**Cyngor Cymuned Dwyriw Community Council**

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting held in Adfa Village Hall on**

**Thursday 24 May 2024 at 7.00pm**

**Present** at the meeting were Cllrs Booth, Owen (Chair), Hawtin, Jerman, Gethin, Francis, Adcock and the Clerk Sarah Yeomans.

**1. Election of Officers**

Cllr Booth had been in post as Chair for three years so was due to retire. It was proposed that Cllr Owen become Chair with Cllr Adcock as Vice Chair. Both agreed to take on the roles and everyone present was in favour.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

 Cllr Heward

**3. Finance**

 **a)** **Funding Applications:**

The council had received 9 applications for funding during the previous year. Councillors agreed to fund two of these causes:

 i) Marie Curie Cancer Care - £125, Cheque - 100585

 ii) The Game Change Project - £125, Cheque - 100587

 **b) Clerk’s Wages**

It was agreed that this decision would wait until the new pay scale was issued by the NALC.

**c) Review of Banking**

An alternative to HSBC bank was considered, but it was decided that the Council should remain with HSBC for the time being.

**d) Review of Burial Ground Charges**

The Council agreed to increase the Burial Ground charges to:

 **Plot and Stone - £300**

 **Second Burial - £125**

 **Internment of ashes - £100**

**e) Review the Fidelity Guarantee**

The Councillors were happy with the current cover of £150,000.

**4. Annual Review of Council Documents and Policies**

**a) Standing Orders** – The Standing Orders were reviewed and approved.

**b) Financial Regulations –** The current Financial Regulations were reviewed and

approved.

 **c) Risk Assessment Policy –** The current Risk Assessment Policy was reviewed and

 approved.

 **d)** **Risk Assessment of Council Assets** – The Clerk had carried out a risk assessment

of council assets and presented the findings to the council.

 **e) Model Code of Conduct –** The 2008 Model Code of Conduct was accepted for

 the coming year.

 **f) Members Register of Interests –** These were reviewed and approved.

**5. Annual Report 2023/24**

The Council held ten meetings across the year, four in Adfa and six in Llanwyddelan.

In April, two councillors undertook online training courses as part of the new training plan which had been set up during the previous year.

At the AGM in May it was decided that donations would be made to the Wales Air Ambulance, MacMillan Cancer Care and the DPJ foundation.

The plan for a fast fibre Broadband connection for the whole of the Dwyriw area collapsed in June when the company responsible for installing it went into liquidation. A new company took over the projects but eventually decided not to proceed with the Dwyriw scheme.

Highways discussions were dominated by pothole issues at every meeting, and in September the national 20mph speed limit was introduced across Wales. For Dwyriw this meant that the speed through Cefn Coch was reduced to 20mph through the village but in Adfa it remained at 30mph.

In October it was decided that a bench would be purchased for the burial ground at Llanllugan and various options were considered over the ensuing months.

At the February meeting, councillors were joined by representatives from Bute Energy who gave a presentation on the proposals for a community benefit scheme should a wind farm planning application in the Cefn Coch area get approval in the future.

At the final meeting in March, notice was given by the committee running Cwm School in Cefn Coch, that they would no longer be using the building due to declining use and general deterioration. Cwm School would become the responsibility of Dwyriw Community Council until it could be handed back to Powys County Council, which would be done at the earliest opportunity.