

## **Cyngor Cymuned Onllwyn Community Council**

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 held at Dove Workshop, Banwen.

### **Present:**

Cllr Lee Reynolds, Cllr Ruth Stone, Cllr Dean Cawsey, Cllr Emlyn Griffiths, Cllr Steve Thomas, Cllr Sonia Coy, Cllr Angie Thompson, Cllr Gareth Llewellyn and Cllr Andrew Jones

### **Apologies:**

None.

Meeting commenced at 1900 hours.

1. Matters requiring urgent attention, Cllr Gareth Llewellyn informed the Community Council of the Church closing due to increase in financial costs. It was mentioned that there may be items inside that others may wish to take possession of however two items were mentioned for the Community Council, one of a bench which could be moved and retained and the second of a Christmas Tree which may be suitable for Onllwyn community hall. Cllr Lee Reynolds will investigate these options.
2. The clerk informed the council that Terri Hoskins had been in touch in relation to a matter from Neath Port Talbot Council and that he had attended at her property in relation to a property boundary matter. She had been in communication with the authority and was awaiting further information as to how the matter was to be progressed.
3. Confirmation of previous monthly minutes delayed to enable an update to information discussed.
4. Matters raised by members of the public. Councillor Andrew Jones informed the council that the matter surround advice given in relation to putting dogs on leads. The Angling club team had taken a step back and consideration had been given to the club ending. He explained that the stones had been taken out of the brook as it blocked the flow so that the water could be oxygenated but the big stones had now been replaced and any other rocks left around would be moved. He explained that areas that feed into the watercourse had been dammed further afield. Cllr Dean Cawsey mentioned that it may be time to reconsolidate a partnership between the Council and the Angling Club and a code of conduct could be produced. A bylaw had been looked at in the past but cost was high and

in relation to dog fouling maybe a partnership project of some signs. Cllr Andrew Jones mentioned that some people are allowing their dogs to foul on the fishing platforms and previously cameras were going to be set up for this to be caught. It was decided that a meeting of the Environment Committee and the Angling club would be beneficial and an arrangement be made to coincide with a Council meeting night for one hour before normal meeting time.

Moorlands playpark , cost from Adventure Playgrounds to repair or replace items shared with Council. Cllr Dean Cawsey to speak to local trades people to see about removal of play park where they would recover cost from disposal of scrap metalwork.

Cllr Dean Cawsey read out emails surrounding the work of Ty Maesmarchog area which confirmed that on 22 April outline planning permission had been obtained but we were still awaiting information on how it was progressing. He also stated there was no further update in relation to Back Lane/School Road and the Onllwyn Road junction was still boarded up without progress.

5. Clerk unable to produce accounts as yet due to banking issues however payments list presented to council for authorisation and cheque signing.
6. No planning applications received.
7. Cllr Sonia Coy had attended a meeting with GCRE stating they were in favourable talks with funding matters in the middle east. Nothing constructional had been put in place at the moment however there were two trains present in the area. A mention was made in relation to the recent social media posts and information surrounding the placing of a windfarm where Cllr Coy stated this had not been mentioned at the meeting and was not in the plans at the moment. It was suggested that an invite be made to Andrew Johnson and Simon Jones to hold a meeting. It was also mentioned that the local councillors, Stehen Hunt and Sian Harris were holding a meeting in Banwen on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024.
8. Cllr Andrew Jones informed the council that during a cleanup of the pond nan item of clothing, a jacket had been recovered from within and may have been there some time but also a possibility of a hip bone had been found but on police attendance this had since disappeared. He stated that the angling club were liaising with the Police on these matters. It was also noted that 3 police officers along with a police dog had been in attendance on 13 May around the pond and Dove workshop area.
9. Pantyfford Hall.

Cllr Steve Thomas declared an interest in the hall. He informed the Community Council that he had obtained three like for like estimates to repair the flooring. He also mentioned that he had been in discussion with Wayne Hopkins and that a supplier could supply the cushion flooring at no cost for further promotion by the company but work would need to be carried out before this to lay it. He gave information in relation to the estimates and handed the documents to the Clerk for onward transmission to the insurance company. A question was raised in relation to any asbestos in the floor although Cllr Steve Thomas did state that the council had been in attendance for asbestos in the roofing it was resolved that the clerk would contact Neath Port Talbot Council to establish if it was known. Although verbal estimates had been given for removal of the existing wooden flooring, no person had been in attendance.

It was mentioned in relation to providing a bench for the late Clerk, Lynn Parfitt and resolved that this should go on the agenda for the next meeting.

10. Toilets: Cllr Gareth Llewellyn confirmed that only opening and closing was required and that previously this had been done by a local resident. It was mentioned that this may come under Casual labour and that any such work would need something in writing to confirm agreement.
11. Maesmarchog School: An email had been received and was read out by the clerk requesting assistance in relation to redundancy appeals. Cllr Gareth Llewellyn explained the position and the council resolved that there was no action they could assist with and that the clerk was to relay these facts back to the school.
12. Rental invoices: A list of previous invoices names was read out and confirmed with one addition being made. It was agreed that this item should be placed on the agenda for the next monthly meeting.
13. Council symbol: Suggestion made by Clerk as to whether the Community Council would like a symbol for their paperwork etc and the suggestion was made that a Roman head similar to the one on the playpark would be good. For the clerk to look into and produce.
14. Defibrillators: clerk updated the community council that all pads and batteries had been replaced at no cost. Also that the one in Maesmarchog School did not have paediatric pads and that the school would like some. It was asked whether we own the defibrillator at this location which was confirmed and resolved that we would supply these pads. Resolved that the clerk would obtain pads.

15. Matters raised by members: Cllr Gareth Llewellyn gave information in relation to land that may be rented for a garage space. It was agreed not to make a decision at this meeting. It was also agreed that contracts be looked at for tenants.

16. Matter resolved.


17. No matters of a confidential nature discussed.

18. No matters in relation to Health and Safety to discuss.

19. Any other correspondence. Nothing to discuss however felt that in future an amendment to Agenda headings to streamline process whereby this would move and be combined.

Meeting concluded at 2100 hours.

Next meeting: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

Signed:  \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: 10/6/24 \_\_\_\_\_