyserth.

Reserves Policy adopted. **Proposed Cllr J Baldwin-Evans, Seconded Cllr K Potts.**
Investment policy adopted. **Proposed Cllr J Christian, Seconded Cllr J Baldwin-Evans.**

Agreed that no changes need to be made as long as new laptop is covered.
Proposed Cllr D Davies, Seconded Cllr J Baldwin-Evans.

Resolved to continue membership for another year. **Proposed Cllr D Davies, Seconded Cllr J Christian.**

Both resolved. **Proposed Cllr D Davies, Seconded Cllr D Williams.**
Resolved. **Proposed Cllr A Morris, Seconded Cllr J Christian.**

Agreed to purchase a new bench as the previously suggested donated bench has not been possible. Cllr C Evans to get costings of a recycled plastic one which has been estimated at £650. **ACTION:** Clerk to ring fence money in reserves and Cllr C Evans to get a quote. **Proposed Cllr D Williams, Seconded Cllr K Potts.**

5. Planning: For decisions
- i) 47/2024/0140 Felin Wynt: Waen St Asaph. Alterations and extension to dwelling with raised patio decks, raised ground floor level and associated works. **No objections** (unanimous) **Proposed Cllr D Davies. Seconded Cllr D Williams.**
 - ii) 47/2023/0137 Bodeugan Bach, Waen, St Asaph. PEDW appeal re planning permission refusal. **No objections** plus the recommendation that the agricultural condition should be lifted. **Proposed Cllr C Marston. Seconded Cllr J Baldwin-Evans.**
 - iii) Cornerstone upgrade of installation. This had to come to the clerk but was actually a preplanning consultation which the Clerk added mistakenly. The community council does not comment in advance of formal planning proposals.

6. Finance:
- i) Current and reserve balances. For information. Total bank balances are £18,092.34. Of this £6k is held in reserve for a major project which had rolled forwards into 2024-2025; £0.5k is held in reserve for future election charges; £8k is held in reserve (as recommended) to ensure we hold between 3-6 months operating costs, such as Clerks salary etc. All bar one cheque issued between April 23 and the end of Feb 24 have been cashed and the last one should be cashed this next week.
 - ii) Payments
 - For approval.
 - i) Clerks' salary for February inc last third of back pay. £820.01
 - ii) HMRC Income tax Clerk for February. £158.00
 - iii) Lengthsman. (inc £45.41 for materials) £239.41
 - iv) Clerks' expenses Quarter 4, Jan to Mar 24 inc. £40.00
 - v) Clerks' reimbursement for the Lamps of Peace purchased on TCW CC's behalf. £220.00
 - vi) The Salusbury Community Pub room hire. £25.00

All approved: Proposed Cllr D Davies , Seconded Cllr J Baldwin-Evans.

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| 7. Llannerch Bridge:
DCC re any possible changes to roads if/when bridge built. Position re roads unclear as yet. | Nothing additional to report at this moment except the answer from Tim Towers at |
| 8. Local development plan, update from DCC. | For information circulated in advance. |
| 9. National Park engagement.
Autumn according to published timeline. | For information circulated in advance. Consultation likely due to take place early |
| 10. Offshore wind farm engagement. | For information circulated in advance. Again more consultation due in near future. |
| 11. Clerks report and update. | For information circulated in advance. |
| 12. Treatment of moles in school playing field.
field in school holidays and send bill in for work. | Details of pest control company sent to clerk in advance of meeting will attend playing |
| 13. County Councillors Report: | For information. Attached as appendix 1. |
| 12. Community Council issues.
For information. | |

The gate at the Tremeirchion Quarry will be closed/locked from today – 20th March until the 21st March 2024.

Cllr J Baldwin-Evans: Reported fly tipping. Photo's taken re the side of the carriageway by the Bach Y Graig bridge and reported. Reported a large stretch of carriageway of A55 which was full of mud and stones and perceived as a danger it was cleared almost immediately. Has reported Old Rhualt hill for being dangerous. Came across some sheep on road close to the A55, tried reporting via 101 to but got no response so had to push them back in field herself. Reported an increase to parking charges and suggested free parking maybe available at some council offices due to the number of staff home working.

Cllr D Davies: Wished to congratulate Gofal Dydd Waen Day Centre, established 2011, on being awarded the King's Award for Voluntary Service for providing a place for people suffering from serious illness and disability, to meet and benefit physically and mentally from activities, supported by 12 unpaid volunteers, on 2 days per week.

Cllr A Morris: Had let hedge grow up higher behind layby due to issues with human waste being dumped on his land and the H&S risks it can cause especially to live stock. Highways have now cut it back much lower, has complained. ACTION: Cllr Morris to draft details for sending in from Community Council to copy in Cllrs C Marston and A Morris.

Cllr Dr P Day: Waen road issues with standing water. Will send Clerk what three words of exact location. Dormitory wood reported that trees are fine. ACTION: Clerk to request copy of the report or confirmation direct from consultant.

Cllr K Potts: Suggested bi-lingual badges for items purchased by community council to raise awareness. ACTION: Cllr J Baldwin-Evans to get a quote from a contact she has. Suggested when the Lamps of Peace arrive the Tremeirchion one is stored in the Salusbury Arms community pub between loans by other organisations etc. Suggested a "scrub and sign near you" day for later in the year.

Cllr D Williams: Will report flooding at Glan Llyn common land. Raised concerns about new entrance to a field that has been created. ACTION: Cllr D Williams send Clerk exact location and Clerk to enquire if its permitted or not.

Cllr J Christian: Raised concerns that the pot holes in Cwm at Bwlch hill still not repaired. ACTION: Clerk to email Tim Towers. Also Clerk to ask Lengthsman to repaint the C on the Cwm sign.

Cllr A Jones: reported some potholes really badly filled.

13. Next meeting venue – Waen Parish Hall, Wednesday 17th April 2024 7pm.

For information.

(Mrs) Sue Fordham Clerk to the Council.

Appendix 1.

Tree planting takes place at new Rhyl community site

A Rhyl site is taking shape to provide benefits for both local nature and community wellbeing.

Tree planting is underway at the new Community Nature Space adjacent to Ffrodd Elan Park at Llys Brenig on the Park View Estate.

This work accompanies three other Community Nature Spaces being established by the Council this year at St Asaph, Henllan and Clocaenog, which were announced in October 2023, and tree planting at schools throughout the county that was announced in December 2023.

The Community Nature Spaces Project has received funding from an £800,000 grant from the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Rhyl's new Community Nature Space will eventually provide stronger habitat areas for nature to benefit from as well as community spaces to support resident mental and physical wellbeing and enable them to learn about local wildlife.

Developing this Rhyl space will also give other community benefits such as improved air quality, urban heat cooling, and areas of mixed interest for education and play.

This work supports the drive to reduce the county's carbon footprint by contributing to the amount of carbon sequestered (or absorbed) by trees.

Groundwork at Llys Brenig has seen the creation of a pond and wetland area to support local wildlife, installation of new fences around the pond and around the site boundary, and preparation for future footpath construction for community member to use for recreation.

Denbighshire County Council Countryside Services alongside volunteers are this week planting 1,885 trees at the site, a mix of native broadleaved varieties that are appropriate for the local conditions and which, along with the wetlands and wildflower meadow at the site, will help provide diverse species-rich habitat to aid nature's recovery and resilience and make a contribution to tackling the ecological and climate emergency in addition to the benefits for local community health.

Ysgol Bryn Hedydd Year 4 pupils who are learning about sustainability in class, also rolled up their sleeves to help with planting at the new community site.

Cllr Barry Mellor, Lead Member for Environment and Transport, said: "This is a great development for the wellbeing of the local community surrounding this site and I am grateful to everyone involved who made the acquisition of this land happen.

"I've been out there helping with the planting and I am really looking forward to seeing this area grow to support local nature and lend a supportive hand to giving local residents a fantastic place to go and enjoy wildlife on their own doorstep to bring a great boost to their mental and physical wellbeing. "

Editors Notes

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund is a central pillar of the UK government's Levelling Up agenda and provides £2.6 billion of funding for local investment by March 2025.

The Fund aims to improve pride in place and increase life chances across the UK investing in communities and place, supporting local business, and people and skills.

For more information, visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus>



[UK Shared Prosperity Fund: prospectus](#)

UK Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus and supporting documents.

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'Treemendous' work from Ysgol Tir Morfa pupils!

Ysgol Tir Morfa pupils have dug deep to lend a helping hand to nature at their school.

Pupils joined together with Denbighshire County Council's Countryside Service and Climate Change teams to create a new woodland area at the Ffordd Derwen site. The work is part of a drive to increase biodiversity and tree canopies across schools to help nature's recovery and provide an educational wellbeing outdoor area for the youngsters.

Ysgol Tir Morfa is one of eight schools that overall will be receiving over 8,000 trees, including hedgerows and fruit trees, to provide better habitat spaces for nature to benefit from as well as spaces for learning to help pupil wellbeing.

Mental health

With my battles. With my mental health. I have been asked to work. Alongside Vale of Clwyd mind who have reached out to me after reading about my journey. We are going to. Together to break down these barriers of. This tribute subject that still has a major issue in our society. I will keep you posted.

Secondly. I've been whittled down. To the last five. That was 750 people. Some massive corporate. Names. Into the finals. For representation in London later on this year. For me being open. And speaking in various. Events and meetings. About mental health. Being honest. About what people suffer with. On the day-to-day basis. And that they try their best, like I do, to carry on. An itch. Nothing to do with overload of work. Ohh. Family issues. It's to do with. Your mental well-being.

Many Thanks

Cllr Chris Evans

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