

Cyngor Cymuned **Penybontfawr Community Council**

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Canolfan Pennant on Tuesday 24 April 2012.

Present:

Councillors: P Williams (Chair), RP Williams, E Griffiths, J E Jones, MH Jones, Clerk GD Bradley and County Councillor Simon Baynes

1- Apologies for Absence – Councillor E Lewis, DR Lloyd

2 – Declaration of Interests

None

3- Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting (27 March 2012) were approved, and signed (Proposer: Cllr M H Jones / Seconded: Cllr E Griffiths)

4 – Matters arising from Minutes

No items raised

5 – Election

The Clerk reported that seven applications had been submitted for the seven Councillor vacancies meaning that the Election was not contested. D Graham Smout and Graham J Roberts would therefore join the five Councillors standing again to form the new Community Council after 8 May.

6 – Finance

Current Bank balances were advised as:

Current Account - £ 481.67 (as at 4 April 2012)

Deposit Account - £ 3288.25 (as at 4 April 2012)

The Clerk advised that he had obtained Bank Mandate forms as cheque signatories would need to be re-considered after the Election.

Renewal of the Council Insurance Policy due on 1 June was invited by AON at a cost of £879.75. The Clerk advised that this represented a 2.94% increase over the previous year and that he has contacted another possible Insurer who had provisionally quoted a similar figure. It was agreed that the Council should look at alternative insurers possibly through a broker when renewal was due next time around. Approval was given to payment (Proposer Cllr MH Jones /Seconded Cllr JE Jones)

7 - Correspondence

- *A Voice for You – providing information services to help people with learning disabilities and seeking volunteer helpers*
- *Lord Lieutenant – Information about Powys Diamonds in the Park event at Crickhowell on 27 April*
- *Co-ordinating Officer for SLCC – request for Councillor thoughts about future remuneration*
- *Community Health Council(CHC) - Meeting at Newtown on 18 May about review of CHC's across Wales*

- *Play in Powys Newsletter*
- *Powys Rural Housing Enablers Newsletter*
- *Welsh Assembly Government – Information about Local Service Boards*
- *Community Council Policies - receipt of generic Complaints Policy*
- *Neighbourhood Police – monthly report*
- *Llanfyllyn and Districyt Practice Patients Participation Group – request for contribution towards their ‘Message in a Bottle Scheme’ which allows Emergency Services to identify patients special medication needs or allergies by retrieving the details from a common location (the fridge). Councillors felt that this was a worthy cause and agreed to donate £50 (Proposer Cllr P Williams/ Seconded Cllr MH Jones)*
- *Friends of Ysgol Pennant re Donation towards Annual Fun day. Councillors agreed to contribute £50 (Proposer Cllr MH Jones/ Seconded Cllr JE Jones)*

8 – Planning

The Clerk advised that a copy of the formal consent notice had been received in respect of the lifting of the s.52 planning local needs obligation at Llwyn Onn Ffordd Goed Penybontfawr. The Clerk update on the progress of the Powys LDP commenting that Penybontfawr was now provisionally designated as a Large Village which would have a development boundary inset map, and Hirnant as a Rural Community where only local needs housing requirement would receive approval.

9 – Highways

The failure of Enterprise to make good damage caused by the new water supply installation in Hirnant road was again raised. Clerk to take up with County Highways again.

The poor road surface either side of the river bridge on Llanrhaeadr road to be raised again, as should the work needed to the road leading to Cllr P Williams farm.

The Clerk reported that he had received written confirmation from County Highways confirming that interactive mobile speed signs would appear at the main road entries to the village. However a date could not be given at present.

A copy of a new handbook ‘Traffic in Villages – A toolkit for Communities’ had also coincidentally been received.

10 - Any Other Business

Cllr RP Williams reported that some progress was being made with the Jubilee bonfire proposal in conjunction with the village hall committee which he would update at the next meeting.

The Clerk reminded Councillors about the Hirnant Community International Supper and Quiz on 19 May.

The Chairman thanked retiring County Councillor Simon Baynes for his excellent support, and retiring Community Councillor Emrys Griffiths for his many years of service to the community. A similar message would be conveyed to Cllr Evan Lewis who was not present.

11 - Date of Next Meeting

The next Council Meeting date was agreed (7.30 pm Tuesday 29 May 2012). This would be preceded by the Annual Meeting.