

MINUTES OF THE CYFFYLLIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2024 IN THE CHAPEL VESTRY, BONTUCHEL AT 7.00 P.M.

1. PRESENT:

Councillors Kelly McGregor (Chair), Huw Jones, Emrys Williams, Elwyn Jones, Aled Rees, Gethin Jones, Eifion Wyn Jones, Youth Representative Molly McGregor, Denbighshire County Councillor Elfed Williams together with the Clerk.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillor Kate Edge.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ANY AGENDA ITEM LISTED BELOW.

None received.

4. DISCUSSION WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE.

None in attendance.

5. CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING.

Members confirmed 12th September 2024 minutes as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA.

Already covered elsewhere within the minutes.

7. DISCUSSION WITH THE YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBER IN ATTENDANCE.

Nothing to discuss.

8. FORMER CYFFYLLIOG SCHOOL UPDATED REPORT.

Councillor Aled Rees reported that Mr Roger Sheridan from RPT Consulting Ltd has applied to the Clocaenog Wind Farm Fund for £10,000.00 grant aid funding towards the costs of the Architects Fees which is the next stage of the former Cyffylliog School process.

9. MAINTENANCE UPDATE:

A: Defibrillator update – Mr Tomos Hughes has removed the Defibrillator from the former Cyffylliog Chapel premises.

B. Former BT Kiosk in Cyffylliog – Mr Tomos Hughes has successfully completed the installation of the Cyffylliog Community Defibrillator into the kiosk.

C. Bontuchel Quarry Layby – Mr Gruff Edwards has provided an estimate of £576.00 (including VAT) for the clearance and materials required onsite. Members resolved to accept the estimate.

D. Cyffylliog Cemeteries – the 2024 grass cutting, hedge cutting and path clearance has now been completed.

10. COUNCIL'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT.

Members agreed that the Council requires the use of a computer laptop for remote access meetings of the Council. The clerk will check if he can use his new laptop from another Community Council for the use by Cyffylliog Community Council.

11. ONE VOICE WALES TRAINING COURSES

The Clerk circulated Members with the One Voice Wales training courses for the quarter ending December 2024.

12. DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING COURSES.

The Clerk circulated Members with the Denbighshire County Council Code of Conduct training courses dated for the year ended October 2025.

13. FINANCE.

A: Bank update £16,224.76.

B. Authorised receipts – Cyffylliog Wind farm Committee – grant aid towards the refurbishment costs of the former BT Kiosk in Cyffylliog £638.35.

C. Authorised payments:-

1. Two £5.00 monthly HSBC bank charges £10.00.
2. RPT Consulting Ltd fees £6,600.00.
3. Clerk's SLCC Conference fees on 20th November 2024 £78.00.
4. White Oak Property Services for the Cyffylliog Cemeteries grass cutting £470.00.
5. Postage stamps for underpaid postage £3.60.
6. Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Donation £100.00.
7. Humphreys Signs for the Defibrillator signage within the former BT Kiosk £162.00.
8. Rheinallt Jones, Electrician for the relocation electrical costs of the Cyffyllio Defibrillator £185.00.
9. Catalyst Systems for contribution of the Clerk's new computer printer £60.00.

14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

A: Planning Application: 14/2024/1344/HH - Erection of a self-supporting oak framed balcony to rear of dwelling at Derlwyn, Cyffylliog – no objections.

B. Planning Application: 14/2024/1323/PO - Development of 0.21 hectares of land by the erection of 2 number detached dwellings (outline application, including access, appearance, layout and scale) on land adjacent to Bryn Hedd, Cyffylliog – Members resolved to object to the planning application and plans for the following reasons:-

1. There is no proven need for any additional new build in Cyffylliog.
2. There are several properties in Cyffylliog for sale in Cyffylliog village currently.
3. The proposed highway entrance is on a very narrow highway with not enough room to enter the site from the public highway.
4. There are no facilities within the village to accommodate the additional houses.

C. Planning Application: 14/2024/1380/HH - Erection of a chicken run, chicken coop, and pergola at Lemon Tree Farm, Bontuchel – Members resolved to object to the planning application and plans for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed application is an over intensification of the site.
2. The applicant has not complied with planning regulations in the past and has a history of enforcement orders.
3. The application has issues with neighbours.
4. The application is an eye sore.
5. The pergola is on agricultural lane rather than within the curtilage of the property garden.
6. The property is a listed building.
7. The chicken run will accommodate around 600 hens which unacceptable.

15. CORRESPONDENCE NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE WITHIN THE AGENDA.

Already covered elsewhere within the minutes.

16. DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES INCLUDING HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES.

Councillor Elfed Williams reported on the following issues:-

A: The new bin collection service still has collection issues within the County.

B. There are increased bin collection vehicles with the County from 4th November 2024.

C. The 2025/26 block grant to all local Authorities will be further reduced from the current financial year.

D. Still waiting for the commencement date for the highway works required on the Cyffylliog Village towards Hiraethog Chapel.

17. URGENT BUSINESS UNDER SECTION 100B(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972.

None received.

18. COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2025 IN THE BONTUCHEL CHAPEL VESTRY AT 7.00 P.M.:-

Thursday 9th January 2025.

Thursday 13th March 2025.

Thursday 8th May 2025.

Thursday 10th July 2025.

Thursday 11th September 2025.

Thursday 13th November 2025.

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING UNDER SECTION 100B(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 OF THE CYFFYLLIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2024 IN THE CHAPEL VESTRY, BONTUCHEL AT 7.00 P.M.

1: PRESENT:

Councillors Kelly McGregor (Chair), Emrys Williams, Gethin Jones, Kate Edge and the Clerk.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillors Aled Rees, Elwyn Jones and Eifion Wyn Jones.

2A; ABSENT:

Councillor Huw Jones.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ANY AGENDA ITEM LISTED BELOW.

None received.

4. TO RESOLVE THE RECENT FALLEN TREES ISSUES FOLLOWING THE STORM ON 7TH DECEMBER 2024 IN THE ST. MAY'S CHURCH CEMETERY IN CYFFYLLIOG.

Following the recent "Storm Darragh" on Saturday 7th December 2024 which resulted in fallen trees in the Cyffylliog St. Mary's Church Cemetery, the members considered the following two estimates:-

A: A.W. Lloyd Forestry and Gardening Services £1,650.00.

B. McNight's Forestry and Landscaping Services £1,560.00.

Members resolved to award A.W. Lloyd Forestry and Gardening Services the contract to be completed within a week in order to accommodate Funeral and Christmas services at the Church.

5. DAMAGE TO THE FORMER CYFFYLLIOG SCHOOL FOLLOWING THE STORM ON 7TH DECEMBER 2024.

The Chair reported some exterior damage to the former Cyffylliog School following "Storm Darragh on Saturday 7th December 2024. The Clerk to report to Councillor Aled Rees for information purposes.

6. URGENT BUSINESS UNDER SECTION 100B(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972.

Following the report that waste is left at the Cyffylliog Cemeteries the Members resolved for the Clerk to seek quotations from Denbighshire County Council for the provision of litter bins and the collection of the waste from the litter bins on a regular basis.

7. NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN THE BONTUCHEL CHAPEL VESTRY AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY 2025.