



HENLLYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES , ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MONDAY 13th MAY 2024 at 6.00 pm

1. In attendance

Cllr's Waters , Everett , Lewis , Smith-Higgins , Webb , Thomas ,Burnett
Clerk
D Leech , TCBC

2. Cllr Waters was elected as Chair

3. Cllr Webb was elected as Vice Chair

4. No Declarations of Interest

5. Agreed Minutes of 2023 AGM

6. No Matters Arising

7. Retiring Chair's Report

The past year has been both interesting and challenging.

On the positive side we welcomed Steve Webb to the community council. Steve has been a welcome addition to our team. Both Steve and Jonathan Lewis have provided helpful challenges, when needed during discussions. Steve and Jonathan have also helped Lawrence with the community cinema events.

We have also established the Afternoon Tea club this year for older residents. With special thanks to Brenda Everett for all her hard work behind the scenes in setting up the club, organising the policies we needed, getting the equipment we needed at a very reasonable cost if any, and organising speakers for our sessions. Importantly Brenda has developed good working relationships with key organisations in our area, without their support we would have struggled. A special thanks go to Daniel at TVA and Sophie, (Community Resilience Support Officer) at TCBC for their support .

Brenda has also worked well with members in establishing relationships and encouraging members to share experience and knowledge about a wide range of topics. A special mention for Kay Lusk, currently our only volunteer who has also made a much valued contribution to the running of the group by encouraging members to participate in some excellent gentle exercise classes.

The community cinema has continued with film showings thanks to Lawrence. There is a lot of juggling involved in booking the equipment, collecting it and getting access to the village hall at the same time. We also had a very successful Henllys fete last July, with an inaugural dog show that was extremely well supported. The weather was perfect on the day and ensured attendees had chance to view all the stalls and attractions.

Thanks to our TCBC Councillors, Colette Thomas and Ron Burnett for their support over the past year.

The youth club continues to be successful and based on that success we are running a new group for older children in Henllys.

We are also enjoying a closer working relationship with Henllys LNR colleagues. This relationship has been beneficial to both organisations as the year progressed. It was heartening to welcome a group of Friends of Henllys LNR to the Remembrance Day service by the oak tree on the LNR. The inaugural service and the first few years following, having been conducted under strict Covid restrictions.

We are also working more closely with Henllys village hall officers and trustees. Both organisations understand the benefits that can be obtained for residents by developing this relationship.

Unfortunately, there have been difficulties. The unclear and slow process of the Communities Review and lack of transparent communication from TCBC has led to frustration among many of Torfaen's community councils including Henllys CC.

The debacle of Henllys Way play park is still ongoing. To date, we are still waiting for an acknowledgment from Stephen Vickers, CEO of TCBC to our letter emailed on the 25th April. We are keeping residents informed about the situation as we are publishing all correspondence on our website www.henllys-cc.gov.wales

A special thanks goes to Adrian, Clerk to Henllys CC, for all his support, advice and sense of humour during my year as Chair.

8. Confirmation of Bank Signatories

Cllr Smith-Higgins ,Cllr Everett, Cllr Burnett, Cllr Waters and Cllr Lewis.

9. Agreed Members Allowances for 24/25 :

- Chair Allowance (£300 , 24/25)
- Vice-Chair Allowance (£150 , 24/25)
- Basic Allowance of £156 , as specified by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales
- Consumables Allowance of £52 , as specified by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

10. Approved Standing Orders , Financial Regulations & Risk Assessment Schedule

11. Elected members with special responsibility and of representation

Henllys Village Hall	Cllr Burnett
Emergency Officer	Cllr Burnett
Henllys CC Business Planning & Finance Working Group	All Members
Henllys CC HR Working Group	Cllr Waters, Cllr Smith-Higgins, Cllr Everett