

**Minutes of the meeting of Bronwydd Community Council held in Bronwydd Hall on  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00 p.m.**

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

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

**88/23 Apologies** – It was RESOLVED to accept apologies from County Councillor B Davies

**89/23 Declaration of Interest** – Cllr D Jones declared an interest in point 82/23(b) – Cllr Jones is a Gwili Railway shareholder.

Cllr G Morgan declared an interest in point 82/23(a) – Cllr Morgan is personally known to Mr Carwyn Morgan

**90/23 To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 28.02.2024.**

Resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on 28.02.2024 be accepted as a true record.  
Proposed by Cllr R Carpenter and seconded by Cllr A. Conti.

**91/23 Comments from the Chairperson**

Chairperson welcomed Cllr B Phillips as a Community Councillor. Chairperson will comment on other points as they arise. Annual dinner to be held in the Hollybrook Inn on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

**92/23 Matters arising from the minutes.**

(a) Invoices: - Salary; CCC £1657.19 (public lighting); One Voice Wales membership £106.00; Lettings £198.00; Charges £5.00; Councillor Allowances £6602.50

Income: - Interest £31.28

C/A - £1547.10 D/A - £19016.05

Chairperson will donate £50.00 to the local Art Group from the Chairman's Fund.

Proposed by Cllr R Carpenter and seconded by Cllr G Morgan

New auditor – Cllr G Morgan declared an interest as Mr Carwyn Morgan is known to her personally. Mr John Evans has proposed to carry out the first year's accounts for no charge. Mr Carwyn Morgan's charge will be £125.00 for the first year. Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to ask Mr C Morgan to carry out the audit for 2023-24. Proposed by Cllr A Conti and seconded by Cllr S Phillips.

Welsh Water Community Fund – clerk made enquiries regarding the community fund. Community Councils were not eligible to apply.

Audit for 2022-23 annual return – Auditor General's report received and read out at the meeting. Audit opinion – qualified. No matters have come to attention to give cause for concern. Four points were raised for attention which were noted and would be applied in next year's annual return. A copy of the annual return will be uploaded onto the website.

Enquiry received from a member of the public as to the justification of an increase in the community council charge in the Council Tax. This was due to an increase in the local authority's calculation of council tax base for Community Councils. It was noted that the community council had not accepted the full precept for 2024-25 of £62.32 but reduced the precept to £48.13.

(b) Gwili Railway – Cllr D Jones declared an interest due to being a shareholder. Cllr P Hughes Griffiths updated Cllr R Carpenter on his failed attempt to receive a reply from Carmarthenshire County Council. To remain on the agenda.

(c) Subsidence near the church – Cllr P Giles and Cllr G Evans attended a meeting with Christopher Nelson on 7<sup>th</sup> March. The meeting was successful, and the subsidence will be monitored.

(d) Sheep Dip – work will be carried out when the weather improves.

- (e) Lorry Trailer -Merlin's Horticulture – Cllr A Conti will speak to Mr Geraint Jones. Clerk to monitor the situation.
- (f) Councillor payments – Payments for 2022-23 completed. Payments for 2023-24 will be made before the end of this financial year.
- (g) Complaint – Mrs J Marchant left the meeting and did not return. The Chairperson gave a report on the internal review carried out. Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed to send a response to Llanpumsaint Community Council. Noted that Cllr S Phillips had attended Code of Conduct training. Policies to be reviewed in future meetings.
- (h) Audit – discussed under Finance/Invoices

### **93/23 Planning Applications/Decisions**

None.

### **94/23 Correspondence**

Letter received from Miss Lowri Jones requesting donation to raise money for Prince Phillip Hospital Gardens Appeal in a local event in June 2024. Will be kept on file until July when first round of donations will be given.

### **95/23 Items for discussion and decision (Must be put on the agenda prior to the meeting)**

None

### **96/23 County Councillors Feedback and Question time**

**Upper Bronwydd** – road from the top junction past the Old Mill still closed to traffic. Streetlight near the top junction showing orange light. To be checked.

**Cwmdwyfran** – nothing to report.

**Pentremorgan** – noted that traffic is overtaking on the straight stretch of road with the speed limit at 20mph with unintended consequence.

**Lower Bronwydd** – Glass recycling bins removed from the hall car park. This is due to all households receiving black boxes for glass recycling. Collision between a bus and a horse outside the Hollybrook Inn. The bus did not stop. Morris Travel spoken to. Driver given a final warning and bus company to monitor the speed of the bus. Bus company have also spoken to Mrs Williams at Felinfach Equestrian. Ash die back trees marked on the road from Rhydyfro to Timberman. Trees to be removed over the next few months by owner of the field. Due to lorries passing each other on the blind bend next to Y Wern stones are being washed onto the road. Council have removed the stones, but the problem remains. Poppy wreaths to be removed or fixed to the building. Cllr G Evans to look at the alternatives.

### **97/23 Date, location, and time of the next meeting**

**RESOLVED that the next meeting would be held on  
Wednesday 24/04/2024 at 7.00p.m. The meeting  
closed at 8.50 p.m.**