



Cyngor Cymuned CWARTER BACH Community Council

General meeting held virtually on 21st December 2021

Present: Glynog Davies (chairperson),

Ward Llynfell: Vera Morgan (vice-chairperson), Tony Strutt, Tom Addey

Ward Cwarter Bach: Scott Davies, Sarah Hopkin, Rhian Moses, Bethan Griffiths, Lisa Thomas

Ward Brynaman: Mair Thomas, Jordan Griffiths, Ruth Heyes,

Appologies: Andrew Dady

Susan Thomas - temporary clerk for the next two meetings.

Item 2 – Declaration of Interest

Jordan Griffiths – Item 7. Discussion on Bryn Rovers. Being on the Executive Committee of Bryn Rov.

Item 3 – Approve minutes of meeting on 10/11/2021. Sarah proposed, and Scott seconded, no amendment. Agreed with 2 abstentions.

Item 4 – Matters arising: Sarah on point 8, has compiled report on defibrillators inc. prices. This will be sent to all councillors.

Item 5 – Report from Chairman: Glynog reported on his attendance at the Armistices remembrances to lay wreaths on behalf of Cwarter Bach Community Council. These were on Friday 12th Nov at Cwmllynfell memorial, and on Sunday 14th Nov at Brynaman Monument.

At the request of Margaret Studds and on behalf of the Community Council, Glynog gave a speech at the opening of the Winter Wonderland at Brynaman, whose profits are going to help Joseph Yeandle, who has a rare form of cancer.

Glynog went on to explain the present situation with the resignation of John Rees as temporary Responsible Officer (letter available). John's expertise in technical matters with Local Government was priceless to the Council. The situation was upsetting / hurtful as it seemed that the council seemed to have been making progress. The County Monitoring Officer was also informed. The Council has lost 3 clerks and 8 councillors in the past 2 years.

We could not meet as a council without a Proper Officer. Susan Thomas has, also, been accepted by the County Monitoring Officer as a temporary clerk for the next two meetings, December and January.

7 applicants have so far applied for the post of clerk for Cwarter Bach Community Council. The closing date is 31st Dec 2021. It was suggested to form an appointments panel: proposed Tony, seconded Rhian. Both Glynog and Ruth declared an interest as both were in the same form as the mother of one candidate, even though not much contact had taken place over the intervening years. It was suggested to form an appointments panel from Vera as chairperson, one member from each ward and Susan as clerk. Tony, Rhian and Jordan were accepted as the members of the appointments panel.

Item 6 – Accounts for payment

OVW training 2020-'21		£ 120.00	paid
Christmas Competition	Old School Nursery	£ 150.00	paid
Cwmllynfell Com C	parade	£ 100.00	paid
Black M C	parade	£ 100.00	paid
EDF Maes Elwyn		£ 84.00	
EDF Bryn Ave		£ 34.08	£ 54.94
EDF Ystradowen		£ 74.95	
EDF Bowling Green		£ 5.51	
KDY	Bryn Av	£ 1,200.00	
KDY	Bryn Av	£ 75.00	
KDY	Christmas L	£ 716.50	
KDY	Christmas L	£ 482.00	
KDY	Christmas L	£ 32.48	

Simon Mangan Bryn Av £ 427.02
Vouchers Comm C 3x£30
Public Hall Vouchers

Request by Glynog, reinforced by Tom that monthly bills be paid in case we are unable to have our regular monthly meeting. So the clerk has the power to pay regular monthly bills, as long as the invoices are sent out, as they are presently, and then if someone wants to query a bill, they can do so.

There was a query about one bill from KDY for the pathetic lights on the tree opposite the Bridge Inn in Brynaman. One strand had broken, and needed replacing. That display was disappointing. There was an issue with one display at Cefnbrynbrain, with the unit needed being ordered. Hopefully all would be rectified before Christmas.

All invoices **passed** to be paid.

Emergency spending: one window pane in the **Kids Club** is filling with water and is in the kitchen area, so needs to be changed as an emergency. Others need to be changed, but they can wait until the new year. We need to get quotes for the other panes from various suppliers. **Passed** to change one pane as emergency. **(Beth to chase up)**
Bryn Avenue water heater had been disconnected and needs to be replaced, if we have the same unit, price would be £55. **Passed** to buy new one. **(Tony to chase up)**

Item 8. - Correspondence + Planning

74 Mountain Road need a 2 storey side extension

Brynceunant top left corner plot - need to demolish existing prefab building and build 2 houses.

Powys Rural Development from 2026

Enforcement order on Monumental Mason, bottom of Station Road, leaving stuff on lane down to rugby field.

All these will be sent out to councillors, and members can respond as required.

Item 9 – Christmas Lights Competition.

Thank you to all members of the community who showed Christmas lights during this festive season. It was so nice to see them all, they give some light to lift our spirits.

Prizes were given to each ward winner:

A family ticket for the Public Hall Cinema – donated by the cinema.

£50 to spend at The Old School Nursery

£30 to spend at the local Community Centre

Winners in each ward are:

Llynfell Ward – Euros & Pat Evans, 59c New Road, Ystradowen;

Cwarter Bach Ward – Rhys & Mair Williams, 86 Mountain Road, Brynaman;

Brynaman Ward: Gaynor & Keith Hopkins, Gwaun yr Esgair, 114 Llandeilo Road, Brynaman.

Congratulations to all.

Request to publicise the winners in the South Wales Guardian.

Item 7 – matters from the wards (curtailed this month)

Request for Glynog to find out if there is any update on the landslide in Llynfell, please.

Bryn Rovers: report sent out by Bethan noting requirements for the changing rooms at Bryn Av.

The hand heater has already been noted

Trip hazard in visitors changing room from shower area into changing room.

Window near the heater cannot close.

Toilet seat needed (already bought by Bryn Rov & replaced)

Ball stop nets need to be concreted in place. Tony suggested placing in sleeves to be removed after each game – discuss with Bryn Rov.

A handyman could do a number of these jobs. All were passed to be done.

As has been suggested frequently, we, as a council, need a list of people, specialists and handymen, who can be called on to do jobs for the council.

Item 10 – AOB no other

Date of next meeting – 12/01/2022 – on zoom

Finance committee meeting – 5th Jan

Glynog wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He thanked everyone and noted the need to stay safe in the present wave of Covid.

Meeting ended at 7:35