



CYNGOR CYMUNED **CWARTER BACH** COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE BALCHDER BRO COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON A REMOTE BASIS VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH 2024 AT 5.30PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr. Andrew Dady (Chair), Cllr. Susan Thomas, Cllr. Rhian Jones,
Cllr. Angela Campisi, Cllr. Bethan Griffiths, Cllr. Eifion Rogers.

ALSO, PRESENT

Mrs. J. Bell (Clerk)

1. **To receive apologies for absence**

None received.

2. **To discuss Summer Planting.**

Councillors had been asked previously to consider where they would like flowers to be placed in the Wards this coming year.

A discussion was had regarding the usual arrangement:

18 hanging baskets in Brynaman

2 at the Bridge

2 at the Chemist

6 at the Cinema

2 at the Rugby Club

4 at the Black Mountain Centre

2 at the hairdressers.

10 hanging baskets in Ystradowen

5 wall baskets of Quarry Road

9 Wooden containers

Pots.

Currently Wrenvale are responsible for -18 hanging baskets, 5 wall planters and 9 wooden containers.

Old School Nursery are responsible for - 10 hanging baskets, 12 half unit planters, 8 pots, 3 barrier baskets.

Wrenvale have been watering all the flowers historically.

Cllr. Angela Campisi noted how the sheep were eating the flowers at Cefnbrynbrain play park.

Councillors considered a number of money saving exercises and the following was decided.

AGREED: To consider not having hanging baskets at the rugby club, they are just outside our ward (wait to see who will water) Clerk to ask local businesses who have the hanging baskets outside their properties if they would be prepared to water them when need be.

Not to put flowers at Cefnbrynbrain play park until the park is fenced off, pots to be removed temporarily. (Explanation to residents) Flowers can still be placed in the other pots in CBB.

Clerk to draw up an agreement with Wrenvale and Old School Nursey for this year and then to tender the work out next year.

Councillors were encouraged to send any additional requirements to Cllr. Andrew Dady or the Clerk before the next meeting.

Councillors would like the flowers up by the end of May this year.

Cllr. Andrew Dady to speak to Wrenvale and Old School Nurseries regarding planting and timings.

3. **Community Events (Cllr. Rhian Jones)**

Cllr Rhian Jones has received 9 Easter Eggs from the Coop in order to hold a competition for the best Easter drawing, open to children up to 11 years of age, there will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each ward. It is hoped that Jac Morgan and Hannah Jones will choose the winners and present the eggs. Competition to be advertised on Facebook and the Website.

AGREED: As there is no financial implication to the council, to go ahead with the competition and due to time constraints to email the other councillors and asked for their recommendations etc.

Cllr. Rhian Jones and Cllr. Angela Campisi discussed starting a new event in October, called 'The Witch Walk' which the Community Council can get involved in, it could be a way of raising money for the local charity 'Josephs Smile'. Neath Port Talbot are interested in working together to have a cross border partnership.

The idea of reintroducing the 'Mari Lwyd' tradition in to the area, at the end of December / beginning of January was also discussed.

Cllr. Eifion Rogers mentioned that there are a couple of Mari Lwyd groups in the area and that a calendar of events would be handy going forward. Contact the Centres to see what events they have planned for this year. It was also suggested that the council could consider a Summer Festival, probably in 2025

AGREED: To put on the Agenda for April to see if there are any event ideas.

4. **Community Buildings**

Cllr. Rhian Jones discussed the condition of the Aelwyd, there is currently water running down the inside walls of the porch and the floor is rising. The owners are believed to be the Urdd and there is a desperate need for funding to help with the upkeep, in order to preserve the building for those using it.

AGREED: To find out who owns the building and produce a list of work needing doing.

Also, to identify any other unsightly buildings in the wards.

5. **Allotments**

Cllr. Eifion Rogers has previously worked with a member of the Allotment Association and would like the council to discuss the possibility of providing allotments to the community.

Cllr. Rhian Jones mentioned waste land near Maes Y Deri which may be a possible location.

AGREED: Cllr. Rhian Jones to send exact location to the clerk and to contact CCC regarding a possible transfer of land.

6. **To discuss Christmas Lights.**

Cllr. Andrew Dady noted how nice the new Christmas Lights had been but it would be good if we could get them all to come on at the same time.

To ask Centregrade to set the lights at the same time.

Cllr. Bethan Griffiths advised that the Brynaman Ward needs a Christmas tree ready for this year. Possibly a Maypole effect

AGREED: To ask Centregrade to put the lights on as close to December 1st as possible. To obtain costings for a metal tree by the next meeting.

7. **A.O.B***

None

8. **Date of next meeting.**

24th April 2024 at 5.30pm via Zoom.

SignedChair

Date