**Minutes of the meeting of Bronwydd Community Council held in Bronwydd Hall on Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at 7.00 p.m.**

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

Also in attendance: Mrs M Morgan (Clerk) and Cllr B Davies County Councillor

Mr Jonathan Turner a Director of Gwili Railway introduced himself to the meeting. He said that Bronwydd Arms station was a beautiful typical local railway station when Gwili Railway moved to Abergwili but had been neglected since then. This is why he became responsible for looking after the station from now on. He admitted that at the moment it was not possible for passengers to get off and back on at Bronwydd Arms station but hopefully in the future it may be possible. It may also be possible in future years for visitors to drive to the station just to visit it and see some of Gwili Railway history. A small car park area could also be provided. He is also going to try and make the station booking office into a museum of Gwili Railway for visitors. Again, in the future it may be possible to provide hot drinks and snacks available to visitors. All this will only be possible if volunteers are available to man the station during visiting hours. Also, volunteers will be needed to keep the station looking good and tidy. Jonathan is keen to do all of this but needs volunteers to make it possible. He does not want the station to fall into a run-down relic of the past but an active part of Gwili railway. He agreed that Bronwydd Arms station was the real home of Gwili Railway but Abergwili was needed to cope with their ever-increasing visitor numbers. The community council agreed that its website could be used to try and get volunteers. A question-and-answer session followed and the Chairperson thanked Jonathan for a very positive and encouraging presentation and for his time in attending the meeting.

**61/24 Apologies** – No apologies

**62/24 Declaration of Interest** – To be completed as and when matters arise.

Cllr D Jones declared an interest in Gwili Railway– he is a shareholder.

Cllr S Phillips declared an interest flooding at Y Graig – local resident

**63/24 To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 27.11.2024.**

Resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on 27.11.2024 be accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr G Evans and seconded by Cllr P Giles.

# 64/24 Comments from the Chairperson

Chairperson will comment on points when they arise.

Chairperson informed the meeting that he had sent an email to the Chairman of Llanpumsaint community council expressing sympathy following the death of Mr Aaron Jones a resident in Llanpumsaint.

**65/24 Matters arising from the minutes.**

1. C/A - £3450.44 D/A - £20570.99

Balance sheet for 2024-25 accounts up until 31/12/2024 was distributed to all councillors and the contents noted.

(b) Gwili Railway – See above

1. 20mph speed limit/Traffic Calming measures – nothing to report.
2. Bronwydd Road parking – County Cllr B Davies reported that the situation is being monitored.
3. Sheep Dip – work to be completed before end of May.
4. Vehicles parked on road at various locations – Chairperson gave a verbal report noting that he had visited the two properties in the village where car parking near road junctions has made local residents complain to the community council and spoken to the owners.

(g) Flooding of properties at Y Graig - Following several visits from council highways it was confirmed the old stone culvert under the B4301 had collapsed. The issues this creates is severe flooding in the gardens of the houses either side of the road (Glynteg and Clifford House) but more worrying is the unseen damage that is being caused under the road as the volume of water finds its own way through causing the potential for a sinkhole.

The site has now been visited by the PROW (public rights of way) department of the council and a report is awaited. There are also concerns regarding a blocked/collapsed culvert next to Glynteg that causes water to run down the B4301 to the same point which has caused the drain there to subside and threatens to fall on to the said collapsed culvert. There are also concerns regarding stones and other rubbish being swept onto the B4301 from the Old Tip. An email has been sent to Llanpumsaint Community Council informing them of the above.

**66/24 Planning Applications/Decisions**

No planning applications

# 67/24 Correspondence

Audit report received from Audit Wales and contents noted.

E-mail received from Peniel School asking the Community Council to consider nominating a representative for the post of Additional Community Governor on the Governing Body. Following a discussion no nominations were received.

# 68/24 Items for discussion and decision (Must be put on the agenda prior to the meeting) NN

2025 Precept - Clerk had distributed the budgetary figures for 2025/26 prior to the meeting. The tax base for the community of Bronwydd for 2025/26 is £283.78. The precept calculated came to £58.88. A lengthy discussion followed where it was agreed that grants would be made to local organisations in the next budget year e.g. cover the cost of new defibrillators. Cllr A Conti proposed that the precept be set at £40.00, Cllr L Rowe seconded this. Cllr B Phillips made a counterproposal that the precept be set at £53.00 Cllr G Morgan seconded this. A vote was taken and two votes were received for the first proposal and six votes for the counterproposal. The precept would be set at £53.00. The precept will amount to £15060.

Clerk to return the completed precept form to County.

# 69/24 County Councillors Feedback and Question time

**Upper Bronwydd –** Cllr G Evans had inspected twelve grit bins and reported that they were all full. Noted that there were gaps in the road barriers from Pante towards Bronwydd – request to be made that the barriers be made continuous. Cllr B Davies noted that CCC are looking at the road. Also noted that the trees left on the upper side of the road from Bronwydd Road towards Bronwydd are to be removed. Enquiries to be made regarding 20mph signs at the top junction with B4301.

**Cwmdwyfran** – Milestone has been broken. Agreed that members of the community council would repair it.

**Pentre Morgan –** Number of trees have fallen in Pentre Morgan following the last storm causing concerns. Cllr B Davies to look at the situation.

**Lower Bronwydd** – Request made for new white lines across the bridge. Further concerns have been raised regarding the speed of the school bus. Situation to be monitored.

# 70/24 Date, location, and time of the next meeting

**RESOLVED that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 26/02/2025 at 7.00p.m. The meeting closed at 9.00p.m.**