

Minutes of the meeting of Bronwydd Community Council held in Bronwydd Hall
On Wednesday 26th April, 2023 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr S Perks; Cllr G Morgan; Cllr R Carpenter; Cllr A Conti; Cllr G Evans; Cllr S Phillips; Cllr B Davies; Cllr P Giles and Cllr I Jones

Also in attendance: Mrs M Morgan (Clerk) and Mr H Jones

121/22 Apologies – It was agreed to accept an apology from Cllr L Rowe

Mr Wyn Evans who lives in Nebo attended the meeting to give his views on the Graig junction. The Chairman thanked him for attending and requested that he gave his views. Mr Evans gave his views and pointed out that tractors pulling various implements use the road a lot from either direction and due to the size of these vehicles they have to cross the road at the junction. This is an accident waiting to happen. The pavement in front of Clifford house has been filled with plants etc. further reducing vision for traffic travelling from Bronwydd or Llanpumsaint. There is also restrictions on pedestrians walking on the pavement.

A discussion followed when the following points were raised:-

- Has the pavement been altered in any way? The land registry confirms that the pavement is within the boundary of Clifford house. Planters have been placed to enhance the front of the property
- Decision for the changes on the junction have been made by the Council not one person. Site visits were held and the County Council took into consideration the safety concerns made by Bronwydd Community Council. This has been on the agenda for 18 months (before Cllr S Phillips moved to the village) and was also discussed at a meeting of Llanpumsaint community council in September 2018.
- Concerns were raised regarding the speed in the area and the community council requested that the speed limit be reduced from Y Wern to Felinfach from 60mph to 40mph which was agreed and implemented.
- Mike Jacobs will carry out a survey and may tweak the junction.
- Chairman gave examples of other junctions in Bronwydd where vehicles cut across the junction. The new changes at Y Graig are considered safer for all road users.
- Mr Wyn Evans noted that the speed limit in the village could be reduced from 30mph to 20mph with the new legislation from the Welsh government. This will be awkward and difficult to maintain for large vehicles.

Chairman stated that the councillors would discuss the points raised and make a decision on the way forward.

Mr Wyn Evans left the meeting at 7.15p.m.

- Mr Stephen Phillips read out a statement with regards to declaration of interest and agreed that he would leave the room whilst a discussion was held. E-mails from Llanpumsaint residents have been received by the Chairman, Cllr B Davies and the clerk. Mr S Phillips was also mentioned on social media – very unpleasant. The Chairman gave options to the way forward and it was agreed that it would be left to the County Council to make a decision. Proposed by Cllr R Carpenter and seconded by Cllr G Evans. E-mail to be sent to Mr Mike Jacobs and Llanpumsaint council. Mr Stephen Phillips returns to the meeting at 8.00p.m.

122/22 Declaration of Interest – To be completed as and when matters arise.

123/22 To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 22/03/2023

Minute number 113/22 – Report by the Chairman on council activities during the past year be placed on the council website and notice boards.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 22/03/2023 be accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr R Carpenter and seconded by Cllr G Morgan

124/22 Comments from the Chairperson

Chairperson will comment on points as they arise.

125/22 Matters arising from the minutes

- (a) C/A £3527.55 D/A £12781.06
- (b) Y Graig junction – see above
- (c) Safety barrier provision – to remain on agenda
- (d) Garages in Cwmdwyfran – Cllr B Davies reported that this was on the County Council’s list of works to be undertaken.
- (e) Dog fouling – email received from Julie Richards Environmental Enforcement Officer – will patrol the area and place no dog fouling stickers when in Bronwydd area next. If a person witnesses a member of the public failing to clear their dog’s faeces it can be reported to the authority to take any further action.
- (f) Playground Sign – ongoing
- (g) Gwili Railway – photographs were shown of old and rusted railway items which have been left near the railway line in Bronwydd. It was agreed that the yard looked very untidy. Request that a letter be sent to the Chairman asking for Gwili Railway to tidy up the yard. It was noted that in the future passengers could get off and back on trains in Bronwydd. Letter to be sent along with photographs.
- (h) Funding requests – agreed that the funding request would be looked at every quarter.
- (i) Asset Register – the items requiring attention have been looked at.

126/22 Planning Applications/Decisions

No Applications

127/22 Correspondence

Letter of resignation received from Councillor S Perks which was read to the meeting. Contents noted. In view of the above an advert would be placed on the notice boards/website for a new community councillor.

Letter received from the Gardening Club expressing concerns that many small clubs who regularly use the hall or provide significant local services have no idea that such a level of support is available. Reply to be sent to the Gardening Club.

Letter received from CCC re Code of Conduct Training for Town and Community Councils.

Email received from One Voice Wales re training sessions.

128/22 Items for discussion and decision (Must be put on the agenda prior to the meeting)

None

129/22 County Councillors Feedback and Question time

Upper Bronwydd – bollards both sides of the old Bronwydd Arms memorial on the top road have been damaged. Request that they be replaced. Letter received from Mr Tansley regarding the wall outside his late father’s property. To be reported to the County.

Cwmdwyfran – Cllr B Davies reported that the leader of Carmarthenshire County Council accompanied him on a visit to Bronwydd and spoke with Mr and Mrs P Giles.

Pentremorgan – work completed by Openreach on the damaged pole and the light is now working.

Lower Bronwydd – Subsidence by the church – hedge is now in the river. Cllr B Davies already knows of the problem and will speak to an officer in CCC. Potholes in the road near Timberman and Dolwar and damaged caused to the road/hedge opposite Glynaur. Tree in the river upstream from the bridge near the hall. Report to NRA. Concerns raised regarding parking outside the old post office. Building work still ongoing.

Councillors wished to give a vote of thanks to Cllr B Davies for his work.

130/22 Health and Safety and Environment matters (To be reported and actioned)

Nothing

131/22 Highway and Infrastructure matters (To be reported and actioned)

Nothing

132/22 Date, location and time of the next meeting

**RESOLVED that the next monthly meeting would be held on
Wednesday 24th May, 2023 following the Annual General Meeting at 7.00p.m.
The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.**