

CYNGOR CYMUNED
CEFN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
28th JULY 2020.

Chair: Councillor P Vaughan

156.PRESENT Councillors: P Blackwell, Mrs S Benbow-Jones, B Cook, A Ennis, D Metcalfe, Mrs L Prescott-Ennis, Rev K Tiltman, Mrs I Twigg, B Twigg, D Wright & Mrs G Wright also, one member of the public.

157.APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: M Hughes, Mrs J Jones, Ms J Parrish & Mrs P Roberts

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the remote meeting of Cefn Community Council and reminded members the protocol which will be in place during the meeting.

158.TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None Received

159. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS

None Received

160.TO RECEIVE & RATIFY DELEGATED DECISIONS MADE FROM LAST MEETING TO PRESENT DATE

A quite month, decision was made between Chair and Clerk after following all the guidance and protocol and implementing a risk assessment to re-open Plas Kynaston Play park. This includes the MUGA area. The Clerk advised all WCBC owned play areas are now open.

161.TO RECEIVE POLICE CORRESPONDENCE

Between 22/06/2020 – 22/07/2020, there have been;

1 Robbery in Chapel Street, Rhosymedre. Unknown offenders have approached a male who was walking home and asked him to hand over the cash he was carrying on him. The investigation is still on going.

3 Criminal damages in Cefn Mawr. In 2 cases the offenders were known to the person and both were damage to the persons property. In one instance a man came home to find his car window had been smashed by an unknown person.

2 Criminal damages in Park Road, Rhosymedre, believed to be as a result of youths causing anti-social behaviour.

1 report of ASB at Ty Mawr Country Park. A very large group of youths hanging around the park, breaching COVID legislations with the number of them together. There has been a reduction in ASB reported to us, which may be in part due to lockdown restrictions easing as we have seen a decrease in reported COVID breaches also.

1 report of ASB and 1 criminal damage at Cefn Druids FC. We are continually having issues with youths jumping over the fence at Cefn Druids FC, leaving litter and refusing to leave. We are working with the club to try and resolve this. I asked Tyga to put a statement in the Cefn newsletter and Druids have also been posting on their social media to try and deter youths from coming back. In an incident last week, youths caused minor damage to one of the goal posts and we are investigating who has caused this.

A lot of other crimes such as Assaults, Harassments, Public Orders etc. have been linked to domestic incidents.

More generally, with the increased traffic on the roads there have been more road traffic accidents recently than at the start of lockdown, with one yesterday being on Well Street Cefn Mawr, between the Holy Bush and the Chinese takeaway (no persons injured). I have also been receiving more complaints about speeding and anti-social driving, particularly on the 20ph hour roads around Cefn. We are liaising with Go Safe to see if these roads are suitable for a van and are looking to use the speed gun when possible.

Councillor P Blackwell stated the stats only covered Cefn and did not include Plas Madoc or Acrefair. Councillor D Wright asked the Clerk to write to Insp Luke Hughes to request if a PCSO can attend the next Zoom meeting in September.

Councillor Rev K Tiltman reported there has recently been incidents of vandalism at the Churchyard, The Clerk will report to NWP.

162. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORT FROM COMMUNITY AGENT **Cefn Community Agent - July 2020 Report**

Sadly, I was off sick for one week of this period so there have only been twelve new referrals received.

- 2 referrals from the CMHT
- 2 referrals from British Red Cross (BRC)
- 2 referrals from Occupational Therapy (OT)
- 1 referral from Social Services (SS)
- 1 family referral
- 1 self referral
- 2 Community Council referrals
- 1 WCBC referral

- **Cefn** – 6 referrals
- **Rhosymedre** – 4 referrals
- **Acrefair** – 2 referrals
- **Newbridge** – 0 referrals
- **Plas Madoc** – 0 referrals

Support has continued with residents referred during previous months. Now my hours have reduced back down to 16 per week, essential food shopping and collection/delivery of prescriptions has ceased, unless a prescription delivery will give me an opportunity to meet other residents.

There has been a noticeable increase in benefit and debt queries as it has become apparent that residents have been using the housing element of Universal Credit to live on, rather than paying their rent. (WCBC are now following up rent arrears.) In addition to this, benefit checks, PIP applications, budgeting, housing applications, grant searches, and wellbeing checks have been undertaken. I have also worked in partnership with OT, SS and CPN within the community, giving them the confidence to continue to refer to me.

Wellbeing and mental ill health are still a priority, with a sad case of an elderly person within our community being detained under a section 136 as she tried to take her own life rather than continue living with Covid-19. People are still feeling the strain from self-isolation and being furloughed. Working closely with CRNCA, we have arranged an outdoor coffee morning to encourage residents to come outdoors and begin to mix, safely. CRNCA have also been awarded a grant to spend on mental health and wellbeing which will involve wellbeing/mindfulness walks, Living Life to the Full, letters to future self, treasure hunt, and hopefully a time capsule containing details of how life was affected during Covid-19.

Councillor P Blackwell asked if the community agent was able to visit homes, the Clerk advised yes, at a safe distance. Cllr Blackwell will contact the CA tomorrow. A question followed regarding if the CA covered the whole of the community, The Clerk confirmed that is the case.

163. TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT

1. Clerk attending regular Zoom meetings with SLCC – good way of keeping up to date with the any new changes to legislation and the changes with coronavirus
2. Agreement needed for delegated powers to Chair, Vice & Clerk during August recess – Cllr D Wright proposed the powers are extended until September meeting, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Benbow Jones, all members in favour.
3. Bowling Green – have been approached by member of Plas Kynaston bowling club, a club in Westyn Rhyn has folded Plas Kynaston Club want to donate a scarifier and mower to the Council. This was collected last week, an arrangement for maintenance etc. needs to be confirmed. The Chair confirmed he had spoken to a member of Plas

Kynaston who confirmed the items will be donated to the council. The Chair will ask the secretary to confirm by letter.

4. Rospa – Safety inspection report – all low-level risk three items need looking at – metal fence is leaning, damage to seat on seesaw and slight corrosion on slide
5. Previous meeting council have agreed to purchase de-fib & cabinets original price of cabinet was £365 new improved cabinet to the market 10-year guarantee and in stainless steel £486 - £121 extra x 5 = 605 £3025 All members in agreement to purchase.
6. Remembrance Service I am Concerned if will be able to go ahead – perhaps we can live stream it and have councillors at smaller service with vicar etc – Councillor K Tiltman reported the Church in Wales has agreed to outdoor services at a maximum capacity of thirty people with all social distancing measures in place, providing the situation is the same in November there is no reason why a small service can not be done. Councillor Mrs G Wright expressed her concerns about the numbers of people who attend the service and how would the council police that. Councillor D Wright proposed that the WW2 committee have delegated powers to discuss further and finalise the arrangements for this year. A full report can be given at the September meeting for approval. Councillor Mrs S Benbow-Jones seconded the proposal, a vote followed by show of hands all members in favour

Councillors L Prescott-Ennis, D Metcalfe, Mrs I Twigg, B Twigg joined the meeting

164. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- (a) Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 23rd June 2020 - ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 23rd June 2020 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***

Councillor D Wright in relation to min ref 150 updated members that he had been notified yesterday, today is the start of phase two of the road works at Rhosymedre.

165. Monthly Accounts

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT 28th July 2020 **EXPENDITURE**

Wages/Sal from (month 3)
T Nicholls-Smith, H Parry, S Roberts, B Lloyd, MC Hartshorne 5195.08

Invoice No

20/033	BACS	WCBC - Invoice for trade refuse GE Hall	270.00
20/034	BACS	WCBC - invoice for trade refuse Trefynant Cemetery	678.50
20/035	BACS	ACS Technology - Invoice for GE Hall	72.50
20/036	106167	EDF Energy - Invoice for unmetered supply	2118.52
20/037	106168	Steve Pugh - Invoice for gravedigging	525.00
20/038	106169	Snowdonia Fire & Security - Invoice for maintenance	250.80

20/039	BACS	WCBC - invoice for maintenance of play areas	1771.80
20/040	BACS	Peter Green - Invoice for Cemetery	1071.00
20/041	BACS	Peter Green - Invoice for Play area	724.00
20/042	BACS	TMNS - Expenses for July 2020 (LGA 1972 sect 112)	112.35
20/043	BACS	Comm Agent - expenses for July	392.11
20/044	106170	Flintshire CC - Invoice for added years	236.54
20/045	106171	Dave's PAT Testing - Invoice for test x150	450.00
20/046	106172	Jones Lighting - invoice for repairs	1199.34
20/047	106173	PHS Group - invoice for hand driers	317.88
20/048	BACS	ACS Technology - Invoice for GE Hall	72.50

Invoices Received During June/July 2020

HMRC Tax & NI (18.06.20)	1124.08
Clwyd Pension Fund (18.06.20)	592.27
HSBC Charges (27.06.20)	9.20
WCBC NNDR	602.00
	<u>£17,785.47</u>

Income

Tesco Stores (22.06.20)	6250.00
SP Manweb Wayleave	137.22

Burial

Francis Roberts (Rec 0071)	555.00
Francis Roberts (Rec 0073)	480.00
WJ & R Thomas (Rec 0076)	110.00
Lucy & Tattum (rec 0077)	205.00
Jamie Harris Memorials (Rec 0078)	170.00

GE Hall

PK Bowling Club (Rec 0075)	9.00
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Interest

Business Money Manager 13.07.20	1.71
	<u>£7,917.93</u>

Resolved that the listed payments be approved

166. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING DEEMED URGENT

1	Plas Madoc FC - Email re: Club folded – <i>The Clerk reported to members she had received an email to say the club had folded due to financial pressures, The Clerk was requested to write on behalf of council to express their sadness to hear the club had folded</i>
2	Cefn Albion & Cefn Rangers - Email re: Request to use Football Pitch – <i>The Clerk reported she had received emails from both teams requesting to use the pitch due to availability as Plas Madoc will no longer be using the ground. There is a tiered system in place with the reserve teams, Cefn</i>

	<i>Albion are in the higher tier. Following a discussion, it was resolved to allow Cefn Albion for pitch share for this season. Councillor D Wright reported on a potential problem due to the tiered system and partnership working could impact future grant applications.</i>
3	Police & Crime Commissioner - Email re: Road Legislation – Survey to complete https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Roadlegislation - <i>The Clerk read out the three questions in the survey, Councillor P Blackwell asked who would be enforcing the 20mph limit as it is not being enforced correctly at present. Where is the funding coming from?</i>

167.TO RECEIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P/2020/0266

Conversion to 7 apartments and replacement rear

Extension

Former HSBC Bank, Well Street, Cefn Mawr

Follow link for full plans www.wrexham.gov.uk/plans

In relation to application P/2020/0266 a lengthy discussion took place regarding parking issues as seven apartments would require 14 parking spaces and possible HMO issues. Members discussed the advantages of renovating the building and recognised the visual improvement the conversion would create. The Clerk was requested to write to WCBC and strongly object to the application on lack of parking provision and number of proposed apartments in relation to the size of building which could create a potential HMO.

168. Reports

168.1 Councillor D Metcalfe reported the bridge at Mill Lane had been damaged by what he believes to be a large heavy goods vehicle and asked members if they were aware of the damage. A discussion followed regarding the Community Council covering that area, this being Llangollen Rural. Councillor D Wright proposed that he, Councillors Mrs S Benbow-Jones and Rondo Roberts, LRCC will take the matter up with head of Environment & Highways at WCBC. All members agreed.

168.2 Councillor D Wright reported WCBC had served the landowner an injunction in relation to works carried out at Bowers Road. Residents have been advised to contact NWP if they witness any further works carried out on site

168.3 Councillor Mrs S Benbow-Jones reported of ongoing ASB at Druids football ground, which has been passed on to NWP.

168.4 Councillor D Wright reported a committee member from Cefn Druids had contacted him making enquiries regarding the agreement that was reached following the relocation from the old ground to the current site at the Rock. A discussion followed members are of the opinion the ground is in trust not ownership. Councillor P Blackwell recalls negotiations at that time were made with the whole club not an individual. WCBC own the land and lease it on a peppercorn rent. It was resolved for the Clerk to make enquiries with councils' solicitor for more information.

168.5 Councillor D Metcalfe reported an increase of broken glass around the Holybush Inn and stated it is coming from TESCO supermarket. He has requested a meeting with head of licensing at NWP and WCBC.

The Chair thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

