

Cyngor Cymuned **Penybontfawr Community Council**

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING Held at Canolfan Pennant on Tuesday 24 February 2015.

Present:

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

1- Apologies for Absence

None

2 - Declaration of Interests

None

3 - Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting (27 January 2015) were approved, and signed (Proposer: Cllr. MH Jones / Seconded: Cllr. DR Lloyd). At the same time, the Minute of the supplementary meeting held on 10 February 2015 was approved.

4 - Matters arising from Minutes

No items raised

5 Correspondence

- *Wales Government re: Consultation on White Paper – Reforming Local Government: Power to the People*
- *Society of Local Council Clerks re: Finance CPD Course, 3 March at Llandrindod Wells*
- *One Voice Wales re: Response to the Wales Government Consultation on Proposed Amendments to Legislation on the Power to override Easements and Other Rights*
- *Wales Government re: Local Government Democracy (Wales) Act 2013 – Requirement for all Community Councils to provide electronic Access to Council Information by means of a website.* The Clerk advised that it was a legal requirement w.e.f. 1 May 2015 that each Council publish basic information about each of its Members, approved Meeting Minutes, Audited Annual Accounts, and Notice of forthcoming Council Meetings. The preparation of Penybontfawr Community Council website, for which we have received a grant, has been in the hands of Cllr G Roberts assisted by the Clerk.
- *Montgomery Community Health Council re: Notice of Full Council Meeting rearranged for 27 Feb 15*
- *PAVO e-Briefing with latest news and including information about funding opportunities*
- *Powys County Council re: Ongoing roll-out of new kerbside recycling scheme arrangements*
- *Powys Archives Centre re: Survey seeking people's views about archives in advance of Lottery Application for funding to digitalise records and so make them available online*

- *Planning Aid Wales re: Planning Training Workshop 22 April 15 at Brecon (Cost £30 per head)*
- *Care and Repair in Powys, bringing attention to this organisation's work in keeping older and disabled citizens safe, warm and secure in their homes, the focus being on helping or advising with all aspects of home improvements and adaptations*
- *PAVO re: Survey about Third Sector capability via volunteer centres to help out with Befriending, Information and Advocacy services*
- *Wales Government re: Consultation Paper on Proposal for Land Transaction Tax to replace Stamp Duty w.e.f. from 2018*
- *Russell George AM - February Newsletter*
- *One Voice Wales re: Draft National Training Strategy 2015-18*
- *One Voice Wales re: Launch of new One Voice Wales website. Cllr G Smout requested that he is provide with the password access*

6- Finance

6.1 Current Bank balances were advised as:

Current Account - £3716.02 (as at 4 Feb 2015)

Deposit Account - £2742.76 (as at 4 Jan 2015).

6.2 The Clerk presented a summary of Charity Donations made in previous years, and an updated breakdown of the anticipated Council finances to the end of the current financial year. He then recommended that the 2014/15 section 137 contributions should be limited to Canolfan Pennant, St Thomas Church, Bethania Chapel, and Hirnant Community Centre, i.e. that there was no funding balance available for any other charities. Considerable discussion then followed about whether the contributions to these local organisations should be reduced from those made in 2013/14 to release funding for other worthy charitable causes and also ensure that the Year-end bank balance remained 'in the black'. There was also concern that contributions could not be made to other Charities.

Eventually Cllr G Roberts Proposed that each of these four organisations should receive 5% less than last year which would reduce the total outlay by £95.00 (see 6.3 for proposed payments). This Proposal was seconded by Cllr MH Jones. However an Amendment was then put forward by Cllr RP Williams that the contributions remain the same and that a £100 donation be made in addition to Wales Air Ambulance. This would have had the result that the Year End balance went nominally into the red, but on the basis that this deficit would be recovered in the following financial year. However there was no Secunder to this Amendment, and the first Proposal was then approved.

6.3 The following payments were authorised :

Canolfan Pennant - £950.00 (s137 contribution – see above)

St Thomas Church - £380.00 (s137 contribution – see above)

Bethania Chapel - £380.00 (s137 contribution – see above)

Hirnant Community Centre - £95.00 (s137 contribution – see above)

One Voice Wales - £64.00 (Renewal of annual subscription – Proposer Cllr G Smout/ Seconded: Cllr P Williams)

7 – Clustering

The Clerk advised that there was a further meeting on 9 March at Welshpool Town Council offices and it was confirmed that he and Cllr G Smout hoped to attend.

There was further discussion about the impacts/ dpracticalities of working within a 'cluster' group, but it was again felt that the absence of solid information meant that Councillors were unable to draw any conclusion as to the best the way forward. The discussion included the possibility of

setting up a mini cluster based on Tanat Valley Community Councils, but County Cllr Darren Mayor was unable to shed any light on what these other local Councils currently felt about joining the Llanfyllin group. It was therefore hoped that the 9 March meeting would provide more background information about the proposal. The Clerk confirmed that he had registered a provisional interest through North Montgomeryshire Local Council Forum about inclusion of Penybontfawr CC within the Llanfyllin Town Council cluster group

8 – Council Assets – maintenance

The Clerk requested that this item be deferred

9 – Planning

The Clerk reported that Planning Application P/2014/0296 – 45.08m high to blade tip wind turbine plus associated works at Allt Goch (Penllwyn Fram), Llanfyllin was considered by Committee on 2 Feb 2015. This is a long standing application that has been revised on several occasions – County Cllr D Mayor believed that it was approved at the Meeting.

10 – Highways

Cllr G Smout provided an update in respect of the progress of the revised parking restrictions being proposed by Powys CC in Penybontfawr village centre. He reported that there are some minor discrepancies between the detail originally agreed with Penybontfawr Community Council and those taken to the Highways Committee, despite his raising these with the Highways engineer beforehand. However, as there will shortly be a period of formal public consultation involving the posting of notices in the village, it is suspected that objections will be put forward both to Powys CC and the Community Council, which will then allow the possibility of later review/ amendments.

11 – Any Other Business

Cllr RP Williams reported that there have been no further information in respect of the recent fly tipping in the Churchyard.

Cllr JE Jones reported that he had received a complaint about litter/ rubbish in the bus shelter and that he had dealt with this issue himself.

Comment was also made about the deteriorating condition of the retaining wall at the back of the recently widened pavement to the front of the new development in Hirnant Road. The Clerk undertook to discuss this with the highways officer.

Cllr G Roberts reported that he had received an approach about Community Council funding for a local project which is being developed to support/ help local youths. More information is needed before this can be discussed.

12 - Date of Next Meeting

Agreed as 7.30pm, Tuesday 31 March 2015.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm