

# Cyngor Cymuned CARNO Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Cyngor Cymuned Carno Community Council.

Held on: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Time: 7.30pm.

Location: The Cledan Room, Canolfan Gymdeithasol Carno Community Centre.

1. Present.

- 1.1. Cllrs: J.C. Barnes (Chairperson), J.P. Ellison, S.L. Jerman, S.R. Kiely (Vice-Chairperson), D.I. Jones, M.H. Jones, W. Le Maître & T.H. Thomas.
- 1.2. Cllr: Les George.(Ward Councillor Powys County Council).
- 1.3. Alan Humphreys (Clerk to the Council).
- 1.4. One Member of the Public.

2. Apologises for Absence.

- 2.1. Cllrs: J.G. Thomas.

3. Declaration of Interest.

- 3.1. None.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

- 4.1. The Minutes from the Meeting of Cyngor Cymuned Carno Community Council held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Cledan Room, Canolfan Gymdeithasol Carno Community Centre were unanimously approved.

Proposed: Cllr: D.I. Jones. Seconded: Cllr: T.H. Thomas.

5. Matters Arising.

5.1. Cemetery.

- 5.1.1. Cemetery Inspection, Cllrs Jerman and Le Maitre had inspected the Cemetery no found no issues of immediate concern.
- 5.1.2. They had noted that the hedge facing Post Office Lane and those around the bottom entrance needed cutting and the Lower Gates needed urgent repair.
- 5.1.3. Lower Gates. It was agreed that replacement of the gates should be a 'project' in the 2024/2025 Budget.

5.2. Highway Matters.

5.2.1. Maintenance Issues reported to Powys County Council.

Location.	Issue.	Powys Ref.	Comments.
Trem y Noddfa Carpark. SY17 5LJ.	Potholes.	JD171795	Powys CC Housing are responsible. 16.08.2022. Cllr Les George reported he had chased the matter again.
	Blocked Drain.	JD188470	18.07.2023. Discussion taking place with Powys CC. 12.12.2023. Cllr George chasing. 20.02.2024. Work to commence in April 2024

Cwm Llwyd Road. SY17 5JY.	Potholes.	0765-9105 8655-0838	09.11.2022. Job raised. 21.02.2023. Some repaired but more required. 20.06.2023 Powys CC to make a site visit. 18.07.2023. Cllr D.I. Jones reported some repairs had been done but more was required. 12.12.2023 Further works orders raised.
Puddles, Pwll Llydan SY17 5JY.	Flooding.	6806-9598 7763-4809	24.02.2022. Reported. 07.03.2022. Still Active. 09.11.2022. Job to address layby and new gullies raised. 20.06.2023. Powys CC to inspect gullies in the area.
Frankwell. SY17 5LP.	Overgrown. Flooding issue	6178-0656 5808-6548.	25.10.2022. Under investigation 28.10.2022. Passed to Powys CC Land Drainage Section. 20.06.2023. Cllr George said it was not Powys CC land and that the Land Registry within Powys CC should be consulted to see who own the land . 12.12.2023. Powys Highways have confirmed the trees are the responsibility of the landowner.
Winllan Lane	Potholes & Drains		Bad road surface and non-existent drains. Culverts blocked.
Winllan Lane	Damaged Drain Cover	0298-4718 2917-1356	13.12.2023 Rusted through. Potential H&S . Being Investigated.
Glanhanog Lane	Potholes		Reported as patched.
Gerddi Cledan	Potholes	6040-4652 9684-5287	23.01.2024 Reported.

5.2.2. The list of issues in 5.2.1. prompted a discussion about the poor state of the roads and Powys CC's response to addressing them. The discussion also embraced the poor start of the culverts and drains. The discussion concluded, with Councillors registering their disappointment with the performance of Powys CC and asked Cllr George to bring Powys CC's attention to the Council's poor impression of their performance.

5.2.3. Maintenance Issues reported to Mid & North Wales Trunk Road Authority.

Location.	Issue.	TRA Ref.	Comments.
A470 near Teglys	Damaged trench	W24122112	21.02.2024. Reported.
Trees, Sarn Bridge.	Over hanging		12.09.2023. Reported. A contractor has cut one side. The Sarn side needs manual cutting. 12.12.2023. Clerk to chase. 20.12.2024. Work completed and item will be removed.

- 5.2.4. Ward Councillors Report. (PCC Cllr Les George).
- 5.2.4.1. Cllr George confirmed that the re-surfacing of the Trem y Noddfa Carpark will take place in April 2024.
- 5.2.5. Carno Station Action Group Report. (Cllr. J.C. Barnes).
- 5.2.5.1. The Meeting was updated on the approached being made to Yorkshire Fellmongers to establish what the cost might be of purchasing the site.
- 5.2.6. Place Plan. (Cllr J.P. Ellison)
- 5.2.6.1. Cllr. Ellison reported that an updated version of the place plan had been issued which would be discussed by the sub-committee and brought to the March 2024 Meeting.
- 5.2.7. Public Convenience.
- 5.2.7.1. The Clerk asked with help to review the revised quote. The Chairperson asked that the quote be forwarded to him.
- 5.2.8. Defibrillator.
- 5.2.8.1. Because of the requirement for a power supply an order had not been placed.
- 5.2.8.2. Cllr S.R. Kiely said it might be possible to connect to a streetlight for which his company had responsibility. He would investigate.
- 5.2.9. 2022/2023 Audit.
- 5.2.9.1. The Clerk reported that the Council had received a 'Qualified' Audit Opinion. This means that the Auditor had found no issues which gave rise for cause for concern but had noted a few procedure matters.
- 5.2.9.2. This were:-
- 5.2.9.2.1. The Audit had not been prepared in accordance with proper practise. It was acknowledged that the time of issuing notices was not correct and the Council would ensure correct dating would happen in the future.
- 5.2.9.2.2. Relevant legislative and regulatory requirements had not been met. Again, as no example as were given, the conclusion was that this referred to the timing of events within the Audit procedures and the issue with Councillor's expenses.
- 5.2.9.2.3. Not consistent with the Council's governance practises and that the Council does not have proper arrangements in place to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources. As no explanation has been given a to exactly what this refers to and because the Council has no resources other than financial, it is assumed that this refers to the Councils bank balances. The Council had already identified this as an issue when setting the 2023/2024 Precept by reducing the level of Precept being requested and for 2024/2025 had maintained the reduced Precept.
- 5.2.9.2.4. The Council has failed to demonstrate that it had not provided information to the Independent Review Panel for Wales (IRPW) regarding payments made to Councillor. The Clerk informed the Meeting that he had provided (on the Audit's request) Minutes from the Meeting where the issue was discussed and that, if he had been asked, he would have requested the IRPW to confirm that returns had been made.

5.2.10. Ty Brith Lease.

5.2.10.1. The Clerk had been discussing with Powys CC, who had responsibility for repairing the access road to Ysgol Carno and the Community Centre. With reference to the original Lease (dated 1980), Powys said it was the Council.

5.2.10.2. However, the map being used is very out of date and does not reflect the changes made when the new school was built.

5.2.10.3. Councillors were content that the Clerk enter a discussion with Powys CC to update the map and clarify where areas of responsibility lay.

6. Planning.

6.1. Planning Applications.

Application No.	Location.	Description.
	None.	

6.2. Planning Approvals.

Application No.	Location.	Description.
	None.	

6.3. Planning Refusals.

Application No.	Location.	Description.
	None.	

6.4. Planning Applications Awaiting a Powys CC. Decision.

Application No.	Location.	Description.	Council's Response.
2010 0890	Esgair Cwmowen Windfarm.	Additional information.	No Objection.
2022 0971 HH	Plas Newydd. SY17 5JR.	Roof, Window, Internal work.	No Objection.
2022 2217 FUL	Tan-y-Foel Quarry.	Extension & restoration.	No Objection.
2023 1238 FUL	Hendre Fach. SY17 5JY.	Rural Enterprise Dwelling & Change of Use.	Withdrawn.
	There was confusion over the status of this application following the Clerk receiving an email to say it had been withdrawn. This is contrary to what the Applicant thinks as far as they are aware it is to go in front of the Planning Committee. Cllr Les George asked the Clerk to forward the email as he wishes to pursue the matter with the Planning Department.		
2023 1415 FUL	Old Laura Ashley Office Site.	Additional lorry parking.	Withdrawn
2023 1468 HH	Dolfriog, SY17 5JY	Ground Floor Extension.	No Objection.

6.5. Illegal Dwelling, Glanhanog.

6.5.1. A request had been made through Cllr Les George for an explanation from the Planning Department. Cllr George was disappointed that he was unable to give the Meeting an update.

6.6. Planning Decision Lists.

08.01.24-19-01.2024	None in Carno.
22.01.24-02.02.2024	None in Carno.

7. Correspondence.

7.1. Abbreviations.

CA.	Citizens Advice.
CMI.	Cambrian Mountains Initiative.
CSAG.	Carno Station Action Group.
IRP Wales.	Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.
MWWFRS.	Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service.
NMWTRA.	North & Mid Wales Trunk Road Authority.
NRW.	National Resources Wales.
OLPW.	Older Peoples' Commissioner Wales.
ONS.	Office for National Statistics.

OVW.	One Voice Wales.
PAVO.	Powys Association of Voluntary Groups.
PAW.	Planning Aid Wales.
PCC.	Powys County Council.
Powys CHC.	Powys Community Health Council.
Powys PSB.	Powys Public Service Board.
Powys RPB.	Powys Regional Partnership Board.
Powys THB.	Powys Teaching Health Board.
RNID.	Royal National Institute for the Deaf.
TfW.	Transport for Wales.
WG	Welsh Government
Welsh TRA.	Welsh Government Trunk Road Authority.
WISERD.	Wales Institute of Social & Economic Research & Data.
WLGA.	Welsh Local Government Association.

## 7.2. Received by Post.

None.	
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## 7.3. Received by Email.

(Emails listed were received by the Clerk since the last Meeting and were forwarded to Councillors for their consideration).

Built Wells TC.	Update regarding Air Ambulance.
PAVO.	Gwerth Cymdeithasol / Social Value.
DP Police Commissioner.	St David's Day Conference   Cynhadledd Gwyl Dewi 2024.
MWWFRS.	Supports Register my Appliance Week.
CMI.	Cambrian Mountains - Powys – 2024.
Planning Inspectorate.	EN020035 - Green GEN Vyrnwy Frankton Project - EIA Scoping Notification
NRW.	New National Park proposal – Information session invitation
Planning Aid Wales.	Strategic Development Plans Training.
OVW.	Use of IT, Websites and Social Media Training.
Cyber Resilience Centre.	Cyber Resilience Centre for Wales - January 2024 newsletter.
OVW.	Air Ambulance update: recommended that Welshpool closes.
Powys CC.	Review of Polling Districts 2024.
Powys CC.	Together we can shape the future of Powys.
Craig Williams MP.	Newsletter.
NMWTRA.	Notification of roadworks Pontdolgoch to South of Clatter.
OP Commissioner.	Report Launch.
OVW.	Joint Event One Voice Wales And Planning Aid Wales.
MWWFRS.	Calon Tân Magazine - January 2024 Edition.
PAVO.	Crown & Anchor Regeneration Project questionnaire.
Powys THB.	EMRTS Air Ambulance Phase III Engagement 1 - 29 February 2024.
Green Energy Cymru.	Vyrnwy Frankton - phase one consultation feedback summary,
OVW.	Newsletter.
MNWTRA,	Notification of Works A470 Caersws 12/02/24.
MWWFRS.	Lifesaving Community Defibrillators Installed at Fire Stations.
WLGA.	Counter Terrorism Policing Wales.
Welsh Gov.	Historic Environment/Climate Change Adaptation Activity Survey for 2023.
Calon Hearts.	Newsletter.
OVW.	Pethau Bychain.
NHS Wales.	Update from the Emergency Ambulance Services Committee on the Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Service (EMRTS Cymru)
Powys THB.	New EMRTS poster.
Rural Assets Project.	Event invitation - Community Assets: Policy and Practice in Wales - what's next?
Powys CC.	You're invited! Together we can shape the future of Powys.
Cllr. Les George	Road closer near Trawscoed.
Welsh Gov.	Coedwig Genedlaethol i Gymru/The National Forest for Wales.
OVW.	Innovative funding and procurement.
OVW.	One Voice Wales National Awards Conference 27/03/2024.
Powys CC.	Town & Community Councils Meeting - 21st February 2024

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8. Finance.

8.1. Expenditure & Income.

The February 2024 Schedule of Payments (As attached) was unanimously approved and signed.

Proposed: Cllr: D.I. Jones.      Seconded: Cllr: T.H. Thomas.

Payment Summary

No	Payment Ref	Invoice no.	Details	Amt
101	101Feb24P		HMRC (PAYE/NI) - Clerks Tax January 2024	£107.60
99	99Feb24P	271	DT Ground Maintenance - Moss treatment	£175.00
100	100Feb24P	INV1180 3	Carno Community Centre - Room Rental	£30.00
97	97Feb24P	N/32715 3	Boys & Boden Ltd - Tarmac for pothole repair	£133.02
98	98Feb24P	7502965 9	Opus Energy Ltd - Convenience Electric Jan24/Feb24	£154.25
102	102Feb24P	1155076	EUKhost Ltd - Web Domain Name	£11.99
103	103Feb24P		Alan Humphreys - Clerks Salary January 2024	£430.60
104	104Feb24P		Carl Jones - Cleaning January 2024	£173.34
<b>Total</b>				<b>£1,215.80</b>

8.2. Account Summary after Approval of Income & Expenditure.

Account	Balance	Total	Approval at		Projected Balance
			February	Meeting	
			Expenditure	Income	
					29.02.2024
Precept	£9,517.53	£33,376.44	£1,215.80	£135.00	£8,436.73
Cemetery	£8,775.90				£8,775.90
Interest	£15,083.01			£17.38	£15,100.39
<b>Total</b>					<b>£32,313.02</b>

9. Matters for Discussion.

9.1. Matters Raised by Councillors.

9.1.2. Cllr. J.E. Ellison informed that he had undertaken a course run by OVW on the IT and Social Media as he felt the Council should be making better use of products such as Facebook as a means of communicating the work of the Council to a wider audience. There was a discussion and it was agreed that the Council would investigate having a Facebook and WhatsApp accounts.

9.1.3. Cllr. S.L. Jerman reported that the bus stop (adjacent to Peniel Chapel) was in a poor state of repair and need urgent attention. The Clerk would investigate and look at options.

9.1.4. Cllr S.R. Kiely mentioned that a trench across the A470 connecting two OpenReach boxes had sunk. The Clerk would report this to the NMWTRA.

9.1.5. All Councillors took the opportunity to highlight the poor state of the roads away from the A470.

9.2. Date of the Next Meeting.

9.1.6. The March 2024 Meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm in the Cledan Room, Canolfan Gymdeithasol Carno Community Centre.

The Chairperson closed the Meeting at 8.26pm.

Signed:

*Alan Humphreys*

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Alan Humphreys  
Clerk to Cyngor Cymuned Carno Community  
Council.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the Meeting of Cyngor Cymuned  
Carno Community Council held in the Cledan Room,  
Canolfan Gymdeithasol Carno Community Centre at 7.30pm on  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Signed:

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Cllr. J.C. Barnes  
Chairperson, Cyngor Cymuned Carno Community Council.

Date:

19<sup>th</sup> March 2024