

**Minutes of the meeting of Bronwydd Community Council held in Bronwydd Hall**  
**On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present:** Cllr P Giles; Cllr R Carpenter; Cllr A Conti; Cllr G Morgan; Cllr G Evans; Cllr L Rowe; Cllr D Jones

Also in attendance: Mrs M Morgan (Clerk) and Mrs J Marchant

**68/23 Apologies** – It was RESOLVED to accept apologies from County Councillor B Davies and Cllr S Phillips

Chairperson, on behalf of the community council, wished to send condolences to Cllr S Phillips following a bereavement in the family.

**69/23 Declaration of Interest** – Cllr D Jones declared an interest in point 72/23(b) – Cllr Jones is a Gwili Railway shareholder.

Cllr A Conti declared an interest in point 76/23 Pentremorgan – resident and complained to CCC regarding noise from broken drain cover.

**70/23 To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 22.11.23 and 13.12.23.**

Resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on 22.11.2023 and 13.12.2023 be accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr R Carpenter and seconded by Cllr G Morgan.

**71/23 Comments from the Chairperson**

Chairperson will comment on points as they arise.

**72/23 Matters arising from the minutes.**

- (a) Invoices: - Salary; Audit Wales - £553.00; One Voice Wales - £76.00; Bevan and Buckland - £97.20. Proposed by Cllr A Conti and seconded by Cllr G Evans  
Income: - Precept - £3714.33  
Accounts up until 31.12.23 presented to the councillors. Contents noted.
- (b) Gwili Railway – Cllr D Jones declared an interest due to being a shareholder. Further email sent by Cllr R Carpenter to Matt Bowen, Chairperson of Gwili Railway. Reply received stating that they are still finalising plans to move the wagons and hope this will be completed by Easter. Agreed that Cllr R Carpenter contact Cllr P Hughes Griffiths, who is assisting the Community Council in the absence of Councillor B Davies, to ask for his assistance in the matter.
- (c) Subsidence near the church – no work undertaken. Concerns raised that further debris would fall into the stream with the possibility of adding to the cause of flooding in Gelli Aur. Further email to be sent requesting an update.
- (d) Sheep Dip – Cllr G Evans has received three quotes for the clearing of the area. No 1 quote - £470; No 2 quote - £1350; No 3 quote - £500 (all + VAT). The specification of each quote was read out and following a lengthy discussion it was agreed that No 1 quote would be accepted. Proposed by Cllr R Carpenter and seconded by Cllr A Conti. Cllr G Evans to contact the contractor. Enquiries regarding the repairs to the metalwork will be made following the completion of the clearing of the area.
- (e) Funding requests – amended policy and application form presented to councillors. Amendments agreed by all present. The funding figure for 2024-25 will be discussed at the April meeting.
- (f) Training plan –amended training plan presented to councillors. Amendments agreed by all present. Enquiries to be made for group training.
- (g) Lorry Trailer -Merlins Horticulture – reply from Mr M Barrett read out and a further letter from Miss S Poston requesting that the council contact Mr Geraint Jones at Merlins Horticulture to discuss the matter further. Councillors agreed that a letter be sent to Mr Jones pointing out their concerns as the lorry trailer is a potential hazard and could be an environmental issue if it fell into the river.

**73/23 Planning Applications/Decisions**

None

**74/23 Correspondence**

- Chairperson advised the meeting of an email received from Llanpumsaint Community Council – complaint regarding the actions, procedures, and circumstances relevant to a Bronwydd Community Council councillor. An internal review has been set up by the Chairperson with the objective of bringing the matter to a mutually agreeable conclusion in as short a period as possible.
- Information received from CCC regarding road closure in the Llanpumsaint area. Contents noted.
- Chairperson informed the meeting that Mr H Jones, auditor, has resigned. Agreed that enquiries be made with accountants in the area.
- Correspondence from Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales regarding annual payments made to community councillors. Following a discussion, it was agreed to accept the contents of the document. Payment would be made for 2022/23 and 2023/24. Clerk to make further enquiries and finalise outstanding payments to each councillor for the two years.

**75/23 Items for discussion and decision (Must be put on the agenda prior to the meeting)**

- (a) 2024 Precept – Clerk had distributed the budgetary figures for 2024/25 prior to the meeting. The tax base for the community of Bronwydd for 2024/25 is £281.85. The precept calculated came to £62.32. Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed not to accept the precept but to bring the precept down to £48.13. The precept will amount to £13567.00. Proposed by Cllr R Carpenter and seconded by Cllr A Conti. Clerk to return the completed precept form to County.
- (b) Councillor Vacancy – Chairperson informed the meeting that Mrs J Marchant has resigned as a community councillor leaving a vacancy. Agreed that an advert be placed on notice boards in the BCC area and on the website.

**76/23 County Councillors Feedback and Question time**

**Upper Bronwydd** – Hedge between Arfryn and Glangwili farm damaged. Gwyn Villa boundary wall at junction of the road leading to the Golf Club damaged.

**Cwmdwyfran** – concerns raised regarding the condition of the road at the entrance to Pistyllgwyn. CCC have noted that the road from Henallt to Pentremorgan is on the list of roads to be resurfaced.

**Pentremorgan** – Cllr A Conti declared an interest as he is a resident and contacted the Council regarding an uneven drain cover which was making a noise. Council representative attended and following a discussion with Cllr Conti agreed to repair the drain cover.

**Lower Bronwydd** – Give Way sign near the church has broken - Clerk has informed the Council but will follow it up. Following the heavy rainwater runs down the main road from blocked drains near Neuadd Deg.

**77/23 Date, location, and time of the next meeting**

**RESOLVED that the next meeting would be held on  
Wednesday 28/02/2024 at 7.00p.m.  
The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.**