**CEIRIOG UCHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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| **COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING****3rd DECEMBER 2024** | **Present:** **Cllr K Benning (Chair),** **Cllr D Berriman****Cllr S Berriman****Cllr J Claybrook****Cllr E Morris****Cllr A Jones****Cllr G Jones****County Councillor Bates****Community Agent Christina Brewin****Clerk Miles Matile****9 Members of the Public attended the meeting.** |

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| **1** | **APOLOGIES** | **Cllr Swogger****PCSOs**  |  |
| **2** | **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS RELATED TO ANY AGENDA ITEM** | **Nil** |  |

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| **No** | **AGENDA ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTION** **WHO/WHEN** |
| **3** | **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** **5TH NOVEMBER 2024**  | **PROPOSED** : Cllr E Morris**SECONDED**: Cllr D Berriman**Approved** |  |
| **4** | **MATTERS ARISING**  |  |  |
| **4 (i)** | **VALLEY COUNCILS’ MEETING.** | * The Clerk has been in contact with Glyntraian Council and the confirmed date is the **15th January** at 7.00pm at the Oliver Jones Hall, Dolywern
* The Clerk and Chair are to meet Cllr Jackie Allen to discuss the possible role of Chirk Town Council in future meetings and to make a proposal to the Valleys’ Council.
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| **5** | **REPORTS** |  |  |
| **5 (I)** | **COMMUNITY AGENT** | * Christina attended the meeting and provided numbers for Oct-Nov. There remains a strong need for the service.
* There will be a recruitment drive for volunteers to become part of a ‘befriending service’ in 2025.
* The last CAB session of 2024 will be held on the 13/12/2024.
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| **5 (ii)** | **NORTH WALES POLICE** | * Apologies have been received.
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| **5 (iii)**  | **WREXHAM CBC** | Cllr Bates addressed the Council on matters relating to the wider Wrexham Borough:* No judgement has been received from the High Court in relation to the challenge to the Local Development Plan.
* Community Councils are invited to make representations to the WCBC Planning Officer even if there are no objections from residents. This represents a new practice.
* WCBC, NWP, Fire and Rescue Services have expressed immense appreciation for the community response to the recent floods. The reaction by local people to provide assistance and shelter was incredible.
* Library in Llanarmon. This continues monthly and will be increasingly linked to the community hub on a Friday.
* WCBC Fostering Services are constantly looking for applications from local people to take children and provide a home.
* Bus services. A complaint has been received that that there have been occasions when connection services between companies have not worked. This has been referred to WCBC transport department.
* Electoral figures. Recent figures for registered electors show. CUCC – 260; GCC – 799 and Glyntraian 661.
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| **5(iv)** | **OFF-ROADING** | * No further updates.
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| **5 (v)** | **GRAVEYARD AND CEMETERY SUB-COMMITTEE** | * In the absence of Cllr Swogger there is no further update from the Sub-Committee.
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| **6**  | **NATIONAL PARK** |  |  |
| **6(i)** | **REVIEW OF PUBLIC MEETING** | The Council reviewed the ‘process’ of the public meeting held on the 26th November 2024.* The meeting was to consult with residents within the CUCC boundary although members of the public outside of this did attend. As a proportion of eligible voters (see 5(iii) the turn-out was very high.
* The meeting was organised within 3 weeks and thanks to Cllr Claybrook and the Hall Committee.
* The Chair explained his rationale for the way the meeting was conducted and that it fulfilled the original mandate set by the CUCC on the 5/11/2024.
* The Chair and Clerk have collated a written summary of the arguments for and against, and this together with the outcome of the vote (see 6 (ii) will be submitted to NRW by the 16/12/2024.
* The role of the NRW speakers was questioned. They stated that they were neutral but they seemed to emphasise more of the positives for a National Park and none of the problems from existing parks.
* The Public Address system was very poor and led to some leaving early.
* Reports from some members of the public, that at times, there was an atmosphere of intimidation.
* The Chair was congratulated on his role within the meeting.
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| **6 (ii)** | **COUNCIL VOTE ON THE PROPOSAL FOR THE NATIONAL PARK** | The Council agreed the following proposal:**‘As a result of the Public Consultation meeting held on the 26th November 2024, the Ceiriog Ucha Community Council does NOT believe that the introduction of the proposed North East Wales National Park is appropriate’.****Voting For the Proposal 5****Voting Against the Proposal 0****Abstentions 2** | **The Clerk will formally submit this response to NRW Consultation Process before the 16/12/2024**. |
| **7** | **FINANCES** |  |  |
| **7 (i)** | **PAYMENTS IN NOVEMBER 2024 AND BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS**  | * **PAYMENTS FOR NOVEMBER**

Battery for De-Fib Tregeiriog £254.59. **APPROVED*** **PAYMENTS FOR DECEMBER**

**CAB Pilot for 6 months £176 + £30 Hall hire****APPROVED*** **Council Website:** An invoice for £185.26 has been received for servicing the Council Website. The Clerk requested that this be deferred as the hosting company have not yet refunded overpayments requested earlier in the year.

 * The Clerk confirmed that Audit Wales has not responded to requests for an itemised invoice and this is outstanding.
* The Clerk provided written information to the Council which confirmed the following balances:

 Current Account £ 356.47 Savings Account £ 11,080.86 A further and final precept payment of £3,333 is expected December 2024 |  |
| **8** | **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** |  |  |
|  | **MYNYDD MAWR ENERGY PARK - PROPOSED** | The Chair confirmed that he had attended a consultation meeting on the 27th November and it is too early in the process for CUCC to debate the issues and impact. |  |
| **9** | **NEXT MEETINGS** | **The date of the next meetings will be** **TUESDAY 14th JANUARY @ 7.00****VALLEY COUNCILS’ MEETING 15TH JANUARY @ 7.00** |  |