**Cyngor Cymuned Dwyriw Community Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Dwyriw Community Council held on**

**Thursday 25 April 2024 in Adfa Village Hall at 7.00pm**

**Councillors met at Adfa Play Area prior to the meeting to assess the current situation.**

**Present:** CllrsBooth (Chair),Francis, Heward, Adcock, Hawtin, Owen, Jerman, the Clerk Sarah Yeomans and one member of the public.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

 Cllr Gethin

**2. Declarations of Interest**

 None

**3. Minutes of the March Meeting**

The minutes of the March meeting were taken as read and accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr Owen and seconded Cllr Adcock

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**Cwm School** – Cllr Adcock will be meeting with a representative from Powys County Council to discuss the next stage of the handover of the building.

**5. Planning**

i) **24/0553/OUT – Outline: Erection of an agricultural worker’s dwelling at Argae Fields, New Mills.** The Councillors discussed this application and agreed to support it, wanting to encourage young people to stay within the community.

ii) **24/0523/REM** – **Variation of a previous application at Cefn Bryn, Cefn Coch**. The council considered this application to change the original plans from a two-storey house to a single storey building. The councillors felt the design was not in keeping with the rest of the village and decided to raise their concerns about the visual aspect this would have.

**6. Finance**

a) **Account balances** – the current account contains £6044.46 and the deposit account £2,029.01.

The Clerk circulated copies of the latest bank statements along with a copy of the budget monitoring sheet.

One invoice was approved for payment. Tyler-Waddington accountants for managing Payroll for 2023/24 - £288, cheque number 100581

b) It was noted that the Community Council would now be responsible for any electricity charges for Cwm school from the 1st May 2024 until it is handed over to Powys.

c) It was proposed that Deb Shaw would be asked to carry out the Internal Audit of the Council’s accounts.

d) The Clerk had made a claim for a VAT refund of £104.53 for the previous year.

e) Councillors confirmed they would not be claiming a Members’ Allowance for the coming year and signed letters to that effect.

**7. Highways and Byways**

a) The condition of the lane to Neuaddgoch in Adfa would be reported.

**8. Adfa Play Area**

Councillors had met at the Play Area and considered the options for the existing site and equipment. It was decided that Heath Upward would be asked to attend to the brambles and broken gate and to the fence at the Ball Area. The decision was also taken that the existing equipment should be renewed in stages, one piece each year. The Clerk would ask Playdale to send a representative to meet with Cllrs Owen and Heward to discuss the possibilities and seek advice on what should be replaced first.

**9. Llanllugan Burial Ground**

a) Cllrs Heward, Owen, Adcock and the Clerk had met at the Burial Ground to decide on a position for the proposed bench. It was agreed that it should be sited to the left of the existing church porch and a memorial bench was selected from a catalogue by those at the meeting. The Clerk would order the bench from the company SecondLife, the cost being approximately £620 plus brackets and plaque. A quote would be sent round before committing to the purchase.

b) A local contractor has been asked for a price to clear the brambles away from the edge of the car park and possibly re-surface to expand the car parking outside the burial ground.

**10. Correspondence**

i) Posters about the search for foster carers would be placed in the notice boards.

ii) Cllr Owen had received a certificate for a recent Code of Conduct training course he attended.

iii) Kids Cancer Charity and Llangollen Music Festival – funding applications deferred to the AGM

**11. Welcome Letters**

Three welcome letters for Cefn Coch would be hand delivered by Cllr Adcock

**12. Items to be reported or included on the next agenda**

It was reported that County Cllr Heulwen Hulme has announced her retirement from her role after seven years in post. Councillors asked that a card of thanks be sent to her for all her hard work throughout that time.

**13. Date and time of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 23 May** at 7.00pm in Llanwyddelan Schoolroom with the AGM being held on the same evening.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.