

# **Cyngor Cymuned Penybontfawr Community Council**

## **MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

### **Held at Canolfan Pennant on Tuesday 23 October 2012.**

#### **Present:**

Councillors: RP Williams (Chair), JE Jones, MH Jones, DR Lloyd, DG Smout, P Williams, Clerk G Bradley, County Councillor D Mayor

#### **1- Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs GJ Roberts, P Williams, County Cllr D Mayor

#### **2 – Declaration of Interests**

None

#### **3- Minutes of Last Meeting**

The Minutes of the last meeting (25 Sept 2012) were approved, and signed (Proposer: Cllr JE Jones/ Seconded: Cllr DR Lloyd)

#### **4 – Matters arising from Minutes**

Item 8 - Parking sign. There was further discussion regarding the resident complaint about a parking restriction sign that has been newly erected next to his property. Since the last meeting, some Councillors the Clerk have looked at the sign and cannot see any significant issue, but Cllr JE Jones agreed to inspect further to ensure that no damage was caused to the residence when it was erected by the Council

Item 8 - Pothole. The Clerk ascertained checked where the pothole is and will now report it to Powys Highways

Item11 – AOB. Cllr JE Jones suggested that post-meeting, Councillors should jointly inspect the waste bin deterioration that RoSPA raised as a possible issue. At the subsequent site meeting it was agreed that Cllr JE Jones would make good the small amount of damage with concrete surfacing.

#### **5 – Correspondence**

- *One Voice Wales - Annual Conference Agenda for 13 Oct 2012 (location Pontrhydfendigaid)*
- *Powys Teaching Health Board Strategy for Mental Services - notification of consultation meeting*
- *Dyfed-Powys Police - Notification of Joint Community Consultative Meeting at Welshpool on 22 October 2012*
- *Powys County Council - Notification about Community Councillor General Dispensation to speak and vote on all Wind farm /Renewable Energy issues ( excepting ones where a Cllr or a close personal association has a specific pecuniary interest – gain or loss*
- *Powys County Council - Notification about Community Councillor Blanket Dispensation to speak and vote on all School Modernisation and School transport Review ( excepting where there is a pecuniary prejudicial interest etc. as above)*
- *Powys County – Revised Declaration of Interest forms. The Clerk will ensure that, in case of future need, copies are available at future meetings*

- *Russell George AM – Dates of Advice Surgeries to 23 Nov 2012.* Clerk to post on Notice Board
- *Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod Annual Appeal – Clerk to bring up again at February Council Meeting*
- *Powys Children and Young People's Partnership – Play sufficiency Assessment and Open Space Assessment Consultation – request for details of existing provision*

## **6 – Finance**

Current Bank balances were advised as:

Current Account - £ 2781.63 (as at 4 Oct 2012)

Deposit Account - £ 3288.71 (as at 4 Sept 2012)

Annual Audit: The Clerk advised that, following completion of the Audit process, the External Auditors (BDO) had now submitted their fee in the sum of £108.00. Payment was approved (Proposer: Cllr. DG Smout/ Seconded: Cllr. DR Lloyd)

The Clerk requested payment of his Clerk Honorarium for the 1 Apr – 30 Sept 2012 period. The rate agreed for last Council year would be continued into the current year at £250 per quarter and payment was approved in the sum of £500 for the 6 months period ((Proposer: Cllr. JE Jones/ Seconded: Cllr. MH Jones).

The Clerk also requested payment of his expenses for the same period in the sum of £5.95. Payment was approved (Proposer: Cllr. MH Jones/ Seconded: Cllr. JE Jones). Three separate cheques were then issued accordingly in respect of the above.

The Clerk advised that he had received the request from Powys County Council for the Community Council's Precept claim in respect of both Recreational facilities and Cemeteries. He explained that the process has changed and henceforth the precept granted would be informed by costs incurred over the recently audited financial period.

The Clerk related the ongoing saga of setting up the changes to the Community Council signatories to the Bank Accounts. As this had been running for some 4 months, he had recently spoken to the Complaints Department of HSBC and the matter is now close to being resolved. However as Cllr G Roberts is not an existing client of HSBC, he would first need to visit Oswestry HSBC and provide proof of identity credentials, following which the changes could then be implemented. Clerk to convey this information to Cllr Roberts

Notification has been received from Powys County Council that their charge for the Penybontfawr Community Council Uncontested Election will be £196 and that this amount will be deducted from the next Precept payment (received December end)

## **7 – Planning**

Powys CC has consulted about a 5kw wind turbine on Land at Cefnhir- Fawr, Llanrhaeadr YM. Councillors concluded that no response was necessary as this was some distance beyond the Community Council boundary.

The Clerk advised that next Powys CC Planning Liaison Meeting was to be held at Welshpool on Wednesday 21 November (7.00 pm start). Cllrs JE Jones and DG Smout will attend, probably to be accompanied by the Clerk.

## **8 – Highways**

There was general discussion about the amount of standing surface water on roads throughout the Community Council area, this being caused by blocked drains. Cllr. R Lloyd advised that County Highway would now be unlikely to deal with any drain clearance requests until March 2013 onwards, so the suggestion was that a comprehensive list be compiled for

submission around this date. Several locations were mentioned to be included, but revisit in February Council Agenda.

#### **9 - Clerk Replacement**

A local person has expressed a tentative interest in possibly acting as 'Assistant/Stand - in' Clerk when the current Clerk was away from Wales during 2013. It was agreed that this might provide a solution and the Clerk agreed to meet with the interested party to explore possibilities.

#### **10 - Hirnant Community centre – perimeter wall**

Cllr Graham Smout has now spoken further to Heritage Lottery Fund about the Hirnant Churchyard wall deterioration. The preliminary advice received is that if this could be dressed up into a broader community project possibly involving the local primary school, Hirnant residents and other local groups, there might be chance of a contribution up to 90% of the cost to include the rebuilding the entire wall. The application process is however elongated with the preliminary application to be submitted by 1 April 2013 (circa 3 months before response).

Cllr Smout had prepared a first draft outline of a project that might for example include wild flower planting areas in keeping with the conservation designation and benches for contemplation within the cemetery area.

Cllr RP Williams to explore possibilities with Head Teacher/ School Governors. Clerk to investigate possible synergy with Walford College Course Managers (e.g. the Countryside and Wildlife Management Course)

#### **11- Any Other Business**

No items raised

#### **12 - Date of Next Meeting**

Agreed as 7.30 pm on Tuesday 27 November 2012.