

**Minutes of the meeting of Bronwydd Community Council held in Bronwydd Hall on
Wednesday 24th April 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

98/23 Apologies – It was RESOLVED to accept apologies from County Councillor B Davies

99/23 Declaration of Interest – Cllr D Jones, Cllr R Carpenter and Cllr B Phillips declared an interest in point 5(b) – shareholder and Vice Presidents

100/23 To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 27.03.2024.

Amendment to Point 92/23(g) – Mrs J Marchant was asked to leave the meeting by the Chair due to a confidential matter being discussed and no member of the public to be present.

Resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on 27.03.2024 be accepted as a true record.
Proposed by Cllr R Carpenter and seconded by Cllr G Evans.

101/23 Comments from the Chairperson

Chairperson has spoken to County Councillor B Davies and was glad to report that his health is improving. Everyone wished him all the best.

102/23 Matters arising from the minutes.

(a) Invoices: - Salary; Vision ICT Ltd website £210.00; Charges £5.00

Income: - Interest £29.31; Precept £4522.34

C/A - £6008.63 D/A - £12045.36

Councillors requested percentage difference in the street lighting charges for 2023-2024. The difference was 24.41%. Noted that this seemed higher than inflation costs.

New contract for clerks proposed – information to be sent to the Chair for further discussion at the next meeting.

Audit – email received from Audit Wales informing councils of the schedule issued for 2023-24. Noted that Bronwydd Community Council will be submitting a full audit for this year although a full audit was submitted for 2022-23. Due to COVID the Auditor General decided to push back the audit cycle by one year.

Requested that a statement of allowances paid for 2022/23 and 2023/24 be sent to all councillors.
Proposed by Cllr R Carpenter and seconded by Cllr G Evans

(b) Gwili Railway – Cllr D Jones, Cllr R Carpenter and Cllr B Phillips declared an interest due to being a shareholder and Vice Presidents. No response received from Gwili Railway. Following a discussion, it was agreed to send a further letter from the Community Council to Mr Matt Bowen, Chairperson of Gwili Railway requesting an up-to-date report, as a matter of urgency, on the numerous issues raised in previous correspondence.

A report was also received regarding the placing of a small gate in the hedge next to the children's playground area opposite Bronwydd Cricket Club. No discussions had been held between the Gwili Railway and the Playground committee or Bronwydd Cricket Club regarding permission to enter the playground or information regarding placement of the gate. Concerns have been raised from residents regarding the proximity of the gate to the railway and the playground and that the gate was not locked. The playground committee had contacted the Gwili Railway for an explanation and a lock has now been placed on the gate and that the gate was installed for emergency exit if an incident occurred on the railway line. Query raised as to where was the key for the lock kept. To remain on the agenda.

103/23 Planning Applications/Decisions

None.

104/23 Correspondence

- Information on the local community enterprises to drive the Welsh economy forum.
- Invitation to attend the Carmarthenshire Young Farmers Annual Rally on 11.5.24. Chairperson to attend.
- Letter received from Bronwydd Cricket Club who are in the process of acquiring the lease of the playing field and have no wish to take on the responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the play equipment and therefore request the Community Council to do so. Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the Community Council would not undertake the responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the play area but were agreeable to giving an annual financial contribution. Reply to be sent to the Cricket Club.

105/23 Items for discussion and decision (Must be put on the agenda prior to the meeting)

None

106/23 County Councillors Feedback and Question time

Upper Bronwydd – Welsh government changes to the 20mph speed limits in September. No correspondence received from CCC to date. Residents are urged to send emails to the Council if they wish the speed limit to be reverted to 30mph. Agreed to leave on the agenda until May for further discussion and obtain the views of local residents.

Cwmdwyfran – concern regarding road conditions through the village.

Pentremorgan – concern regarding the speed and overtaking of vehicles along the straight piece of road.

Lower Bronwydd – Concerns raised regarding the speed of the school bus (Morris Travel) travelling through Bronwydd. Registration number of bus and times of travelling through Bronwydd to be given to clerk. Removal of trees has been arranged. Request received those potholes at the entrance to the car park be filled.

107/23 Date, location, and time of the next meeting

**RESOLVED that the next meeting would be held on
Wednesday 29/05/2024 at 7.00p.m. The meeting
closed at 8.50 p.m.**