



Minutes of the Council meeting which took place at the Coracle Hall at immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Council, on 15th May 2023 in accordance with The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

Present:

Chairman Cllr Nicky Redmond- Cllrs: Jan Culley, Hywel Davies, Iwan Davies, Ruth Davies, Amanda Edwards, Gareth El Tawab, Colin Lewis, Ken Symmons, Richard Rose, Clive Wychwood

CC A Edwards

~~CC C James~~

Clerk

Members of the Public: 0

1. Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb / Apologies for Absence

None.

2. Datgan Diddordeb ar faterion sy'n codi o'r Agenda / Declarations of Interest on Matters Arising from the Agenda

None.

3. Confirmation of Order of the Agenda and identification of any items that might be resolved for confidential session

Accepted as presented.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of 03-04-23

	Proposed	Seconded	
That the minutes be accepted as a true record.	Cllr C Lewis	Cllr A Edwards	Carried

5. Ceisiadau Cynllunio / Planning

Planning documents can be found at: <https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/resident/planning-building-control-and-sustainable-drainage-body-sab/planning-building-control/>

Nothing brought forward.

Planning Enforcement

Chairman's signature:

Dated: 05-06-23

Nothing brought forward

LDP2 update

Nothing brought forward

6. County Cllr's Report

Cllr A Edwards reported that various statutory reports had been accepted by CCC Cabinet. Social housing provision was to be overhauled and noted that there was a grant for the refurbishment of empty homes. She has spoken to NRW but had received no reply and would take the matter up with Ben Lake MP. She noted there had been issues with dogs in the village and the matter had been reported. She had dealt with a number of issues on behalf of residents.

7. Cyllid a Gweinyddu / Finance & Administration

7.1 Monthly Payments

Payments May 23

02/05/2023	S Davies	Salary gross, HO	471.22
	Coracle Hall	Hall hire Inv 938	24.00
	N Redmond	Regalia	42.85
	Audit Wales	20/21 audit fees	200.00
	One Voice Wales	Training	35.00

	Paid		
	Gov.UK pay	Title registers x 7	21.00
	Royal Mail	K Symmons and footpaths	6.15
	LAS Recycling		26.01
	Standard Signs and Traffic Systems Ltd	Defib signs	111.75

15/05/2023 **To pay**

	Kirilee Entertainments	Vocalist jubilee	200.00
	Earth Anchors Ltd.	Replacement door notice board	267.48
	N Redmond	Guests at Chairman's dinner	60.00
	BHIB	Insurance	1,603.92
	Coracle Hall	Hall hire, 954,965,966	70.00

It was noted that only one insurance company had quoted as there were still outstanding works and flood risk.

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That payments be accepted as presented	Carried

Chairman's signature:

Dated: 05-06-23

Clerk's hours

The Clerk advised that at the end of 12-05-23 Clerk had 7.25 of monthly 37 hours remaining with a considerable amount of regular matters to complete and project work outstanding.

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That the Clerk log any extra hours with payment being made in June. Due to the changing workload in the sector, that a review of hours should be carried out. At the Clerk's request this should be once the main projects are completed.	Carried

The Clerk's request that no further projects (apart from any immediate response to repair etc) be entered into until current projects are completed was noted.

The Clerk advised that the laptop battery life was approx. 1 hour and that the laptop was now frustratingly slow. She understood that a failing battery could present a fire risk.

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That Telemat be asked to quote for a new laptop and set-up, including new software if required.	Carried

7.1.2 Bank Reconciliation

See Year End

*7.2 Year end**7.2.1 To note first draft documents for Year End Accounts*

Noted.

7.2.2 Internal audit

Auditor being sought.

*7.3 Future meetings**7.3.1 Translation at Council meetings*

The translator used by CardiganTown Council was not taking further work and could not comment on how hybrid meetings might work. Cllr J Culley advised she would seek advice through One Voice Wales as the Welsh Government had made £150k available for the use of digital technologies within the sector.

7.3.2 Use of Old School, Llangoedmor

It was advised that the Trustees would be happy to see improvements at the Old School but were not able to undertake the grant applications or work themselves. It was noted that as a Church-owned property, the Community Council could not grant fund work on the fabric of the building but could consider a contribution to equipment for community use. Without access to the appropriate technology, the Council was unable to hold meetings at the venue.

It was suggested that the Council might hold an activity at the Hall to encourage community engagement with the Council

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That as one requirement of the Toolkit was to investigate Community Engagement options, the matter would be deferred until and Committee report was received.	Carried

It was agreed that organising a *Mari Lwyd* be on the July agenda.

*7.4 Technology
Dedicated email*

RESOLVED /ACTION	
In light of the experience of another local Council quotes be sought for dedicated email provision and that other data protection measures be investigated.	Carried

*7.5 Land registration
Ongong.*

7.6 Newsletter

The Council was not in a position to produce a regular newsletter but might be able to support one in terms of translation costs etc.

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That a post be put on FB seeking a local editor for a newsletter.	Carried

7.7 Update on bequest of land and to agree any response

It was advised that, having contacted the estates solicitor there were still queries outstanding with Land Registry. Having some discretion in the matter the Clerk advised that given the Council would have access to limited information it was unlikely, in her opinion, that a solicitor appointed by the Council would achieve a better outcome at the present time.

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That an approach be made to the other party, to explain what the land meant to the community and try to resolve the matter through discussion.	Carried

7.8 Grants/Donations

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That Jig-So be granted £250.	Carried

*7.9 Insurance
See 7.1.*

8. Committees

*The Finance and Governance Toolkit for Town and Community Councils
Next meeting 22-05-23
Committee members Cllrs J Culley, A Edwards, R Davies, C Wychwood*

9. Hawliau Tramwy Cyhoeddu / Highways and Public Rights of Way

9.1 Action areas – Highways to include Croes-y-Llan

9.1.1 Bus stop Croes Y Llan

A draft questionnaire was presented.

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That amendments be made to the questionnaire. It should remain specific to Croes-y-Llan. If further investigations were merited in other areas these would be addressed.	Carried

It was noted that all Cllrs represented the Ward of Llangoedmor and should, even while bringing the concerns of residents from a particular area, represent and support the whole Ward.

Cllr K Symmons left the meeting.

*9.1.2 Crossing in Llechryd
Ongoing.*

9.2 Footpaths / open spaces

9.2.1 Registration of footpath

The application to register the footpath was now recognised by PCC as 'duly made'. The one year work backlog at Pembrokeshire County Council was noted.

9.2.3 Llechryd Bridge/River - To note current situation and agree any further actions

County Cllr A Edwards advised that she had shown the video of placement of debris removed from the bridge to CCC officers. The concerns that the debris would re-enter the river were noted and would be addressed.

9.3 Diolch am 20/Thanks for 20 - Llangoedmor Community Council

Examples of stickers had been obtained.

10. Mwynderau/Amenities

10.1 Toilet Block – lease documents

A copy of the revised lease had been received. The Clerk would look through this and if there were no questions for the Solicitor, would circulate the draft to Cllrs and the Coracle Hall Committee.

10.2 Play Area/Field – all decisions subject to approval by Llechryd Playing Field Association

10.2.1 Outstanding works including remedial works from ROSPA inspection 2022

The Clerk was still to finalise a current list but would add fencing by the entrance gates to the play area and install of a new bin, the children's bench and securing the wheelchair-accessible picnic bench.

Concern was expressed that the ground bolt on the entrance gate was being lifted and the gate left open.

RESOLVED /ACTION	
To see if the gate could be padlocked to prevent this.	Carried

10.2.2 Condition of boundary path

Ongoing.

10.2.3 Dog Fouling

It was noted that the Coracle Hall already had a camera at the rear of the building.

RESOLVED /ACTION	
To place CCTV notices around the field.	Carried

10.2.4 Replacement climbing frame – will remain property of CC

Sovereign re installation issues

The installation issues had been escalated to head of sales within the company, who would visit the site.

10.3 Church of the Holy Cross, Llechryd

Information had been received from the architects earlier in the day. The Clerk would review it.

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That the insurers be approached to request permission for a historian to visit the site.	Carried

10.4 Millennium building

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That a tree inspection be scheduled.	Carried

10.5 Memorial bench for residents

An installation quotation had been sought.

10.6 Allotment provision

Ongoing.

10.7 Bus shelters

It was noted that the bus shelter on Lady Road had been repaired.

10.8 Defibrillators

Coracle Hall – direction sign installed.

Llangoedmor

Awaiting delivery of the defibrillator. It was hoped to arrange publicity once the defibrillator was installed. It was queried if defibrillator training could be provided at the Old School, Llangoedmor.

10.9 Noticeboards

The new door had been delivered.

10.10 Replacement bins (cover, play area)

Specifications had been provided to the Clerk.

11. Events*11.1 River Teifi clean up**11.2 Coronation Picnic, Sunday 7th May*

The event went well but could have been better supported. The exhibition at the Church was excellent and Cllr C Lewis was asked to pass on thanks to the Church for its support.

RESOLVED /ACTION	
To write a letter of thanks to the chip shop which had opened to support the event.	Carried

12. Adroddiad / Meeting reports

To receive any reports.

12.1 Cllr R Davies - School Governors

It was reported that the Headteacher was to retire at the end of the school year.

12.2 Cllr A Edwards – Coracle Hall

Nothing brought forward.

12.3 Cllrs A Edwards and R Davies - PACT meeting

Nothing brought forward.

12.4 Resilience Group (to include updated information re flooding)

Nothing brought forward.

12.5 Cllr J Culley OVW regional committee

She said OVW was seeking reports of good practice. She had been appointed to the National Executive Committee.

12.6 Cllr J Culley Ethics and Standards Committee

There was concern within the Committee that a great deal of time was spent on authorising dispensations for Cllrs.

12.7 Cllr C Lewis River Stakeholder Event/Digwyddiad Rhanddeiliaid Afon

Nothing brought forward.

13. Correspondence / Gohebiaeth (to include consultation documents not covered under any other heading)

Strategaeth Tai Lleol Ceredigion / Ceredigion's Local Housing Strategy, Friday 30th June 2023:

Housing Strategy | Have Your Say Ceredigion
Noted

OVW Motions for 2023 Annual General Meeting. Member councils are invited to propose a maximum of two motions for debate at the AGM on Saturday 30th September 2023, which must arrive at this office no later than noon on Friday 23rd June 2023 for consideration by the Conference Motions Committee.

RESOLVED /ACTION	
Defer to next agenda.	Carried

Cllr G El Tawab left the meeting.

14. Materion Personol / Personal Matters - Cllrs Exchange of Information / Cyfnewid Gwybodaeth

That a badge of office for the Vice-Chairman be considered. June agenda item.

That congratulations be extended to Cllr A Edwards on the birth of a grandchild.

It was noted that the Post Office van that visited the village was little used and the service might be stopped.

15. Date of Next Meeting – 05-06-23

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.38pm.