



CYNGOR CYMUNED **CWARTER BACH** COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE 'FULL COUNCIL MEETING' HELD AT THE BLACK MOUNTAIN  
CENTRE AND ON A REMOTE BASIS VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023  
AT 6.30PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cllr. H. Taylor (Chair), Cllr. S. Thomas, Cllr. M. Thomas, Cllr. S. Hopkin,  
Cllr. R. Jones (Zoom)

**ALSO PRESENT**

Mrs. J. Bell (Clerk), Mr. Nigel Sheldon (Wrenvale)

1. **To receive apologies for absence**

Cllr. B. Griffiths, Cllr. T. Addey, Cllr. S. Davies, Cllr. Z. Llewelyn, Cllr. R. Moses,  
Cllr. A. Dady, Cllr. J. Griffiths, Cllr. R. Pearce-Higginson

**As the Chair and Vice-Chair had sent their apologies it was agreed  
that Cllr. Helen Taylor Chair the meeting.**

2. **Meeting with Nigel, Wrenvale.**

The Councillors discussed with Nigel that, going forward, a list of works would be required. The football club has also requested a rota of cuts, CCC have requested notification of when the footpaths are done and CBCC would require the full list of works. For example, when the grass cutting season starts and how often cuts are done. Nigel advised that these were between May and October, usually done on the second and fourth weeks of the month, typically on a Thursday or Friday. (Changes are sometimes made depending on the weather)

The complaints about bins not being emptied was raised; it was mentioned and confirmed by a councillor that the rubbish at Bryn Avenue is left on the pitch and the bins not emptied after the games as they should be.

Nigel mentioned that we could request a colour scheme for the baskets he provides and also for the flowers supplied by Quids In, which he believed are 6 weeks late going in.

Wrenvale water the hanging baskets 3 times a week, power wash the moss at the parks; Cae Criced has been done and Cllr S Thomas asked if Rhosaman Park could also be done, as well as the area in Maes Elwyn where the trees have been recently cleared)

Nigel mentioned CSOH and Method Statements were done for every job undertaken for the council.

Nigel again agreed placing a defibrillator on the shed opposite his house but an electricity supply would need to be sorted.

A discussion was had about the Biodiversity Plan that Wrenvale follow on the council's land regarding cuts etc. and the clerk requested that they meet up to discuss further.

Nigel referred to a list he had previously sent to the council of items in his possession. There are 2 seats in his Nursery, one plastic and one metal (which is rotten and could be disposed of) The plastic seat can go to Bryn Avenue but concrete bases would be needed.

There are also 2 information panels from Ystradowen in storage. The wood is in need of replacing. It was mentioned that the one in Rhosaman is bent and likely needs fixing. Tom ? has previously done the work at the cost of £350 and £450 for the ones in Ystradowen.

Cllr. H. Taylor suggested a review be done of all the signs in the area and then for a decision to be made as to what the council want to do with them.

**PROPOSED: To ask someone from each ward to get a list of the signs and to review the condition of them.**

There is also a big shelter in Nigel's possession which a previous councillor asked him to remove from Ystradowen Field. The council need to decide if they would like to relocate it.

The Chair and councillors thanked Nigel for attending and his hard work he also thanked the council for the work they had given to Wrenvale over the years.

3. **Public Participation**  
No Public Participation.

4. **Declarations of Interest.**  
None

5. **To approve minutes of the previous meeting.**  
**PROPOSED:** The minutes were a true recording of the meeting
  
6. **Matters arising from the minutes**  
Point 9: Chase up TRJ to see if they have given permission for the Stone Mason to store granite on the land at 63 Station Road.  
Point 10a. Mathew has been contacted regarding the seat on Coronation Road,- he had forgotten but will do it as soon as possible.  
Point 11. Angharad has been contacted and asked to advise what changes they would like to see on the Kids Club Contract.  
Point 13: Ystradowen Communities Charity are requesting £500 in financial assistance; the clerk advised that she is meeting with a representative of the Charity and Gus Hellier, Coed Cymru Officer with CCC on the 26<sup>th</sup> April to discuss the planting of trees in the field.
  
7. **Planning Applications**  
**PL/05648 - Demolition of existing garage, for two storey side extension, with single storey garage element - 25 School Road, Cwmllynfell, Swansea, SA9 2WD**  
No observations  
  
**PL/05641 - Proposed container storage area (B8) - Black Mountain Garage, Mountain Road, Upper Brynaman, Ammanford, SA18 1AE**  
**Observations-** There are already storage containers there, what do they intend storing in the containers? Will it be anything hazardous? Is there going to be a parking issue? Are they anticipating more traffic coming in and out? If permission is granted the area should be landscaped with screening and plants.
  
8. **To appoint an internal auditor**  
A discussion was had about appointing an internal auditor for the Annual Return for the 2022-2023 period.  
**RESOLVED:** To appoint Mr Meirwyn Thomas again this year.
  
9. **To discuss the Carmarthenshire County Council Review of Town & Community Councils.**  
Councillors discussed names that they would consider changing the current ward names to, for example Brynaman Ward could be 'Bryn Ward'  
It was felt that Cwarter Bach Ward within Cwarter Bach Community Council

could be confusing, also Llynfell Ward seems confusing as it does not consist of Cwmllynfell itself.

**RESOLVED:** Due to the lack of councillors in attendance and no representatives from Llynfell ward it was agreed that the councillors be emailed (as the deadline is before the next meeting) and any decision could be made via this method.

10. **To discuss an Insurance Policy for 2023-2024**

Cllr S.H. would like the policy proposal from Zurich to update the name to Cwarter Bach - the correct name for the Council.

Cllr. S.T. asked whether the council would consider taking over the Flag Pole in Ystradowen? Cllr. S.H. suggested no.

**The chair advised it be put on the agenda for a future meeting as it can be added to the policy at a later date.**

It was noted how unclear the documents were on Personal Accident Liability, in the parks etc. And there was a great deal of emphasis on Legionella in the document.

**ACTION: To clarify with Zurich that there is Personal Accident Cover, to check if there is a programme of maintenance for legionella within the council.**

It was noted that Bryn Rovers should have their own insurance policy for themselves and their spectators.

**RESOLVED: To call Zurich for clarification and then to pay the renewal fee.**

11. **To receive an update on the Black Mountain Centre**

The clerk explained that an email had been sent out notifying councillors that the previously requested bank statements and business plan were available at the BMC from 6pm that evening and that no one had turned up to view them.

Councillors agreed that if another charity were to ask for financial assistance in future, then they too would need to show 12 months of bank statements and a business plan.

As some members would need to declare an interest there could be no further discussion regarding the Black Mountain Centre.

12. **To receive an update from the informal meeting with Bryn Rovers.**

Members had previously received a list of questions and answers asked by CBCC and by Bryn Rovers. Items discussed:

Benches- Members felt they are the council's benches therefore they should be securing them.

Bins- Bryn Rovers have requested another bin be placed at the Bryn Avenue and that these be emptied on a Thursday or Friday.

Maes Elwyn Rugby Post – These are rotting, - it is necessary to notify the rugby club that they need to be kept in good repair.

Painting inside Maes Elwyn Pavillion.

**This was agreed providing neutral colours are used**

Bryn Rovers' request for a 10-year lease in order to obtain grant funding

The council need to decide who is responsible for what.

It was suggested a sub-group with in interest in Bryn Rovers be set up to discuss the issuing of a lease.

The £500 financial request put in the previous month

It was decided not to give anything until a full set of bank accounts was submitted.

To attach Hares Fencing to Maes-Elwyn

The surrounding area is boggy and would need further consideration.

**RESOLVED:** The Chair recommended that an asset sub-committee group be set up in order to deal with the 3 sports facilities and the parks. The clerk is to obtain/draft Terms of Reference in order that it is set up properly. An agenda point for the next meeting

### 13. **Matters arising from the Wards**

#### **a.) Brynaman**

Cllr R Jones notified the council that all damaged signs had been reported and also that the drain had been reported.

The police update provided was that there had been a drugs raid on Cwmgarw Road and that there had been a sudden death in the property opposite Nant Melyn.

#### **b.) Cwarter Bach**

There has been damage to the flooring in the Skate Park at Maes Elwyn, which Cllr S. Hopkin has previously reported.

There is damage in the play area at Maes Elwyn.(Photos circulated to members last month).

There have been reports of a dog out of control in the area.

#### **c.) Llynfell**

Cllr S. Thomas advised that she had noticed that the Christmas tree in CBB was in fact permanent and rooted in the ground.

The bus shelter has been cleaned / repaired by CCC

14. **Bills For Payment**

Carmarthenshire County Council Election Costs 2022-23	£4945.93
Black Mountain Centre – Room Hires x 4	£144
Black Mountain Centre – Office Hire 6 months	£442.80
One Voice Wales 2 x training sessions	£70
Dŵr Cymru, Bryn Avenue	£550.51
Renewal One Voice Wales Membership	£538
Renewal SLCC Membership	£177

**RESOLVED:** To pay all the bills

15. **Correspondence**

- Email from Wayne Preston, Bryn Rovers for an update on previous issues and notifying the council of their intention to promote the council more.
- Email from Andrew Roberts, Financial Secretary at Brynaman Rugby Club notifying the council that they would not know until mid-August whether they intend using the Maes Elwyn playing field this coming year.

16. **A.O.B\***

Can the plaque be put back on the Maes Elwyn Changing Rooms or the Bowling Club? (Currently with Cllr R. Jones)

Councillors agreed the Bowling Club and that we ask Mathew Sullivan if he could do this

17. **Date of next meeting**

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023, 6.30pm at the Ystradowen Community Centre

**Signed .....**Chair

**Date .....**

