**Cyngor Cymuned Dwyriw Community Council**

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

**Thursday 26 October 2023 in Llanwyddelan Schoolroom at 7.00pm**

**Present:** CllrsOwen, Booth (Chair),Jerman, Francis, Heward, Adcock, Hawtin and the Clerk Sarah Yeomans.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

 Cllr Gethin

**2. Declarations of Interest**

 None

**3. Minutes of the October Meeting**

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

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

 There were no matters arising.

**5. Planning**

**23/1612/FUL** Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with new dwelling

Tyn y Celyn, Adfa. The Council discussed this application and agreed to support it as they are happy to help encourage young, local people to stay in the area.

**6. Finance**

a) **Account balances** – the current account contains £5,293.47 and the deposit account £2,009.55.

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

b) The Clerk presented invoices for wages (£608.16) and expenses (49.65) for the last three months and these were approved for payment: £657.81, Cheque 100575.

c) **Clerk Wages** - The latest pay scales had been released by NALC and the Council decided to keep the payment scale on SCP19 which would mean an increase in the hourly rate from £14.48 to £15.48, backdated to May.

d) The Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2024-25 has been set at £10.81 per elector.

**7. Highways and Byways**

A pothole at the bottom of Llanwyddelan hill would be reported.

**8. Adfa Play Area**

The latest ROSPA reports had been received and the warnings noted. It was agreed that the play area would be looked at in the Spring with a view to update it. The swing would be examined carefully at the weekly inspection and if it looks dangerous the swings will be removed from the frame.

**9. Llanllugan Burial Ground**

The Clerk had looked into the cost of a wooden bench for the burial ground and Cllr Heward was asked to get more information on composite benches in time for the next meeting.

**10. Broadband update**

Mervyn Jones had sent a detailed report to the council explaining his thoughts on the unlikelihood of a fibre connection being provided by any company in the near future. He explained that his own property had recently been connected to a much faster speed via Starlink and this is what he would recommend to others. He also praised County Cllr Hulme for her hard work and support throughout the process.

**11. Correspondence**

i) Requests for funding from the Urdd Eisteddfod

ii) Clerks and Councils Direct.

**12. Welcome Letters**

None required.

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

There was nothing to report.

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

The next meeting will be held on **18 January 2023** at 7.00pm in Adfa Village Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.