Minutes: FAENOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, 21st July 2025

Present: Cllr CGB Simpson
Cllr G Holloway
Cllr D Tibbit
Cllr J Roberts
Cllr M Jones

Apologies: None

1. **Disclosure of Interest**:

   Cllr D Tibbit: Waunfawr Community Association (WFCA)
   Cllr J Roberts: Commins Coch Community Association (CCCA)

2. **To confirm the minutes of the March 2025 meeting**:

   The clerk had circulated a set of minutes on 16th July, and then circulated a revised set of minutes on 19th July. We used the revised minutes. Cllr J Roberts proposed their acceptance and Cllr D Tibbit seconded. It was RESOLVED to accept the 19th July minutes as a true record of the meeting with no amendments.

3. **Matters arising from the minutes**:

   a) **Grit Bins**: Cllr J Roberts had been given costs, but they were several months out of date. The site of any bin has to be agreed in advance with Ceredigion County Council, before the full cost can be assessed. He suggested we discuss this at the September meeting when Ceredigion County Council will be starting to prepare their plans for the winter.

4. **Planning Matters – sent under seperate e mail**: no recent applications have been received. It was noted that certain developments had taken place which Councillors thought should have been the subject of applications:

   - Erection of a post with a CCTV camera on the grounds of CKs supermarket.
   - A garage conversion + extension ongoing at 17 Maeshendre.
   - Replacement of the whole front garden by hard standing at 10 Rhoshendre.

   Cllr J Roberts has requested attendance from Ceredigion County Council planning officers.

5. **Correspondence**: nothing not previously circulated by the clerk.

6. **Reports from Representation on Outside Bodies**: Cllr CGB Simpson apologised for not having circulated a report from the recent *One Voice Wales* meeting. He will send out a report later in the week.

7. Financial Matters

a) Bills to be paid: the following bills had been paid by the clerk since the March meeting.

Peter Hemming	290.00
PJE Accounting	60.00
Scottish Power	111.03
Zurich Insurance	537.72
Staff Costs	50.40
Pay	459.26
HMRC PAYE	138.33
Bank Charges	6.00
Aberystwyth Kronberg Twinning grant	200.00
Commins Coch Community Association grant	6,000.00
Waunfawr Community Association grant	4,955.00
Pay	459.06
HMRC PAYE	138.33
Peter Hemming	290.00
Bank Charges	6.00
Scottish Power	112.14
Peter Hemming	290.00
Pay	708.26
HMRC PAYE	247.47
Payroll Services	63.00
Simon Longworth (Internal Auditor)	225.00
Cllr CGB Simpson: *One Voice Wales* travel claim	21.60
Total payments since March	**15,368.60**

Council noted all the above payments. It was requested that, in future, a breakdown of the payments given to Peter Hemming be included as well as the total figure.

b) Payment of expenses: the clerk presented the following claim for reimbursement of expenses – larger than usual because of the lack of quorate meetings since March; and also, the expenses caused by the tri-ennial in depth audit this Council is undergoing in 2025.

Outstanding expenses from previous months	92.09
WH Smith: Files/Paper/Labels for audit	34.45
Colour inkjet cartridges	27.78
Delivery and collection of paperwork for Internal Audit 20 m	9.00
April meeting travel (non-quorate)	12.60
Attending noticeboards x 2 for audit	25.20
Attending noticeboards for July meeting	12.60
Total expenses claim	**213.72**

The Council RESOLVED to pay this expenses claim.

c) **Acceptance and adoption of latest model Financial Regulations**: the Council RESOLVED to adopt these latest Financial Regulations

d) **Acceptance and adoption of Internal audit report**: the Council RESOLVED to accept the internal audit.

e) **Resolution to re-approve Mr Simon Longworth as Internal Auditor**: the Council RESOLVED to re-approve Mr Simon Longworth as our Internal Auditor.

8. **Confirmation of Grant donations as applied for to date:** the Council CONFIRMED the three grant donations.

9. **Acceptance and adoption of new Grant Aid Application form:** the Council RESOLVED to accept the new Grant Aid Application form.

10. **Acceptance of latest Annual Report:** the Council RESOLVED to accept the 2025 Annual Report.

    There was a discussion about how widely it should be circulated. It was agreed to post the Annual Report on our website; and to include a notice on our noticeboards to point out that the Annual Report was available, and how to access it.

    (Arising from this discussion, it was noted that some of the permanent notices on our noticeboards were badly faded due to sunlight. The clerk will be asked to check the state of the permanent notices and renew those which had faded.)

11. **Waste collection:** Cllr D Tibbit outlined the problem. Peter Hemming has emptied dog pooh bins for us for several year. Initially he took the rubbish to the Glan yr Afon site – but they refused to take it any more, even though they accept dog pooh from other sources. Recently, Peter is finding that the alternative sites are either refusing to accept dog pooh; or will only accept it with a payment.

    We decided to ask the clerk to investigate the procedures at the various waste sites, and to find out how Ceredigion County Council dispose of the dog pooh they empty from other bins. Ideally, we can find a way of disposing of the dog pooh without having to travel miles, and without having to pay extra fees.

    There was a discussion about the recent Ceredigion County Council policy to enforce a limit of three black bags per address, and the problems it was causing. No actions were agreed; but we will continue to monitor the effects of this policy.

12. **Tree audit Maesceinion park**: Cllr D Tibbit introduced the report, which had been commissioned by the Waunfawr Community Association at a cost of £2,000. (The Arbcore Ltd tender had been the cheapest of the three the Association had received.)

    The recommendations in the report were for the felling of 12 trees, pollarding 3 trees, minor work on 6 trees, and monitoring a further 2 trees. A quote for carrying out this work had been received: £3,648. Waunfawr Community Association is willing to contribute 10% of this cost. A formal request to Faenor Community Council for the remaining 90% will be made at the September meeting.

It was noted that the Association will have to contact Ceredigion County Council about this proposed work to get their agreement as the landowner before starting. The best time to schedule this work will be the Autumn, after the trees have stopped growing. (It was assumed that Ceredigion CC will be perfectly happy for this work to be done, provided they do not have to contribute anything financially.)

Arising from this discussion, it was noted that there is a parcel of land within the Park which is not actually owned by anybody. There is no entry on the UK Land Registry for this parcel. The clerk will be asked to make enquiries about this. Cllr Tibbit will supply the boundary details to the clerk. (Cllr Roberts reported on the problems with land ownership elsewhere in Waunfawr arising from the disordered land transfers from the builder to the County Council when the builder became bankrupt.)

13. **Biodiversity and local sites**: Cllr D. Tibbit spoke to this item. The Waunfawr Community Association had commissioned another report from Arbcore on biodiversity within the Park. Arbcore worked on the two reports together, but there has been a delay in the production of the biodiversity report. It is expected to be delivered within a week or two.

    Hopefully, this report will be helpful to this Council when producing our biodiversity action plan – see minute 14) below.

14. **Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP)**:

    Cllr Simpson has been working on a draft plan. Once the biodiversity report on Maesceinion Park is available he will have discussions with Waunfawr Community Association about the incorporation of elements in that report into the Faenor Community Council BAP.

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