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**COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD  
AT THE GEORGE EDWARDS HALL AND ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OF  
SEPTEMBER 2022**

**Chair: Councillor P Vaughan**

**PRESENT** Councillors Mrs J Jones, Mrs I Twigg , D Wright, Mrs G Wright also Deio Jones, Project Coordinator.

**APOLOGIES Councillor** Mrs S Benbow-Jones

**TO DISCUSS AND RECAP FOLLOWING ON FROM THE LAST MEETING**

Deio Jones discussed the ongoing work with the Wildlife Trust and remarked that the wildflower meadows are starting to die off. Another wildlife walk has been organised for the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September and there will be another one scheduled for the near future.

Mr Jones confirmed that he will be speaking with local resident associations with regards to arranging a group of community volunteers. These volunteers will then be trained in using gardening equipment etc, which could lead to expand skill sets and increasing the chances of securing future employment. Mr Jones stated that there is funding available to do this, and he would like to ensure that this gets off the ground before Christmas. Cllr Wright suggested that Cefn Community Council put together a permanent ‘volunteer force’ like other local communities have successfully done.

Sixty-six people responded to the Online Community Consultation. Mr Jones stated that although not ideal, the figure wasn’t too bad, it gave him enough to work on, but a final push to the schools to distribute the link amongst Parents and Carers, and paper copies of the survey should increase the responses. Overall, the responses were generally positive, main concerns were -vandalism and anti-social behavior, ‘nothing for the children to do’ and public transport issues. A discussion followed with regards to how the proposed feasibility studies would link in with any of these issues. Mr Jones confirmed that he had enquired with Cadwyn Clwyd if three smaller studies could be prepared instead of two, and that was granted.

For the George Edwards Hall, he proposed that an architect prepare a report of costs for refurbishment and alterations. This to include disabled access from the rear car park.

Secondly, a report to look at all the different facilities across the community, ‘what’s not there’ and what could be of benefit to the wider community i.e some wards having less

than others. This could tie-in with the football study, for instance – looking at sites elsewhere in the community to invest in for youth and women’s football, taking the pressure off the MUGA.

The third report will focus on community transport for local people. A team of volunteers can be assembled and trained to drive the vehicle. Mr Jones stated that although the community concerns about public transport issues (i.e bus routes) cannot be addressed as it is in private contractors’ hands, community transport would be beneficial with taking people to events around the community. A discussion followed regarding how this would link in with the George Edwards Hall and the ageing, isolated residents of the community who are unable to access bus services to attend clubs and meetings. Cllr Wright remarked that this would also link in with the Warm Spaces Project, where the hall can be used as a space for the community to keep warm, have hot drinks and food, watch films, to save money on heating bills, and to socialise.

With regards to the portraits in the Council Chamber (Dr Share Jones and Dr Mary Jones – which are damaged and require specialist repair) no funding opportunities have been found for these as yet.

A new Project leader has been appointed for the Trevor basin project, Mike Bather. After a giving Mr Bather time to settle into the role, a meeting can be scheduled to discuss the tramway and circular walk ideas. The entire project needs to be finished by March 2024 so they have time to discuss and plan how Cefn Community Council can be involved. The plans for Active Travel will include a route through the Cefn Community, so the community will hopefully be involved in discussions and implementation of this. Cllr D Wright suggested that himself, Cllr Vaughan, and Mr Deio Jones meet with Mr Bather to discuss further, Deio agreed that this would be a good idea, and he will make contact to arrange.

It was reported by Mr Jones that, following works on the council building roof being finished, he will complete the evaluation form, but money cannot be claimed until everything is completed. A discussion followed with regards to the current modification to George Edwards Hall. Cllr Wright advised that there is a little more work to be done with the windows and doors as per guidelines from WCBC, but overall, it was looking positive, and he remarked that the Clerk has been instrumental in ensuring that the work can continue on the installation of the new windows.

Mr Jones asked that the next steering group meeting be organised with the schools. Cllr Wright suggested that each school appoint a representative to be present at each meeting, since the Headteachers are very busy. It perhaps would be an idea to speak with the schools to gauge opinion on this. Mr Jones stated that it would be helpful if two steering group meetings can be held before the end of the year.

Mr Jones stated to the committee that he would like to submit a bid to the People and Places lottery fund, with a focus on getting a three-year project started and employing a community engagement officer to help develop volunteer groups and opportunities throughout the community. This person would help with implementing the goals set put in the feasibility studies. Mr Jones stated that he would like to get this in place by Easter 2023.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2022 at 12pm

The Chairman thanked members and Mr Jones for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.