Minutes of the Community Council meeting held on Tuesday18th March 2025 in the Village Hall.

Present, Cllr’s Clare Rooke, Alan Wilkinson, Gwyneth Davies, Jannine Edwards and Sheena Duller.

Apologies were received from Cllr’s Christian Pateman and Cllr Ifan Jones Evans. Apologies were also received from Councillor Wyn Evans.

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes. These were agreed to be a true record by Cllr Gwyneth Davies and seconded by Cllr Jannine Edwards.

Concerns were once again raised about attendance and late apologies sent on the night of a meeting. The clerk is going to seek advice from the monitoring officer on the matter.

Cynnal y Cardi Grant. The clerk has completed the extra information required from Cynnal y Cardi and they were happy with the answers.

Vacant Seat. The clerk reported that he had not heard anything from Electoral Services if there was any interest in the vacant seat. He will contact the council to see if there was any interest.

Financial Report. The clerk reported that there were no transactions since the previous meeting. He had received a letter from Barclays informing us that they are lowering the interest rate on the Business Reserve account.

CAVO Green Spaces Grant. The clerk has received an email from CAVO about a new green spaces grant with up to £2000.00 available for improvement to green spaces. The clerk was going to send in an application before the closing date of May 31st.

Defibrillator. The clerk was going to speak with Cllr Christian Pateman about the siting of a new defibrillator in Ysbyty Ystwyth.

Correspondence.

One Voice Wales. Membership for 2025-26 is now due, the sum of £94.00.

We also received information that One voice Wales have updated and improved their website.

A third email was received that included development notes to assist the clerks with Asset Management, how to organize events and meetings and also guidance on meeting administration.

An email was received from the Development and Boundaries Commission showing the new Senedd Voting areas. Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire have joined to create the Ceredigion and Preseli voting area.

Connect Ceredigion. An email was received from CAVO with information about Connect Ceredigion, a project that builds case studies to showcase green spaces in Ceredigion. They are looking to highlight work being carried out in green spaces and have four options on how this can be done.

Option 1, CAVO will come out to the green space(community garden) and do a small 5 minute film on the project.

Option 2, CAVO will loan out film equipment so that we can self film.

Option 3, a written case study can be presented on the improvement works.

Option 4, this option is to provide a picture reel of the progress works.

The clerk will reply to the email to tell them we would be interested in being involved in the case study.

Donations. It was agreed to give donations this year to Marie Curie, £100, Air Ambulance Cymru, £100 and Ysbyty Ystwyth Village Hall, £130.00.

Clerk’s Salary & Expenses. The clerk presented his invoice for the financial year 2024-25 along with expenses claims and receipts. Councillors discussed the claim and agreed that the clerk was due a pay increase as there had been no increase since 2017. All were in agreement and the clerk reluctantly accepted the offer.