

Cyngor Cymuned Tregynon Community Council

Minutes of Tregynon Community Council's meeting held on 8 May 2025 at 7.35pm. *Present at start of meeting:* Cllrs M. Davies (Chair), S. Williams, J. Shearer, H. Morris, D. Bumford, T. Breese, J. Yeomans, M. Watkin and the Clerk Rachael Jones. Cllr Hulme had sent apologies. There were no declarations of interest. Cllr Morris handed in a playground inspection sheet.

Minutes: The councillors reviewed and accepted the minutes of the April 2025 meeting. The Chair signed the minutes. *Planning:* None. *Planning applications received after distribution of agenda (at Chair's discretion):* Poultry unit at Red House. The councillors offered no comment.

Highways: The Bettws road has been tarred and chipped. Some potholes near Upper Fachwen and Cochsidan have been addressed but clerk to report the pothole near Temperance yet again. The Penywaen path and the section of path at the back of the community centre were discussed briefly. One of the batteries for the flashing sign is not recharging properly and the councillors discussed purchasing a new one.

Bus shelter and phone box: The whiteboard is to be put up in the bus shelter and Cllr Hulme is to be invited to monitor it. It was noted that the noticeboard outside the community centre is damaged, but this is not the community council's responsibility. The Gerizim phone box door has been repaired to a really good standard. Councillor Shearer has purchased a gift card (£50) for Mr Morley and is to be reimbursed as previously agreed.

Playground: Ray Parry has completed the repair work and is to be paid. The councillors agreed to have a RoSPA inspection carried out and the cost this year is £78. Cllr Hulme is to meet with Wicksteed with a view to obtaining a quote for new playground equipment and further quotes to be obtained from Ray Parry and Sovereign Play. Cllr Morris had observed that the roundabout bearings were seized up, a bench needs restoration, and a rope on one piece of equipment is fraying. The fence was discussed. Stephan Butcher had advised closing the gaps between uprights to prevent children from climbing up, but this would cause further problems.

Cemetery inc. gravestones: The damaged gravestone matter is now in the hands of the insurers. *Playing field/Amenity land:* The new sign for the playing field will be installed shortly. 'No Smoking signs will also be installed in due course and Cllr Morris is to look into this.

Finance: Current account: £14998.70. Reserve: £16385.29. One invoice was presented – Ray Parry Playgrounds (for repair of item) £2152.80. Cllr Shearer was refunded for the cost of the gift card for John Morley's work on the phone box – £50, and Mr Morley's expenses were also refunded (which had been approved earlier) – £20.90. The cheques were approved by all and then signed by the Chair and Cllr Morris. The clerk distributed a bi-monthly reconciliation which was approved. *Annual audit:* The clerk read out the governance statements and the councillors approved each one in turn. The councillors had approved the annual accounts at the April meeting. The clerk and the Chair signed the annual return.

External reports: The parochial charities held a meeting and there were no applications for funding. *Correspondence:* None. *AOB:* Issues surrounding Welsh and English medium education were discussed, as well as conflicting transport arrangements. *Items for next agenda.* Usual.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 12 June 2025 following the AGM. The meeting ended at 9.00 pm.