

Cyngor Cymuned Abbeycwmhir Community Council

MINUTES

A meeting of Cyngor Cymuned Abbeycwmhir Community Council was held on Thursday 15th August 2024 at 8.00pm. The meeting was at the **Philips Hall Abbeycwmhir**

	The Community Council Meeting was opened at 8.05pm												
0824/01	Present: Brian Rees, (Chairman), Julie Evans, Diane Powell, , John Jones, Apologies: David Jones, Gareth Rees, Edwyn Powell. Cllr. Claire Johnson-Wood												
0824/02	Declarations of Interest: none												
0824/03	Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Minutes of the Annual Meeting 16 th May 2024 were agreed and signed as a true record , (DJ/JJ) and Ordinary Meeting held 16 th May 2024 were agreed and signed as a true record , (DJ/JE)												
0824/04	Matters arising from the previous Council minutes: Community Book cash not yet banked due to temporary closure of HSBC (Llandrindod Wells) for renovations. There was no further news of transfer/funding of additional defibrillators from Rhayader. Broken road sign Bwlch-y-Sarnau had been repaired.												
0824/05	Planning: there were no new applications to consider 24/0469/HH and 24/0470/FUL –2 Cwmdu Cottage -application had been approved by PCC												
0824/06	Finance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) To balance of income and expenditure was noted, bank statements viewed and approved and the following invoices were approved. (JE/DP) Current account £ 3,457.88 Savings Account £ 5,425.27 <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Clerk Q1 to be paid on or after 30/09/24</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 468.93 (lb)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Refund Cllr DP (refreshments for D Day event).</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 11.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wyehost (Domain name renewal)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 11.99 (lb)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Refund Clerk (admin - ink)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 47.32 (ib)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Refund Clerk (general admin)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 150.56 (ib)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>For Info: Bank charges (jun July Aug)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 15.80</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) The information for the External Full Audit 2023-24 had been posted to Wales Audit (iii) Details of VAT126 claim (01/04/23 – 31/03/204) noted. (iv) The AJG Community Scheme renewal had been cancelled. Cover from 01/06/2024 had been taken with Zurich Insurance at a premium of £ 214.00 (v) There had been no applications for funding. 	Clerk Q1 to be paid on or after 30/09/24	£ 468.93 (lb)	Refund Cllr DP (refreshments for D Day event).	£ 11.99	Wyehost (Domain name renewal)	£ 11.99 (lb)	Refund Clerk (admin - ink)	£ 47.32 (ib)	Refund Clerk (general admin)	£ 150.56 (ib)	For Info: Bank charges (jun July Aug)	£ 15.80
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0824/07	Correspondence: the following had been previously circulated by email and noted for reference there had been no comments or queries. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Holocaust Memorial Day 2025 - 2025 will mark the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. b) Biodiversity training and resources. – guidance notes from Local Place For Nature Programme – online 9contact the Clerk for link) c) Climate Toolkit Workshops - 11th June 2024 @ 1530 – 1700 17th June 2024 @ 1600 – 1730 Please contact climatechange@flintshire.gov.uk to be booked onto a session and an invite will be issued. 												

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) Digital Working – OVW guidance issued. e) Multi location Meetings – Timetable of Actions, Practice Development Note 5 f) Single Transferable Vote Consultation g) Review of Senedd Constituencies h) OVW Conference 16th October 2024 i) Police and Crime Plan Consultation 2025-2029 j) Gallagher Insurance - Confirmation of closure of policy (lapsed 31/05/2024).
0824/08	Local Member Update: None - Cllr CJW had sent apologies. She had advised that Councillors contact her directly with any queries of issues.
0824/09	<p>Community Matters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Windfarm – no updates in respect of Garn Fach (b) Broken road sign BwlchySarnau – reported to PCC but not yet repaired. (c) Community Book – damaged book sold by local resident £12 cash received to be banked. (d) D-Day Commemoration update - approximately 40 people attended a service of remembrance and thanks giving held in the Church in Abbeycwmhir. The service, which brought together those of all faiths and none was taken by Rev Lance Sharpe (Church of Wales) and Pastor Phillip Lewis (Bwlch-y-Sarnau Baptist Chapel), with readings by community members. It was attended by representatives of the Royal British Legion including the Standard Bearer The service was followed by light refreshments at the Philips Hall – Councillors noted their thanks to the community members who had made and given cakes and snacks for the event.
0824/10	<p>Member Discussions and items not on the agenda:</p> <p>It was agreed to contact Powys County Council to comment on the poor roadside grass cutting and also on the placement of temporary information and warning signs on roadsides. Both concerns related to the lack of care to ensure safe visibility for road users particularly at junctions where signs frequently obscured driver’s vision of oncoming traffic.</p> <p>It was noted that as the grass/hedges at these points had either not been recently cut or had not been trimmed back from road edges/curbs as far as in previous years signs were often placed very close the roadside. It was suggested that those placing temporary signs should be provided with trimmers to clear the area around the sign placing in order that signs can be sited not only to inform drivers but also to ensure their safety while doing so.</p> <p>Cllrs noted that they understood that PCC highway costs were under constant consideration but that these should be reviewed in the light of weather conditions which may increase plant growth requiring more frequent cutting at pinch points for passing on rural lanes and at junctions. It was felt that because many places were overgrown road edges could not be easily seen resulting in vehicles going ‘off road’ to pass and as a result increasing the damage to the sides of roads.</p> <p>A letter of welcome had been sent to by the Chairman to the organisers of the Enduro GB.</p>
0824/11	Date of Next Meeting: the next Ordinary Meeting will take place on 21 st November 2024
	Meeting Closed 9.05 pm
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