

CYNGOR CYMUNED PENTREFELAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Cadeirydd/Chairman: Gari B Jones

Tuesday September 3rd 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

Minutes (117)

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. Alun Owen
2. **Present:** Cllrs: Dewi Evans, Gari B Jones, Gerallt Jones, Gethin Pys, Edmund Rees, County Cllr. Gwennol Ellis and Enid Williams (Clerk) .
3. **Code of Conduct:** Declaring or a personal Interest in one or more Agenda items – no-one expressed an interest.
4. **Minutes of July** meeting proposed as correct by ER with GJ seconding.
5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**
 - 5.1.1. Defib in the Glanrafon phone box – waiting for a response from Tomos Hughes
 - 5.1.2. The issue of closing the public toilets was discussed – it was decided to contact Gethin Davies as he is showing an interest in taking them over, to arrange for himself and Gari Jones to meet up with Gary Williams from Conwy Council on site to discuss further.
6. **Correspondence: -**
CBSC – received second payment of the Precept **£1,777.00**.
7. **Annual Returns 2021-22**
The 2021-22 Returns was received back from the External Auditors
Audit Option – Unqualified
‘Based on my review, in my opinion, no issues have come to my attention giving cause for concern, in any material respect, of the information reported in this Annual Return’
Other matters: Internal Audit – In the Annual Governance statement (AGS), the confirming that it has maintained an adequate system of internal control. An important source of evidence for the adequacy of the system of internal control is provided by the Internal Auditor.’
The Annual Returns has been accepted on the proposal of GJ with ER seconding and all the Councillors approving it.
8. **Monitoring Budget:**
 - i) After examining the budget everyone agreed that everything was done correctly and in order.
 - ii) The bank statements were looked over and fully accepted.
9. **Payment of Invoices:**
 - 9.1.1. Zurich Municipal - ER proposed with GP seconding to pay the insurance invoice of **£316.74**. with cheque no **100413** (S111/140)
 - 9.1.2. Audit Wales – external auditors - DE proposed with GJ seconding to pay the invoice of **£200.00** with cheque number **100414** (S151)
 - 9.1.3. Clerk’s costs for 4 months from April to July – ER proposed with GJ seconding to pay the costs of **£217.05** with cheque number **100415** (S150)
10. **Member’ Allowances 2024/25:**
The allowances forms have been completed and signed by all the Councillors. them.

11. **Word by County Cllr. Gwennol Ellis:** County Cllrs report:

Toilets

Meeting of the Finance and Resources Scrutiny Committee 02.09.24 – the Tory party group on the Council has come with a warning that there is not enough consultation before the announcement in July that 19 toilets, including Pentrefoelas to close.

Discussion for 2 hours on this item at the meeting. The Council will face a deficit of £21 million in the 2025-26 budget. It is inevitable that the toilets will close as there is no money to keep them open – almost everyone agreed on that.

The Committee members passed almost unanimously that the closure should be postponed and to give an opportunity to discuss further with Community and Town councils what can be done to keep the toilets open if this is the wish.

A site visit will need to be arranged with Gary Williams, Asset Manager as soon as possible to discuss option in Pentrefoelas.

Grant:

A message from Elgan Owen – CVSC – many funders would support community and town councils to run these services – although it would be difficult to find long-term funding. We are already having discussions with several town and community councillors regarding this. We would need a 5+ year lease or even asset transfer. Clocaenog, Gwynt y Mor and Rhyl Flats would cover this in some areas of Conwy and the Lottery would be another possible funder.

Anyone who wants a chat is welcome to contact County Cllr. Gwennol Ellis.

Sgubor Rin:

Waiting for a date that is convenient for the Community Council and officers to meet in Coed Pella. Cllr. Nigel Smith is very keen to discuss the 'Cwmpas' plan with the members to look at options for a group of people to take the land from the Council at a reasonable price and to steer the discussions with the Council. If the County Council secured permission for individual plots and sold them separately, the cost would be significantly higher for the buy

12. **Any other business:**

12.1. Community Skip – as Conwy Council are no longer hiring out the community skip it was decided to advertise that the waste can be taken for recycling to Cerrigydrudion on the first Saturday of every month but a slot will have to be booked.

13. **Date of the next meeting Tuesday October 1st 2024**

Signed _____
Chairman

Dated 01.10.24