

MINUTES OF CWARTER BACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HELD ON 3rd APRIL 2019 AT THE BLACK MOUNTAIN CENTRE

PRESENT: Cllr M Morgans presided
Clerk: A Pedrick
Brynamman Ward: Cllrs W Churchill, S Thomas, M Thomas, J G Davies
Quarter Bach Ward: Cllrs A Hicks, A Howells, R Pearce-Higginson, H Taylor,
Cllr L Baker
Llynfell Ward: Cllr V Morgan,
Minute Taker: Karen Lewis

ITEM 1: APOLOGIES: Cllrs A Lewis, A Dady and D B Belcher.

Cllr Helen Taylor signed the declaration of acceptance of office for the Cwarter Bach Ward.

Resignation letter received from Cllr A Lewis due to ill health, the Clerk to arrange for the vacancy to be advertised and write to Cllr A Lewis thanking him for his service.

ITEM 2: DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Declarations by members of personal interests form was circulated.

ITEM 3: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The minutes of the last meeting held on 6th March 2019 were accepted as a true record on the proposal of Cllr R Pearce-Higginson and seconded by Cllr A Hicks. Cllr L Baker formally apologised for not attending the last meeting.

Matters arising – Cllr A Howells reported back on the PACT meeting last month. The issue of highways yellow line marking and indiscriminate parking was raised. Cllr M.Morgans had a complaint regarding the corner of Llandeilo Road parking as prams and disabled people couldn't pass. Pavement parking is illegal but CCC won't enforce. Cllr A Howells suggested that we write to the Highways Dept requesting a meeting. Cllr A Hicks noted that Cwmgarw Road pavement parking is getting worse. It was proposed by Cllr A Howells and seconded by Cllr R Pearce-Higginson that we seek a meeting with the County Highways.

ITEM 4: ASSETS SUB COMMITTEE

Cllr A Howells updated members. Meeting was held with Mrs Derith Powell to look at the next steps for an application for a revenue grant through People and Places scheme, National Lottery funded. There are themes within this grant that need to be covered – people led which strengthens the bid with how this connects with the community. It is a lengthy application form to complete and it needs to be completed as soon as possible. Meeting arranged for next Tuesday to review and present a report to Mrs Derith Powell the week after as she will assist if required. Need a job description, profile of Cwarter Bach and what should the name be – Cwarter Bach Community Project? The Grant is for a three year period hoping to be extended to five years (full or part time posts). Cllr M.Morgans has spoken to John Morgan who is

keen to be updated as the school are very anxious regarding their health and safety issues with the school yard. Cllr M.Thomas said that the school should also apply to Education for monies and CCC for a playing area, however, they cannot apply as it is not their land. The school need to put in a letter of support for this project.

ITEM 5: PRIDE IN THE COMMUNITY

No meeting since our last meeting. Wrenvale to clean up some seats, take away and erect. Cllr W Churchill wants a decision on where to place two benches. Cllr A Hicks reported that she has had a couple of comments about the windows being blacked out in the old post office which will be an eyesore. Cllr S Thomas thinks that parking will be an issue.

Cllr A Hicks has received a complaint about the hand rail still missing on F/P 60/13/1 and its dangerous. The Clerk will liaise with CCC and make sure it is erected at the correct height.

Cllr C Churchill stated that the flowers are disappointing this year as they lack colour. she will speak with Quids In. She also apologised that she hasn't put a piece in the paper to advertise 'in memory of' for the benches.

The Clerk reported that a boulder as been rolled down Nant Melyn Steps and chipped all the steps. Cllr J G Davies will take this back to regeneration CCC, also part of the hand rail has been removed . This also needs to be taken to the PACT meeting.

Footpath 44/94/1 off Llandeilo Road path is not walkable as trees and bushes have overgrown which needs to be cut back.A water tank for feeding cattle is being used and is over flowing causing it to be slippery.Footpath 60/4/1 Quarry Road still very wet at the entrance to the mountain. Cllr J G Davies asked for a list to be sent to him of numbers of the paths that need work and are under CCC.Cllr M.Morgans asked Councillors if they could please walk their local paths to see what state they are in. Cllr L Baker stated that if you google footpaths in Carmarthenshire there are many bad reviews.

ITEM 6: PLANNING

Proposed New Extension at 31,Cwmgarw Rd,Brynaman – no objections.

ITEM 7: ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following were agreed for payment:-

Wrenvale Nurseries	£468.M'tce f/p 44/92 Maes Deri	Proposed by Cllr S Thomas, seconded by Cllr J G Davies
Second Life Products	£475 + VAT	Seat. Proposed by Cllr L Baker, seconded by Cllr J G Davies

ITEM 8: CORRESPONDENCE

The following letters had been received by the Clerk :-

1. Cllr J G Davies asked if the Council have been written to regarding Sodium Lighting as this is the updated form of lighting. CCC are giving a loan for this and you should save on billing costs. We will wait for the offer.
2. Gwydderig Memorial Headstone . Thank you letter received.The support group have received sufficient donations to repair and replace the resting place of the Bard. Cllr A Howells feels that a letter should be sent to Mr Alun Wyn Bevan for his hard work in getting support for the refurbishment. All Agreed. A ceremony to take place on 26th April 2019 at 1.30pm.at Gibeia Cemetery to unveil the completed headstone. All members invited.
3. Asset transfer. Improvement grant of £6,500 received from the County.
4. Email regarding allotments at Arfryn . Cllr A Hicks said that there were never allotments but extensions of people's gardens onto Mountain Road.
5. EDF ENERGY – CCC to sorted out Bryn Avenue Pavillion and current bill is £2119.86. CCC should pay these as prior to asset transfer. Send to Cllr J G Davies. Bowls Pavillion 12 month invoices total £956.57. Cllr R Peace-Higginson said that we need to look into Bulb Environmentally Friendly Company. Cllr A Howells proposed sending the bills back to CCC – all agreed.
6. Cllr J G Davies reported for info that he had received an electronic message from the rugby club regarding the disputed land. Community Asset CCC are prepared to give for peppercorn rent. Cycle path? Still with D R James their solicitor who are advising that this should be looked at as a separate issue. After rugby season new gates and keys will be given out.
Brynamman Lido have given their presentation to CCC but no feedback as yet.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING 15th MAY 2019 AT
THE YSTRADOWEN COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 6.00PM (ANNUAL MEETING)
The Ordinary Meeting will follow.**