# Cyngor Cymuned Tregynon Community Council

Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING of Tregynon Community Council held on

 Thursday 9 May 2024 at 7.30pm in the community centre.

Present at start of meeting: Cllrs J. Shearer, T. Breese, S. Williams, M. Davies, D. Bumford, H. Morris, M. Watkin and the Clerk Rachael Jones. Member of the public Mr Richard Jones (Aberhafesp) was present. Cllr H. Hulme had earlier sent apologies.

The clerk welcomed the attendees.

1. Chair and Vice-Chair: Cllr Shearer stood down as Chair and the councillors elected Cllr M. Davies to be the new Chair. Cllr Hulme had earlier offered to stand as Vice-Chair and the councillors unanimously accepted this offer. The councillor vacancy was discussed.
2. Apologies for absence: Apologies sent earlier by Cllr Hulme were confirmed.
3. Minutes of the last AGM: The minutes of the previous AGM held on in 2023 had already been accepted and signed at the June 2023 ordinary meeting.
4. Matters Arising: Already considered at the June 2023 ordinary meeting.
5. Finance
	1. Payments- none other than the charitable donations.
	2. Clerk’s pay. The clerk’s pay has already been set for review on a five-year basis.
	3. Councillor remuneration: The councillors decided not to take a payment for their work. The councillors each signed a document to this effect.
	4. The councillors decided to send £300 as a donation to the Wales Air Ambulance.
	5. The councillors reviewed the current cemetery fees and, after considering fees at a range of other cemeteries, decided to raise Tregynon fees by 25%. Clerk to communicate this to the funeral directors.
	6. The councillors decided to transfer £4000 to the Reserve account, to be earmarked for playground improvements.
6. Annual report

Since the 2023 AGM there have been ten meetings, with good attendance from the councillors. The Chair during the 2023–4 period was Cllr Joy Shearer and Cllr Mark Davies was Vice-Chair. New councillor Hannah Morris joined the council in July 2023 and Cllr Wayne Jones resigned from the council in September.

Mary Oldham continued as internal auditor and has recently completed the 2023-4 audit. Morgan Griffiths of Newtown has continued as payroll administrator. Gwynne Woosnam stood down as the council’s long-term ground-maintenance person and has been replaced by Jeff Pughe. A representative from BT attended the November meeting to tell the councillors about plans for full-fibre provision.

The contingency fund for possible playground work is constantly monitored and it was decided to transfer earmarked funds from the current account to the reserve at each AGM. This is considered necessary and appropriate. Cllr Heulwen Hulme is currently pursuing grant funding to help with costs and has put in sterling work on behalf of the council in this regard. A long-standing problem with the functioning of the spinning cone has been resolved by fitting a new part. The defibrillator at the community centre has been moved to a more accessible position.

Potholes and speeding continue to be of concern in the village, but the councillors are pleased that the electronic sign that they purchased several years ago is proving helpful in reducing speeding. The Welsh Government’s new 20mph limit has been indicated in various places within the village by new speed signs, including near the new development on the Bettws Road,

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*The report was accepted unanimously by the council.*

1. Items for review.

Standing orders, financial regulations, fidelity guarantee, risk assessment policy, risk assessment of council assets and safeguarding policy were reviewed and accepted.

The clerk had carried out the annual risk assessment of council assets earlier in May and reported that everything was in good condition apart from the Gerizim phone box which needs cleaning inside and out and repainting.

1. Biodiversity. It was observed that the swallows were not back in numbers. However, a cuckoo has been heard, there are lots of curlews, bats are numerous, and the daffodils looked good earlier in the spring.
2. There was no other business and the meeting closed at 7.50 pm.