**CEIRIOG UCHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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| **COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING****6th FEBRUARY 2024** | **Present:** **Cllr K Benning (Chair),** **Cllr D Berriman****Cllr S Berriman****Cllr J Claybrook****Cllr A Jones****Cllr G Jones****Cllr F Swogger****County Cllr T Bates****Christina Brewin – Community Agent****Martin Griffiths PCSO****Clerk: Miles Matile** |

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| **1** | **APOLOGIES** | **Cllr E Morris** |  |
| **2** | **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS RELATED TO ANY AGENDA ITEM** | **NONE RECORDED** |  |

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| **No** | **AGENDA ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTION** **WHO/WHEN** |
| **3** | **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** **9th January 2024**  | **PROPOSED** : Cllr A Jones**SECONDED**: Cllr F Swogger |  |
| **4** | **MATTERS ARISING**  |  |  |
| **4 (i)** | **POST HUTS/RESTS** | Cllr Swogger confirmed that there had now been contact with the owner and this will be progressed.  |  |
| **4 (ii)** | **CEMETERY AND GRAVEYARD UPDATE** | The Clerk confirmed that the next stage is to convene a public meeting subject to further discussions with the Parochial Church Council.  | Working Group to meet and advise accordingly. |
| **4 (iii)** | **NATIONAL PARK UPDATE** | The Council has been informed that National Resources Wales intend to hold an ad hoc TEAMS update for Community Councillors on the **22/11/2024 14:00-15:30**. Details from the Clerk |  |
| **4 (iv)** | **PLANNING ISSUES** | The Clerk confirmed that he had written to WCBC Planning Dept and the third party as requested by Council. Responses of confirmation have been received. |  |
| **5** | **REPORTS** |  |  |
| **5 (i)** | **NORTH WALES POLICE** | * PCSO Martin Griffiths attended and spoke to his report – previously circulated. The last 4 weeks had seen an overall reduction in offences reported. The Council noted some vandalism to highway signage which was under investigation. **Operation Cinnamon** will take place on the **1st March at lunch-time at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall, Dolywern** to provide information, advice and reassurance to elderly residents.
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| **5 (ii)**  | **COMMUNITY AGENT** | * The Council was pleased to receive a report from Christina Brewin which provided details on her work over the past 2 months. The Council is hugely appreciative of her commitment and also to Glyn Ceiriog CC for its continuing support for this project.
* The Chair confirmed that there had been a meeting with WCBC and other employing Community Councils. There has been concern about WCBC’s request for the forwarding of ‘confidential’ information relating to referrals to the Community Agent scheme and this will be amended. The Scheme will be funded until March 2026.
* There has also been an additional meeting with the Chair and Clerk of Glyn Ceiriog CC. The employment arrangements currently In place will continue for a further 12 months subject to review.
* The pilot CAB scheme will be finalised in April.
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| **5 (iii)**  | **WREXHAM CBC** | * Cllr Bates provided information regarding the current financial statement for WCBC and the challenges faced by the Authority.
* The Police and Crime Commissioner will open the new pavilion at Glyn Ceiriog which will offer facilities for the whole valley.
* The Pandy plantation ‘loading bay’ development, previously mentioned, has been rejected.
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| **5(iv)** | **OFF-ROADING** | * No update.
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| **6** | **FINANCES** |  |  |
| **6 (i)** | **UNITY TRUST BANK TRANSFER** | * The Chair and Clerk to meet with HSBC on the 8TH February
 | **CHAIR and CLERK** to attend HSBC |
| **6 (ii)** | **PAYMENTS IN JANUARY 2024 AND BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS** | * The Clerk provided details of payments made in January 2024.

 **Expenditure** Bank Charge £ 5.00 **Approved** * Balance is **£9317.83** which includes carry-forward from 2022/2023 of £4589.74. Within the Council’s reserves is £2000, ring-fenced for election expenses, and it is anticipated that this will rise to £5,000 within the 2026-2027 financial year. **Please note that the next Election will take place on the 6th May 2027**
* The Clerk confirmed that he had secured an agreement for a refund from Vision ICT for services that they were not providing.

**Invoices that are still pending:**Donation for audit work - £250Printing of Centenary leaflets - £155Audit Wales- £259.  |  |
| **6 (iii)** | **PRECEPT** | The Clerk confirmed that he had written to WCBC about our approved Precept for 2024/2025 and this had been accepted. Details of the proposed increase in the Precept had been notified to residents on Facebook, Community Council web-site and Glyn News and there has been no feedback has been received.  |  |
| **6 (iv)** | **REMUNERATION TO COUNCILLORS** | The Clerk further requested that all Councillors confirm their intention to claim or decline, the Allowance as legally required by the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011. Forms are available from the Clerk.  | Cllrs to return forms by 31/03/2024 |
| **6 (v)** | **AUDIT WALES UPDATE** | * The Clerk informed the Council that there is still no feedback from the audit of the 2022/2023 accounts. This has been on-going since the 1st August 2023.
* The Chair informed Council that he had received numerous copies of e-mails from other Community Councils within the Borough who are experiencing similar problems with Audit Wales. The Council was warned that one Council had been charged £2,000 for their audit which was being contested.
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| **7** | **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** |  |  |
| **7 (i)** | **4 X4 WEBSITE** | Cllr Swogger notified Council that she had received information of a website promoting the interests of 4x4 users. |  |
| **7 (ii)**  | **COUNCILLOR – GOVERNOR VACANCY** | The Clerk notified Council that a vacancy had arisen for the appointment of a Councillor-Governor for the Valley Federation. Several expressions of interest were notified at the meeting and this matter will be deferred until March for a formal nomination. | The Clerk to forward further details and notify WCBC |
| **7 (iii)**  | **VILLAGE HALL FUND-RAISING** | Cllr Claybrook notified Council of a proposed fund-raising event on the 8/06/2024 and queried if s137 regulations would permit a donation. To be deferred to the March meeting to review the s137 criteria. |  |
| **8** | **NEXT MEETING** | **TUESDAY 5th FEBRUARY at 7.00** |  |