

Cyngor Cymuned Tregynon Community Council

*Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING of Tregynon Community Council held on
Thursday 11 May 2023 at 7.00pm in the community centre.*

Present at start of meeting: Cllrs J. Shearer, T. Breese, S. Williams, M. Davies and the Clerk Rachael Jones.

The clerk welcomed the attendees.

1. Chair and Vice-Chair: Cllr Shearer agreed to continue as Chair and Cllr M. Davies agreed to continue as Vice Chair. These appointments were agreed to unanimously by the other councillors.
2. Apologies for absence: Apologies had been received from Cllrs W. Jones and H. Hulme. Cllrs Watkin and Bumford had sent notice of a possible late arrival. Cllr Watkin arrived at 7.15pm.
3. Minutes of the last AGM: The minutes of the previous AGM held on in 2022 had already been accepted and signed at the June 2022 ordinary meeting.
4. Matters Arising: Already considered at the June 2022 ordinary meeting.
5. Finance

Payments- none other than the charitable donations.

Clerk's pay. The clerk's pay has already been set for review on a five-year basis.

Applications for funding: There had been three application for funding over the previous twelve months. The councillors decided to send a cheque for £150 each to Macmillan Cancer, Wales Air Ambulance and Cruse Bereavement. The cheques were written and signed.

6. Annual report

Since the 2022 AGM there have been ten meetings, with good attendance from most of the councillors. New councillor Wayne Jones joined the council in May 2022 and Cllr Marian Jacques left in January 2023. The Chair during the 2022-23 period was Cllr Joy Shearer and Cllr Mark Davies took on the role of Vice-Chair.

Mary Oldham continued as internal auditor and has recently completed the 2022-3 audit. Morgan Griffiths of Newtown has continued as payroll administrator. The contingency fund for possible playground work is constantly monitored and money transferred when possible from the current account to the reserve to be earmarked for playground equipment and/or repairs. The seating in the amenity land, paid for by a grant obtained by Cllr Hulme, is in place. A portion of the grant money that was donated generously by a local resident remains.

Potholes and speeding continue to be of concern in the village. The community speedwatches have not resumed because of difficulties recruiting new volunteers, but on a positive note, the electronic sign is proving effective, and the councillors are currently exploring purchasing a second one. The councillors paid for a new defibrillator case and arranged for the defibrillator to be repositioned to make it more accessible. The councillors provided two fruit trees for the new community orchard and paid for several bags of daffodil bulbs which have been planted and produced a splendid show earlier in 2023.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II passed away in September and this was acknowledged on the council web site following government guidelines. The councillors plan to put a commemorative plaque to King Charles III onto one of the new amenity land benches.

Rachael Jones, clerk to Tregynon Community Council
11 May 2023

The report was accepted unanimously by the council.

7. Items for review.

Standing orders, financial regulations, fidelity guarantee, risk assessment policy, risk assessment of council assets were reviewed and accepted. The council accepted the new safeguarding policy which was now added to the list.

The clerk had carried out the annual risk assessment of council assets earlier in May and reported that everything was in good condition although paint was flaking on the Gerizim phone box.

8. Biodiversity. Heron, fish and a kingfisher had been observed. It was noted that this indicated that the brook is in a healthy condition.

9. There was no other business and the meeting closed at 7.35 pm.