**CEIRIOG UCHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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| **COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING****4th FEBRUARY 2025** | **Present:** **Cllr K Benning (Chair),** **Cllr D Berriman****Cllr S Berriman****Cllr J Claybrook****Cllr E Morris****Cllr A Jones****Cllr G Jones****Cllr Swogger****County Councillor Bates****Clerk: Miles Matile****M & G Obbard in attendance for item 7** |

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| **1** | **APOLOGIES** | **Christina Brewin: Community Agent****Gareth Jones: North Wales Police** |  |
| **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** **14th January 2025**  | **PROPOSED** : Cllr E Morris**SECONDED**: Cllr S Berriman**Approved** |  |
| **4** | **MATTERS ARISING**  |  |  |
| **4(i)** | **VALLEY COUNCILS’ UPDATE** | * The last meeting was considered successful and informative and the Councils coming together periodically, is considered to be a very positive initiative.
* The Chair confirmed that following the last meeting he had circulated some thoughts and opinions about the inclusion of Chirk TC into the Valley meeting. To be circulated wider.
* Next meeting will be convened in Glyn Ceiriog.
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| **5** | **REPORTS** |  |  |
| **5 (I)** | **COMMUNITY AGENT REPORT** | * Apologies sent by Christina Brewin due to a training event. Information on her role will be circulated.
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| **5 (II)** | **NORTH WALES POLICE** | * Apologies have been sent and a report of crime incidents in January 2025 received and circulated.
* The Police and Crime Commissioner’s Office has since confirmed that the grant of £400 was for a party for the following the Storm Darragh not for the Community Hub. (See 5 (i) January 2025.
* PCSO Martin Griffith remains off duty due to illness.
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| **5 (iii)**  | **WREXHAM CBC** |  Cllr Bates reported on the following:* The Welsh Senedd is to Appeal against the recent decision of the High Court about the Local Development Plan.
* WCBC is going to allocate £1.5m more to Highways and the Senedd has allocated a further £25m to Welsh Councils for transport.
* WCBC has provisionally allocated £3.8m under the ‘Active Travel Grant’ to develop further cycle lanes.
* National Resources Wales has not responded to concerns about tree damage in the Afon Ceiriog. The local MP has been to Dolywern to inspect and is pressing for NRW to intervene.
* Since the last Council meeting there has been National media interest in the pot-holes in the Valley. Thanks to Cllr Bates for all the time he has put into this and drawing National attention to our issues.
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| **5(iv)** | **OFF-ROADING** | * No update.
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| **5 (v)** | **GRAVEYARD AND CEMETERY SUB-COMMITTEE** | * No further developments at this point in relation to the Sub-Committee due to time of year.
* Noted that because of WCBC grass-cutting several headstones marking cremation plots have been cracked as a result of machinery being driven over them. In the longer-term this area will require marking-off to alert people to the plots.
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| **6** | **FINANCES** |  |  |
| **6 (i)** | **PAYMENTS IN JANUARY 2025 AND BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS**  | * **PAYMENTS FOR JANUARY 2025**

Bank Charges £ 6.00. Stationery £26.99**APPROVED****•** The Clerk has previously circulated financial information up to the 31/01/2025.  **Current Account £ 2.987.83** **Savings Account £ 11.154.83****TOTAL BALANCE** **£14.142.16 (**This incorporates £4.000 for 2027 election costs).* Interest is paid GROSS (so far CUCC has received £154.82)
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| **6 (ii)** | **AUDIT WALES****FULL AUDIT 2023/2024** | * Invoice paid for 2022/2023 as approved at January meeting.
* Invoice for 2023/2024 audit awaited.
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| **6 (iii)** | **ENVIROMENTAL GRANTS** | * Cllr D Berriman has now obtained a quotation of £100 + VAT for the restoration of bench.

**Proposed AJ****Seconded: FS****APPROVED*** (Not mentioned at Council) – Rob Jones is looking at restoring an ancient hawthorn hedge in partnership with other agencies and may approach CCUC for funding under our environmental grants.
 | Cllr D Berriman to submit a formal request for audit |
| **6 (iv)** | **COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION 2024/2025** | * The Clerk has issued forms to claim the standard rate of remuneration for this financial year.
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| **7** | **PLANNING APPLICATION**  |  |  |
| **7 (i)** | **PONT Y MEBION** | * Deferred item from January meeting – planning application 2024/1681 (& 1665) at Pont y Mebion. The applicants attended Council to explain their project and how they are planning the changes in conjunction with WCBC Highways/NRW/Heritage.
* The applicants left the meeting to allow full consideration in conjunction with site plans.
* The Council voted unanimously that it would want to **give active approval for this application**.
 | ,,Clerk to write to WCBC planning |
| **8** | **AOB** |  |  |
| **8 (i)** | **CARAVAN AT PONT Y MEBION** | No formal update |  |
| **8 (ii)** | **CONFIDENTIALITY** | **The Chair asked that all matters of confidence discussed at Council remain within Council and not for public circulation.** |  |
| **8 (iii)** | **CHIRK TOWN COUNCIL** | **Noted that Miles will be temporary Clerk for 6 months given staffing issues. He will not relinquish his role with CUCC** |  |
| **9** | **NEXT MEETINGS** | **The date of the next meetings will be** **TUESDAY 4th MARCH @ 7.00** |  |