

# Cyngor Cymuned **Penybontfawr Community Council**

## **MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING Held at Canolfan Pennant on Tuesday 24 June 2014.**

### **Present:**

Councillors: JE Jones (Chair), MH Jones, DR Lloyd, DG Smout, G Roberts, P Williams, RP Williams, Clerk G Bradley,

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

County Cllr D Mayor

### **2 - Declaration of Interests**

None

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

The Minutes of the last meeting (20 May 2014) were approved, and signed (Proposer: Cllr. MH Jones / Seconded: Cllr. DR Lloyd).

### **4 - Matters arising from Minutes**

The Clerk mentioned that, following on from the discussion at the last meeting about possible additional funding streams, a source of income could be from selling advertising space on the forthcoming Community Council website

### **5 – Correspondence**

The internet connection problems being suffered by the Clerk are still not resolved and therefore he was not regrettably able to report upon any correspondence received electronically. Correspondence received by post is as following:

- *One Voice Wales – Agenda for Montgomeryshire Area Committee on 11 June*
- *One Voice Wales – Spring Newsletter*
- *Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – Annual report*
- *Cymdeithas Adloniant Tanat (CAT) – Request for contribution towards cost of local event on 14 June.* Councillors agreed to make a contribution of £40.00. Proposer Cllr RP Williams/ Seconded Cllr M H Jones
- *Powys CC – Details of Ranking scheme for undertaking minor works to roads.* The Clerk read out the ranking criteria.

### **6 - Finance**

- The Clerk provided background financial information and presented the finalised external Audit proforma for signature. This was accepted by all Councillors present and the Chairman and Clerk then duly signed off the relevant sections. The proforma will now be sent off to the Government Auditors and there will be a further stage to be processed by the Community Council when the auditors have satisfied themselves about the information provided.
- Current Bank balances were advised as:  
Current Account - £1321.24 (as at 4 June 2014).

Deposit Account - £2741.98 (as at 4 June 2014).

- Approval was given to payment of the following invoices:  
RA Jones - £30.00 - Fee for carrying out internal audit of 2013/14 accounts  
Proposer: Cllr G Smout/ Seconded: Cllr DR Lloyd  
Cymdeithas Adloniant Tanat - £40.00 - donation towards costs of running local event. Proposer Cllr RP Williams/ Seconded: Cllr G Roberts

## **7 – Planning**

No consultations to discuss

## **8 – Highways**

- Powys CC Highways Dept has advised that a VAS (speed approach electronic warning sign) is scheduled to be erected on a temporary basis (possibly 6 Months) on the Oswestry approach side of the village). Date uncertain at present.
- Notification has been received that there will be a Temporary Road Closure of U2012 Ffordd Goed 14 July -16 July to allow installation of services to the new house under construction further up the hill. Notices have apparently been posted locally by the Highways Dept.
- Councillors present at the meeting with County Highways representatives to discuss the collapsing state of the back road to Abertridwr (C207) reported that there has at last been recognition that the use by timber haulage vehicles has advanced the need for reinforcement of sections of this road. The costs of carrying out the works properly was estimated to be c.£200000 and it was agreed that the 'do nothing scenario' was no longer an option. As imposing a permanent weight restriction is not feasible, and some works must therefore be undertaken urgently, County Highways planned to discuss third party contributions from the timber haulage companies. In the meantime there is reserve funding available that is held by County Highways which might allow interim works to the cost of c £50000 to be carried out. These might be carried out in conjunction with imposition of a temporary weight restriction to arrest the ongoing deterioration of the structure of the road. Cllr G Smout will follow up on the outcomes of the site meeting.
- Cllr G Smout reported that County Highways has indicated that they are now able to progress the changes to parking restrictions in Penybontfawr. Notice has been placed in the Post Office and a consultation response will be sent by the Community Council when the local attitude to the proposed changes becomes known.
- Cllr DR Lloyd advised that road side verge cutting contractor would be operating in the area over the next few weeks
- Cllr G Roberts raised an issue about the possible obliteration of two public footpaths by Forestry Commission Wales operations. The Clerk advised that he had a good relationship with Footpaths officer of Powys CC and it was agreed that the Clerk /Cllr Roberts to discuss at a later date with the Definitive Footpaths map available

## **9 – WW1 Commemoration Event**

Cllr G Roberts advised that he had received no response to his approach to the local WI about possible events. However, he understood that the school will still be incorporating a project into the learning programme during September.

The Clerk advised that, on Saturday evening, 2 August, Hirnant Community Centre was staging supper and a short 'play' as a memorial. He hoped that Councillors might consider attending as there was apparently no other local event scheduled

## **10 - Any Other Business**

Cllr DG Lloyd again raised the long term problem of flooding from the surface water drainage system in and around the Dolofan estate. He and the Clerk would visit the issue on site after the meeting to inform the latter more fully.

Recent Meeting with Ambulance Service manager in Penybontfawr – Attended by c.15 local Community Councillors. Reassurance was given that 12 more ambulance personnel were being recruiting/ trained for the Powys district and that it was hoped that 24 hour ambulance cover based in Llanfyllin would be reinstated from October onwards. A back-up ambulance would if necessary be called from either Bala or Welshpool, albeit with a lengthier travel time issue. Councillors were particularly pleased to learn that a person living in Penybontfawr was currently training as a paramedic.

The Clerk then enquired about the availability of defibrillators the local area. The nearest is apparently based in Llanrhaeadr YM. Local communities, if requiring such equipment, would apparently need to raise some of the funding towards the cost of acquisition/ training of operators/insurance (a partial grant may also be available from British Heart Foundation). It was generally agreed that this should be further investigated with a view to possibly making such equipment available in the village.

## **11 - Date of Next Meeting**

Agreed as 7.30pm Tuesday 29 July 2014.

*Meeting closed at 8.40pm*