**Cyngor Cymuned Ysgubor y Coed Community Council**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2024**

**2024/25. Present:** Councillor Thomas (in the chair), Swanson, Griffiths, Stevenson, Mason, Goodman, & Davies. The clerk was in attendance.

**36. Apologies:** Councillor Toland.

**37. Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 04th September 2024 were accepted and signed. Proposed Councillor Mason. Seconded Councillor Griffiths.

**38. Declaration of interest:** None

**39. Matters arising:**

*i.* *A487*. Council noted email received 01/11/2024 from Strategic Road Network Division, Welsh Government containing the Feasibility Report, as requested by Councillor Swanson.

*Ysgubor-y-coed Community Council****1*** *has campaigned for a footway along the A487, through Furnace and Eglwys-Fach, to provide safe walking facilities for the community. In August 2019, the Community Council issued a letter to Ken Skates (Minister for Transport at the time), explaining that residents could not safely walk to local facilities such as St. Michael’s Church and Dyfi Furnace. The letter also highlights residents’ need to use cars for very short trips, specifically to avoid three A487 pinch point sections:*

***1*** *Ysgubor-*

*1. The bridge at Dyfi Furnace.*

*2. From Chapel House (to the North of Dyfi Furnace) to the entrance of St Michael’s Church.*

*3. From the north end of Eglwys-Fach village to the bridge over Afon Melindwr.*

*NMWTRA has commissioned Mott MacDonald to complete feasibility reviews of pinch point sections identified by Ysgubor-y-coed Community Council. The extents of each section reviewed are shown in Figure 1.1 – see Appendix 1.*

Councillor Stevenson noted Petitions committee update – still waiting for response from Ken Skates AM regarding 20mph speed limit, will keep petition open for further discussion once response is received.

**Action Point: a).** Clerk to respond to Ken Skates AM and Strategic Road Network Division, Welsh Government to confirm receipt of Feasibility study – note that findings clearly align with Welsh Government current policy on road safety and speed limits where people live. Council would like to see all x3 proposals implemented and look forward to a date of commencement in the next financial year.

*ii. Ceredigion Community Review - Final Recommendations Report.* Council noted final recommendations report received 09/10/2024, from Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru – final recommendations:

a). maintain the single community name of Ceulan a Maesmawr.

b). amalgamate Ysgubor-y-coed Community Council and Llangynfelyn Community Council to form one community council with 8 community councillors – x3 from Ysgubor-y-coed ward and x5 from Llangynfelyn ward.

c). propose the new community name of Llangynfelyn and Ysgubor-y-coed.

d). reduce Ceulanmaesmawr community council to 7 community councillors.

e). maintain x1 county councillor for Ceulan a Maesmawr community.

Council noted disappointment at the loss of individual community councils for Ysgubor-y-coed and Llangynfelyn, and the combined loss of x8 community councillors, but welcome the opportunity to work with neighbouring ward Llangynfelyn.

**Action Point: a).** Clerk to email the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru outlining Council’s disappointment at loss of individual community council and reduced councillor number.

*iii. The Woodland.* The clerk reported confirmation from local auctioneer Aled Ellis that he is agreeable to carry out a valuation on behalf of Council and that he would require a map of the proposed area prior to a site meeting for valuation.

**Action Point:** b). Councillor Thomas to arrange map.

*iv.* *Seat by Dyfi Furnace.* The clerk noted that community councils are no longer included in the groups entitled to apply to Ceredigion County Council for community grants. Councillor Swanson noted benches donated by Anita Major at St Michael’s Church.

**Action Point: a).** Clerk to contact Anita Major for more information re: benches.

*v. Noticeboard outside Banc y Llan.* The clerk noted an email received from Janie Agnew dated 14/09/2024 highlighting deterioration in the noticeboard. Council considered repair.

**Action Point: a).** Councillor Goodman to assess noticeboard condition and report back.

*vi. Wifi at The Iron Room.* From online research, the clerk reported the initial installation cost of wifi to be a maximum of £140 - charged by BT if the package taken is not provided by BT however lots of providers will subsidise this charge by BT to gain custom. Package prices vary from £25 - £30 per month for a two-year package of a 75mbps package, depending on the provider. The Iron Room committee would need to choose and arrange the installation company and package provider.

**Action Point:** b). Clerk to forward information to the Iron Room committee.

*vi. Defibrillator – Eglwys-fach.* The clerk reported contact with SP Energy Networks re: electricity connection in the phonebox at Eglwys-fach. The call centre operative could not confirm if the original electric supply to the phonebox was still in situ and an online estimate for a new connection indicated a cost of approximately £2000.

**Action Point:** b). Clerk to submit a ‘Connecting you to our network application form’ to obtain a quote.

**40. Finance**

i. Precept 2025/26 – to be submitted before 31/01/2025.

ii. Keykeeper 2024/25 - £163.00 received 23/09/2024.

iii. Recycle in the Bank Quarter 1 & 2 (2024 – 2025) - £29.40 received 15/11/2024.

iv. Ceredigion County Council – Precept 2024/25 Payment 3 - £1283.33 received 29/10/2024.

v. Bus stop cleaning - £100 paid 21/10/2024.

vi. Pay Agreement for 2024-25 – rate noted by Council and Clerk to be retrospectively applied from 01/04/2024 - £43.80 paid 28/11/2024.

vii. Statement of Payments 2023-2024

**Action Point:** Clerk to complete and display on noticeboards.

viii. Section 137 - Discretionary Expenditure Limit for 2025-2026.

ix. Clerk’s expenses - £172.93 paid 27/11/2024

**Action Point:** Clerk to pay. Proposed Councillor Mason. Seconded Councillor Swanson.

x. Audit Wales – Auditor General’s report and audit opinion for Year Ending 31 March 2023.

xi. Rent for field - £25.00 lodged 28/11/2024

**41. Correspondence and Communication:**

## i. Planed

## → Provision of Meals on Wheels/Ready Prepared Meals in Ceredigion

## ii. Ceredigion County Council

→ Aberystywth Promenade - Consultation

## iii. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

## → Draft Annual Report 2025-2026

## iv. Ceredigion County Council

## → Share your views on Ceredigion’s Common Allocation Policy

## v. Ceredigion County Council

## → Ysgol Craig yr Wylfa Consultation Documents

**Action Point:** Clerk to respond on behalf of Council. Individual Councillors encouraged to respond individually.

## vi. One Voice Wales

→ Model Financial Regulations 2024

## vii. Connect Ceredigion

## → Warm Welcome Spaces 2024-2025

**Action Point:** Councillor Swanson to discuss options going forward with Clare Toland.

## viii. One Voice Wales

## → TRAINING DATES - NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2024

**42. Planning:** None

**43. Other Items of Interest**

*i.* Councillor Thomas noted that there a number of black binbags have been disposed of into the river Einion. Council noted concern regarding the disposal of black binbags into the river as this may encourage more of this behaviour and/or people staying overnight in Dyfi Furnace carpark going forward.

**Action Point:** Clerk to notify CADW of black binbags in the river Einion. – Email sent 28/11/2024

ii. Councillor Stevenson queried Council have a Resilience plan – answer No.

**Action Point:** Councillor Stevenson to prepare Resilience plan.

**44.** **Date of the Next Meeting:** 08 January 2025

*Meeting closed at 9:10pm*

*Appendix 1.*

***Figure 1.1: A487 Footway Proposal Section Plan***



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