**Cyngor Cymuned Dwyriw Community Council**

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

**Thursday 27 February 2020 in Adfa Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** CllrsHeward(Chair), Gethin, Owen, Francis, Booth, Davies, Jerman, Hawtin, County Cllr Heulwen Hulme and the Clerk Sarah Yeomans

**1. Apologies for Absence**

 None

**2. Declarations of Interest**

 None

**3. Minutes of January’s Meeting**

 The minutes of January’s meeting were taken as read and accepted as a true

record. Proposed Cllr Owen and seconded Cllr Davies

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

 The Clerk explained that Cefn Coch village hall was owned by the Church. This would mean that the £900 grant set aside for Halls would be split between

 Adfa village hall and Cwm Llanllugan community centre

**5. Planning**

a) **20/0295/VAR** Discharge of S106 agreement in relation to occupancy at

5 Meillionydd, Adfa

This was a request to lift the ‘local needs’ clause on the property. The Council discussed the matter and decided to object on the grounds that they wish to keep as many ‘local needs’ properties in the community as possible.

 b) **20/0216/FUL** Installation of a stainless-steel flue outlet on existing

 buildings in association with a solid fuel energy generating appliance –

 Retrospective - building at the rear of Plas Coch, Cefn Coch

 Following discussion, the council agreed they had no objection to this

 Application

 c) **20/0191/HH** Erection of a rear single storey extension at 10 Meillionydd,

 Adfa. The Council agreed to support this application.

 County Cllr Hulme gave an update on recent applications still in the system

**6. Finance**

a) **Account balances** – the current account contains £2576.29 and the deposit

account £522.58. The Clerk gave an update on the current budget situation and circulated the bank statements for January and February.

Several items were approved for payment:

i) Llanfair Town Council – crossing patrol - £100.00, Cheque 100493

ii) Wales Audit Office – external audit 2019 - £316.75, Cheque 100494

iii) One Voice Wales – Membership 2020/21 - £84.00, Cheque 100495

iv) Powys County Council – ROSPA inspections - £144.00, Cheque 100496

vi) Cefn Coch Village Hall – Hire fees 2019 - £20.00, Cheque 100497

(Cheque 100491 issued at the previous meeting for Cefn Coch Village Hall had gone astray so has been cancelled)

 **7. Highways and Byways**

a) Potholes would be reported along various roads in Adfa. Three blocked drains would be reported by the Cae Bryn junction in Carmel.

b) It was noted that some residents were parking on the pavement opposite the garage in Adfa and this was causing an obstruction for people walking dogs or pushing pushchairs etc. The Clerk would ask the police if this was a matter for them to deal with.

c) A member of the community had been in touch to see if there was any help available to improve a local bridleway in the Carmel area. The Clerk would find out more about what help was needed and would report back at the next meeting.

 **8. Adfa Play Area**

The Clerk had obtained a quote for a bilingual sign for the new seesaw at the play area. For an A4 laminate sign the cost would be £40. The Council approved some wording and the Clerk would get it translated.

 **9. Llanllugan Burial Ground**

a) **Unstable Headstones** – A diocese of St Asaph buildings inspector recently visited Llanllugan to inspect the church and, without realising that the burial ground was the responsibility of the Community Council, he also carried out an inspection of the churchyard. During his inspection he deemed 5 headstones to be unstable and laid them flat. There has been a UK issue in recent years regarding the inadequate construction of certain headstones, although this situation has now been remedied with a new British Standard being introduced in 2005. The 5 stones in question were of the pre-2005 type. The Council and church members were unhappy that this action was taken without any attempt to contact the families involved, although representatives from St Asaph have now apologised for the error and have offered to pay to reinstate the stones. Councillors discussed the matter at length and agreed to accept the offer from St Asaph to remedy the situation but also felt that the families should be informed where possible.

b) **Burial Ground charges** - The present fees for Tregynon and Llanwyddelan burial grounds were made available for comparison and following discussion the council agreed to keep their current charges as they are. It was also decided that the wording on the fee schedule should be improved for clarity:

Plot and stone - £250 (for burial or ashes)

Second burial - £100 (in existing grave)

Interment of ashes - £75 (in existing grave)

**10. Community Councillor – Code of Conduct document**

It was agreed that different aspects of the code of conduct document would be selected for discussion at future meetings as time allowed.

**11. Correspondence**

a) New Montgomeryshire MP, Craig Williams had written to offer to attend a

council meeting and this offer would be accepted.

b) Police and Crime Commissioner – annual conference invitation – 6 March in Carmarthen

c) A new Electoral Register was available and a copy would be requested.

d) Wales Air Ambulance – request for funding would be deferred until the AGM

e) Three catalogues for street furniture had been received

f) Play for Wales publication

**12. Welcome Letters**

None

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

Code of conduct

**14. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **26 March 2020** in Cwm School, Cefn Coch

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.