**CEIRIOG UCHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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| **COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  **14th JANUARY 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** |

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| **1** | **APOLOGIES** | **Miles Matile**  **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**  **3rd December 2024** | **PROPOSED** : Cllr D Berriman  **SECONDED**: Cllr A Jones  **Approved** |  |
| **4** | **MATTERS ARISING** |  |  |
|  |  | NONE |  |
| **5** | **REPORTS** |  |  |
| **5 (i)** | **NORTH WALES POLICE** | * Apologies have been sent and a report of crime incidents in December 2024 received. The Council noted the on-going investigation into the death of a sheep in Nantyr. * The Police and Crime Commissioner’s Office has made a grant of £400 to the Community Hub upon the recommendation of Gareth and Martin. This has been paid to St Garmon’s account as joint partners. |  |
| **5 (ii)** | **WREXHAM CBC** | Cllr Bates reported on the following:   * Wrexham CEO Ian Bancroft has resigned. * It is anticipated that WCBC’s 2025/2026 budget will be up-lifted by 4.3% * The collective action by certain County Councillors enabled an appeal to be lodged in the High Court, against the WCBC’s decisions linked to the Local Development plan. That Appeal was successful subject to any counter appeal by WCBC. * The last storm has led to considerable damage to the local road network and any problems should be reported. * There has been erosion at certain sections of the Ceiriog and Cllr Bates is in direct contact with National Resources Wales. * The Santa-Run along the Valley raised over £500. |  |
| **5(iii)** | **OFF-ROADING** | * An e-mail has been received from GLEAM further collating off-road incidents |  |
| **5 (iv)** | **GRAVEYARD AND CEMETERY SUB-COMMITTEE** | * No further developments at this point in the year. |  |
| **6** | **FINANCES** |  |  |
| **6 (i)** | **PAYMENTS IN DECEMBER 2024 AND BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS** | * **PAYMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2024**   Bank Charges £6.00.  **APPROVED**  **•** The Clerk has previously circulated financial information up to the 31/12/2024. Wrexham CBC has paid the final instalment of the Precept and the accounts stand at:  **Current Account £ 3.683.99**  **Savings Account £ 11.080.62**  Unity Bank has paid further interest on our savings of **£74.21**  TOTAL BALANCE **£14.838.82. (**This incorporates £4.000 for 2027 election costs).  Clerk to query if the £154.82 interest paid since opening the account is paid nettof tax**.** |  |
| **6 (ii)** | **AUDIT WALES**  **FULL AUDIT 2022/2023** | As previously noted, Audit Wales has invoiced CCUC for the 2022/2023 full audit. The invoice which was not itemised was presented for £663.17. The Clerk has written on 2 occasions to seek clarification and there has been no response. Reluctantly it is his recommendation that this now be paid.  **APPROVED** |  |
| **6 (iii)** | **AUDIT WALES**  **2023/2024 AUDIT** | The Clerk confirmed that the CUCC’s 2023/2024 accounts have been passed by Audit Wales without qualification. |  |
| **6 (iv)** | **ENVIROMENTAL GRANTS** | None received |  |
| **7** | **PLANNING APPLICATION** |  |  |
| **7 (I)** | **PONT Y MEBION** | Details of the application have been received for the proposed developments at Pont y Mebion. The owners sought permission to attend this meeting but were unable to do so at last minute.  Given the extent of the application and the unavailability of the applicant it was agreed to defer this matter until the February meeting | ,,  Clerk to contact WCBC to seek a deferment |
| **8** | **AOB** |  |  |
| **8 (I)** | **VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREES** | Thanks to the community for purchasing the trees. This was not part-funded by the Council |  |
| **8 (ii)** | **GRITTING** | Various councillors expressed dissatisfaction with ploughing and gritting during the recent snow - some days, the gritters were out but appear to have run out of supplies ( but seemingly drove the roads with no grit.) A serious incident occurred, with a local family having life-threatening consequences. The ambulance could not make it on their road and local residents had to take a severely ill person to hospital themselves under extremely difficult and dangerous circumstances.  This matter is on the agenda for the Valley Council’s Meeting on the 14/1/2025 and a letter of complaint will be collated. | … |
| **9** | **NEXT MEETINGS** | **The date of the next meetings will be**  **TUESDAY 4th FEBRUARY @ 7.00**  **VALLEY COUNCILS’ MEETING 15TH JANUARY @ 7.00** |  |