



Cyngor Tref Castell Newydd Emlyn

Newcastle Emlyn Town Council

DRAFT MINUTES

Draft Minutes of the monthly meeting of Newcastle Emlyn Town Council held on Thursday 25th January 2024 at 7.00pm at the Cawdor Hall Present:- Mayor – Cllr Hazel Evans. Councillors:- Allan Davies, Alan Jones, Peter Lewis, Odette Little, Rhodri Phillips, Dave Thomas, Maureen Webley. Clerk: Stella Jones.

1. 01/24 Ymddiheiriadau am Absenoldeb / Apologies for Absence – Cllrs Barry Evans, Jayne Ludgate & CC K Howell

2. 01/24 Datgelu Diddordeb Personol ac Ariannol dan Eitemau Busnes sydd wedi eu Rhestru Isod / To Disclose Personal & Pecuniary Interests in Items of Business listed below

Finance – Cllr H Evans – 9.2.S/O,

3. 01/24 Heddlu / Police – not present. Cllr H Evans reported that there had been some vandalism at the beginning of January at the Cawdor Hall entrance/lobby. It was also reported that youths were hanging around the lobby and toilets and an user of the conveniences found them to be very intimidating. The fire alarm had gone off twice due to young people smoking in the toilets. Clerk to write to the inspector that the presence of police would be beneficial at the end of a school day as a great deal of the problems tend to occur as the youngsters go home from school

4. 01/24. i.I Gymeradwyo Cofnodion Cyfarfod Misol Tachwedd 16eg 2023 / To approve the Monthly Meeting Minutes held on the 16th November at the Cawdor Hall

Proposer - Cllr Odette Little

Seconded – Cllr Rhodri Phillips

5. 01/24 Materion yn Codi / Matters Arising

Ref 6.v.07/21 Local Places for Nature – Cllr A Jones stated that Fruit Trees are being planted on Tuesday. In writing Cllr Ludgate Stated that individuals from the Drefach Velindre gardening club have volunteered to assist with planting / extending the meadow area. Cllr Ludgate has gathered plenty of seeds so no additional cost will be incurred and stated that this work would need to be carried out between March and May.

Ref 10.i.11/22 Honeycomb Project – Cllr Ludgate stated by letter concrete pad had been completed in December and the honeycomb has been delivered to Castle Forge for final assembly. Cllr B Evans will arrange for the structure to be placed on site for final fixing at the weekend. The artwork and all habitat materials are ready for assembly once the structure is in place.

Ref 12.4.i.04/23 Dôl Llewellyn – Cllr H Evans stated that CCC had found the source of the water and will pipe it down towards the river.

Ref 10.i.07/23 Old Courthouse – Cllr H Evans stated that quotes to be obtained for repairs.

6. 01/24 Gohebiaeth / Correspondence

- i. email – Letter CCC Actif Sports Awards –
- ii. email – Letter from ARAD Community Action Group – it was agreed that the Councillors would meet with the group as requested on 31st January at 7pm, the meeting to take place at the Cawdor Hall
- iii. email – Letter from Teifi Valley Trail – *circulated*
- iv. email – CCC – Planning Applications 13/11/23 - 17/11/2023 – *circulated*
- v. email – OVW – New consultation: Local Government Finance (Wales) Bil – *circulated*
- vi. email – CCC – Planning Applications 20/11/23 - 24/11/2023 – *circulated*
- vii. email – Dyfed Powys Police – Policing Budget Consultation – *circulated*
- viii. email – Antur Cymru - Cymorth Bunes Lleol/Local Business Support – *circulated*
- ix. email – One Voice Wales' Cost of Living Crisis Team – *circulated*
- x. email – CCC – Town & Community Councils update – *circulated*
- xi. email – 1682: New Amphitheatre At Newcastle Emlyn - Topographical Survey – *circulated*
- xii. email – CCC - Repair Café Virtual Event – *circulated*
- xiii. email – CCC – Planning Applications 27/11/23 - 01/12/2023 – *circulated*
- xiv. email – CCC – Cohesion in our Communities – *circulated*
- xv. email – OVW – Public Services Ombudsman for Wales press release - Equality and Human Rights Casebook – ***circulated***
- xvi. email – CCC – Repair Café Virtual Event – *circulated*
- xvii. email – CCC – Planning Applications 04/12/2023 - 08/12/2023 - *circulated*
- xviii. email – URDD – Cronfa Cyfle i Bawb Yr Urdd Fund for All – *circulated*
- xix. email – URDD - At sylw Cynghorau Cymuned. Urdd Ceredigion. – *circulated*
- xx. email – CCC – Application for road closure C1295 Felindre – *circulated*
- xxi. email – CCC – Planning Applications 11/12/2023 - 15/12/2023 – *circulated*
- xxii. email – OVW - Examples of Biodiversity actions needed! – *circulated*
- xxiii. email – Nacro Connecting Carmarthenshire Llandysul Community Wellbeing Drop in – *circulated*

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- xxiv. email – CCC – Emergency Road Closure: C1285 Cenarth SA38 9RE – *circulated*
- xxv. email – CCC – Planning Applications 18/12/2023 - 22/12/2023 – *circulated*
- xxvi. email – Unit 4 – *circulated*
- xxvii. email – Nacro Connecting Carmarthenshire - Community Wellbeing Drop Ins - Llandysul and Pencader – *circulated*
- xxviii. email – Lamp Light of Peace 80 D Day – *circulated*
- xxix. email – Former Courthouse Report – *circulated*
- xxx. email – Nacro Connecting Carmarthenshire Llandysul Community Wellbeing Drop In 4th January 2024 – *circulated*
- xxxi. email – CCC - Planning Applications 25/12/2023 - 05/01/2024 – *circulated*
- xxxii. email – CCC – Emergency road closure C1285 Cenarth – *circulated*
- xxxiii. email – CCC - Survey - Engagement with Social Media Platforms about Online Hate – *circulated*
- xxxiv. email – OVW – Online Event - Buglife Cymru Ionawr / January 31 2024 – *circulated* - the Clerk stated that Cllr J Ludgate had informed her that she had signed up for event which involves managing green spaces for pollinators in Wales.
- xxxv. email – Versus Arthritis Online Information Session: Introduction to Fibromyalgia and Creating a flare-up plan - *circulated*
- xxxvi. email – CCC – Revised Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan (LDP) 2018-2033 - Revised Delivery Agreement –
- xxxvii email – CCC – Fforwm Cyswllt 17/01/2024 – *circulated*
- xxxviii. email – CCC - Communities For Work + Information Event 24th January 2024 – *circulated*
- xxxix. email – OVW - Carmarthen Area Committee Tuesday 23rd January 2024 at 6.30pm via Zoom
- XL. email – Quote – Fire Assessed – *it was agreed to accept the quote, Cllr D Thomas abstained*
- XLI. email – CCC – Council Tax Base & Community Council Election Costs
- XLII. email – CCC – Planning Applications 08/01/2024 - 12/01/2024 – *circulated*

7. 01/24 Adroddiadau Pwyllgorau / Committee Report

- i. Finance - The budget for 2023/24 was gone through in detail with projected figures for the end of the year. Proposal is to increase the Precept by 3% for 2024/25. Rents for the units and the shop were discussed with a proposal for rent increases of 5% for the 3 units and 10% for the shop. These will take effect from September for the 3 units and on vacation for the shop. No increase to the Attic Theatre. Rental to remain at £2,800 as they have a large amount to spend to update equipment. as they have a large amount to spend to update equipment. Rent increase for Library to be 5%
- ii. Victorian Night – Cllr H Evans commented that she thought it was a very successful evening and well supported. A good crowd also attended the presentations in the Emlyn Arms with 'Medeni' ladies choir providing entertainment.
- iii. Traders – in the absence of Cllr Ludgate, Cllr Thomas reported that the group met on Tuesday evening a full report to follow
- iv. NCEmlyn Collective – a new group formed with a meeting arranged for this coming Thursday 1st February. Cllr M Webley will be representing the Town Council.

8. 01/24 Ceisiadau Cynllunio / Planning Applications

- PL/06886** - Provision of a surfaced car park, spaces adjacent to leisure centre building, along with the construction of a multipurpose play area - Ysgol Gyfun Emlyn, Newcastle Emlyn, SA38 9LN – agree to the application with Councillors stressing that there is a need to ensure that there are spaces for disabled parking next to the Leisure Centre

9. 01/24 Materion Ariannol / Financial Matters

- i. Monthly Budget – this was examined, discussed and accepted
- ii. Decision on Precept for 2024/25 -. It was proposed to accept the Finance Committee recommendation of an increase of 3% on the 2023/24 precept following discussion of the budget. The new amount being £33,261.80

1. Invoice

i.	Wyn Davies, Handyman(19/11/23 – 16/12/2023).....	£180.00
ii.	Wyn Davies, Handyman(17/12/23 – 07/01/24).....	£236.00
iii.	Jenny Nichols-Long (17/11/23-21/12/23)	£367.50
iv.	Jenny Nichols-Long (22/12/23 – 18/01/24).....	£294.00
v.	Cardigan Bay Trading [Clock toilets]	£51.97
vi.	Cardigan Bay [Triple Rung Ladder].....	£285.60
vii.	Cardigan Bay [Cable Ties]	£19.17
viii.	Morgan-Stoneman & Sons	£795.60
ix.	Paul Cheney[Christmas Lights Repairs].....	£152.18
x.	Castle Forge [Beehive Framework].....	£3,096.00
xi.	Squeaky Clean Windows	£30.00
xii.	SSE	£204.68
xiii.	CCC [Replacement of Lanterns].....	£521.26
xiv.	DLG Topographical Survey	£500.00
xv.	Gould Ecology Ltd	£2,436.00
xvi.	TVBS [sand bags]	£7.32

2. S/O or D/D

LAS [per 4weeks]	£128.82
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Clerk's Salary	£394.80X2
CCC [Rates].....	£353.00X2
OCTOPUS.....	£291.38 + £302.96

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OCTOPUS.....	£39.95 + £37.63
DWR CYMRU.....	£86.00
PWLB	£1345.66

3. Credit

i. Rental of Courtyard, Cawdor Hall

UNIT 1 [Karen Wilkinson].....	£160.00x2
UNIT 2 [G&I Girardey]	£160.00x2
UNIT 3 [T Cannon].....	£144.00 x2
UNIT 4 [Sascha Butler]	£177.33x2
ii. CCC Government Shared Prosperity Fund Grant.....	£2,400.00
iii. Electricity Payments – Unit 2,3, Attic Theatre, Hanes Emlyn.....	£553.04
iv. CCC. Precept	£10,637.22
v. CCC [hire of Council Chamber].....	£75.00

4. Requests for Financial Assistance

- i. Eisteddfod yr Urdd Maldwyn 2024 – tabled

10. 01/24 Materion Angen Trafodaeth / Matters for Discussion

Attic Theatre – ask W Evans George to draw out a new lease to include amended recommendations.

11. 01/24 Date of next meeting

Nos Iau Chwefror 15ed 2024 am 7.00yh Neuadd Cawdor / Thursday February 15th 2024 at 7.00pm, Cawdor Hall

12. 01/24 Sylwadau'r Cyngorwyr / Councillors' Comments

1. Cllr. P Lewis – i. recommended that a sign be put up informing people to cross the road before coming to the barriers on the pavement opposite Edeba J – Cllr H Evans that repair work was due to commence imminently.
ii. pot holes need repairing
iii. grit bins are empty on Penlone Rd
iv. queried the installation of air source heating and solar panels at the Cambrian House property as it is in a Conservation Area.
2. Cllr Rh Phillips – i. the street light in Church Lane opposite the barber is still not working, Clerk to report this issue again.
ii. other councillors mentioned other lamps in town not working.
3. Cllr O Little – i. ask for a date for the Victorian Night meeting – this to be held on Wednesday 7th February at 5.30pm. It was also stated that Cllr D Thomas should attend this meeting.
4. Cllr D Thomas – i. enquired when the digital board would become live – date unknown at present
ii. Road & Safety complaint sent to CCC [not on behalf of the TC] and had not received a satisfactory response..
5. Cllr H Evans – i. a member of the public had stated to her that the website required updating – Cllr Webley stated that Cllr J Ludgate has a lot on her plate so Cllr D Thomas volunteered to help – *this was agreed*

The meeting terminated at 8.45pm .

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