



CYNGOR CYMUNED **CWARTER BACH** COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
VIA ZOOM ON**

**WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 AT 4.30PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cllr. H. Taylor (Chair), Cllr. T. Addey, Cllr. R. Jones, Cllr. A. Campisi, Cllr. B. Jones (5pm)

**ALSO, PRESENT**

Mrs. J. Bell (Clerk)

1. **To receive apologies for absence**  
Cllr. R. Jones had advised she would be late.
2. **Declarations of Interest**  
None
3. **Public Participation.**  
None present.
4. **Update on the new website**  
Now that Full Council had agreed to the new website, Cllr. R. Jones confirmed that it should only take 4 weeks to have it up and running.
5. **Post Office Questionnaire.**  
Cllr. H. Taylor commented that it would not be practical to hand out a questionnaire with every transaction made in Brynaman Post Office as there would be over 600 in a week. It would be better to have some form of sampling.  
Members asked whether it would be better to run a questionnaire on the website or Facebook by advertising a link for google forms.

6. **Community views - Ystradowen Changing Rooms / Ystradowen Biodiversity Plan**

Cllr. R. Jones suggested a survey on what people want.

Cllr. T. Addey suggested that at the top of the questionnaire, the council explain why they are asking the questions. What do they want to see the land and pavilion used for?

7. **2024 – Community Plan discussion.**

Cllr. H. Taylor provided the members with a presentation about Community and Place Plans. Raising awareness of what can and can't be done and also how to produce a Community Plan. The importance of community engagement and gathering basic data.

A Community Plan should take 6-12m to produce and a Place Plan, 2 years to develop.

8. **Participatory Budgeting**

The Community Engagement Group discussed having a Budget for marketing (total £1000) and also a budget available to the community in each of the three wards (£1500 per ward) This would allow the local community to be involved in making decisions about spending in their wards. It might also generate a feeling of goodwill within the community.

**AGREED:** Cllr. H. Taylor to send out the documents on Community Engagement, Place Plans and Participatory Budgeting, if members can concentrate on the community plan and participatory budget in Decembers meeting an informed discussion can be had as to whether it is worth doing and is there the capacity to do it.

9. **Update on "Meet the Councillors" sessions**

Cllr. H. Taylor and Cllr. A. Campisi had attended Ystradowen Community Centre on Wednesday morning and are planning on doing the same again on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. They now feel ready to publicise on social media, the fact that they will be in attendance as councillors in the cafes on certain dates. They would also like to ask other councillors and the community to join the sessions.

**AGREED:** To design a poster for social media and also to put out in the community.

10. **Update on Christmas Events.**

Cllr. A. Campisi is working on getting a lorry like they used last year, failing that Cllr. R. Jones has a pink gazebo that can be used as a grotto.

It was suggested that this year the council concentrate on Ystradowen and Cefnbrynbrain this year and also to link in with Stephanie (who is organising a Brynaman event on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec.)

**AGREED:** To ask all councillors if they'd like to attend and to ask Wrenvale and CKs if they'd like to donate towards the selection boxes.

Cllr.s to provide Health and Safety Risk Assessments for the events.

11. **A.O.B\***

The first Christmas Spectacular at Brynaman Public Hall will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> December with proceeds going to the cinema. There will also be a Christmas Fayre in the aelwyd the same day and the fairground will be open as usual.

12. **Date of next Meeting**

To discuss Community Plan on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 4.30pm via Zoom.

**Signed .....****Chair**

**..... Date**