

MINUTES OF THE DERWEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, CANOLFAN CAE CYMRO VILLAGE HALL, CLAWDDNEWYDD AT 7.30 PM

1: PRESENT:

Councillors Hywel Jones (Chairman), Robert Hughes, Llyfelys Rees, Thomas Griffiths, John Crowhurst, Clwyd Jones together with the Clerk.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillor Gaynor Jones.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON THE AGENDA ITEMS LISTED BELOW.

Thomas Griffiths on agenda item 12 below.

4. CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Members confirmed 20<sup>th</sup> September and 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 minutes as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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

Denbighshire County Council will only supply and charge for the requested two replacement “Clawddnewydd” Village name plates. Members resolved for Denbighshire County Council provide Council with a quotation for the replacement village name plates.

6. CLAWDDNEWYDD POND UPDATE.

Following the report from the Chairman for a boundary protection fencing between the Pond and Public House Car Park, members agreed for the Chairman to pursue for a quotation for the costs of the works required.

7. DERWEN MEMORIAL TREE PLAQUES.

Councillor Llyfelys Rees is in the process of erecting the plaques in Derwen.

8. COMMUNITY FIBRE INTERNET.

Mr Philip Burrows provided Council with the following updated report on the Community Fibre Internet:-

“The UK Government’s Gigabit Voucher scheme is still paused in Denbighshire due to another UK scheme called Project Gigabit. This Project may bring fibre to some area and is still in the tender/procurement stages for our county. For this scheme, Denbighshire is broken down in to two lots as you can see on the map below. Openreach expect the vouchers to re-open for the lower half (purple dots) around May next year. Even if Project Gigabit chooses to install properties in Denbighshire it will be a slow process, with an expected completion date of 2030.

Following a meeting with Openreach on the 24<sup>th</sup> October, I have been requested to provide a list of interested parties who are actively forming Fibre Community Partnerships and the addresses therein. If you have started contacting the premises that I suggested and have a list of eager participants, please can you let me know.

Openreach will petition UK Government to release the Gigabit Vouchers for those properties, even if they are included in Project Gigabit tender. This would expedite the fibre installations as a Fibre Community Partnership takes up to two years, not seven as could be the case with Project Gigabit.”

## 9. ONE VOICE WALES TRAINING COURSES.

The Clerk circulated Members with the November 2023 courses provided by One Voice Wales.

## 10. COMMUNITY EVENTS.

A: The Community Fireworks display hosted by Canolfan Cae Cymro Community Centre in Clawddnewydd on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023 was well organised and attendance. Members resolved for the Council to reimburse the Community Centre the cost of the Fireworks.

B. the Remembrance Sunday Service organised by the Community Council at the Derwen Village War Memorial was well organised together with the attendance.

## 11. FINANCE TO INCLUDE:-

### A; WALES AUDIT UPDATE.

The Clerk reported that the Council's Annual Returns for the four years ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 are currently with the Council's Internal Auditor prior to submitting to the Audit Wales.

B. BANK BALANCES £1,891.91.

### C. AUTHORISED PAYMENTS:-

1. Audit Wales Fee for the 2018/19 year £262.00.
2. Audit Wales Fee for the 2018/19 year £675.00.
3. Monthly HSBC fee £5.00.
4. White Oak Property Services for the community grass cutting £96.00.
5. Krystal Hosting Website Fees £84.00.
6. Canolfan Cae Cymro for the Fireworks Costs £597.61.
7. Canolfan Cae Cymro for two Council meetings £40.00.
8. Royal British Legion for the annual Poppy Wreath £50.00.

## 12. PLANNING APPLICATION.

Application: 12/2023/0690 - Amended house type to previously approval under planning permission code number 22/14531 and associated works on land at Tan-y-Graig, Derwen – no objections.

## 13. CORRESPONDENCE.

Already covered elsewhere within the minutes.

## 14. DISCUSSION WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

## 15. HIGHWAY ISSUES.

Members resolved for the Clerk to contact Denbighshire County Council regarding:-

- A: State of the highway via Derwen Chapel.
- B. Potholes on the unsurfaced sections of the B5105 between Pool Park and Llanfihangel.
- C. Blocked drains between Bryn Llwynog and Clawddnewydd Village.
- D. Blocked highway footpath outside Hafan Deg in Clawddnewydd due to parked vehicles.

## 16. URGENT MATTERS UNDER SECTION 100B(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972.

There were no urgent business for consideration.

## 17. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, CANOLFAN CAE CYMRO, CLAWDDNEWYDD AT 7.30 P.M.