

Cyngor Cymuned **Penybontfawr Community Council**

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING Held at Canolfan Pennant on Tuesday 25 June 2013.

Present:

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

1- Apologies for Absence

Cllr RP Williams

2- Declaration of Interests

None

3- Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting (4 June 2013) were approved, and signed (Proposer: Cllr JE Jones / Seconded: Cllr GJ Roberts).

4- Matters arising from Minutes

None raised

5 – Correspondence

- *Rebecca Evans AM – Newsletter*
- *One Voice Wales - Allotments/ Community Growing events Training session*
- *Russell George - Request for information including dates of local shows and carnivals. Clerk to respond mentioning Sheep Dog Trials and Gardening & Produce Show at August Bank Holiday*
- *Welsh Government - Information about Commission on Public Service Governance and Delivery*
- *One Voice Wales - Enclosing Draft Technical Advice Note (TAN) 23 Economic Development*
- *Gwyl Cerdd Dant Ystrad Fflur a'r Fro 2013 - Request for donation towards cost of running event on 9 Nov 2013. Councillors considered this was insufficiently local to warrant consideration.*
- *Wales Government - Notification of public engagement events re: Commission on Devolution*
- *Age Concern Powys – Newsletter*
- *Public Services Ombudsman for Wales - Annual Report 2012/13*
- *One Voice Wales – The Voice newsletter*

6 - Finance

Current Bank balances were advised as:

Current Account - £1866.25 (as at 4 June 2013)). The Clerk commented that after outstanding cheques cleared this would reduce to £1089.35

Deposit Account - £3290.10 (as at 4 June 2013)

Payment of the following was approved (Proposer JE Jones / Seconded P Williams):

GD Bradley - £43.00 (Clerk expenses incurred)

7 - Annual Audit

The Clerk handed to all Councillors copies of:

- i) the Annual Audit document
- ii) the Bank Reconciliation
- iii) the Receipts and Payments Summary Statement.

He explained the position to date as following. The internal Auditor (RA Jones) has signed off the accounts and the next stage in the process is for the Councillors to approve the Annual Governance Statement and then for the Chairman to sign the Audit Return information. Councillors approved the information presented (Proposer: GJ Roberts / Seconded DG Smout).

The Clerk will now forward the relevant information to the UK Auditors

8 – Planning

The Clerk advise that he had written a letter to the Director of Planning Services about i) the failure of PCC to consult notify the Community Council about one planning application (at least) ii) the possibility that a Tree Preservation Order had not been notified to the Community Council as owners of Hirnant Churchyard iii) the failure of the Enforcement Officer to provide any feedback in respect of an issue raised in the village. Disappointingly, no response has yet been received.

There then ensued a lengthy discussion about the County Council handling of the planning application in respect of the new dwelling on land adjacent to Ffordd Goed, Penybontfawr.

County Councillor Darren Mayor was as concerned as the Community Councillors about the apparent latest turn of events which, if understood correctly, potentially imposed an additional financial burden on the applicant. However, as nobody present was entirely certain of the facts, it was then agreed that Councillor JE Jones would contact the applicant to check the position from his point of view. The information would be fed back to the Clerk who would then write a suitable letter of concern to the Director of Planning

9 – Highways

The on-going lack of attention to highway defects was again discussed and there was some reluctant understanding about the lack of maintenance staff and reduced County Council funding. However, the Clerk will contact the relevant County highways officer to discuss the Councillors concerns and report back to the next meeting.

10 - Hirnant Cemetery – perimeter wall

The Clerk reported on a lengthy and helpful telephone conversation that he had with the North Powys Conservation Officer about the Community Council's concern about the Hirnant churchyard wall. She will be sending the Clerk some mapping and other information by e-mail shortly, on receipt of which she requested that he then followed up the telephone conversation by sending a short summary of the possible issues and outlined the proposed work. This was

verbally described and she had indicated, in principle, that as this was not extensive and might be considered as preventative maintenance, she could not see the need for a Conservation Area application/ approval for the work or that the highways officer would be likely to object. On receipt of the outline of proposed work she would then look at the site, and confirm her preliminary opinion.

Mention was also made that there may be the slight possibility of a grant of up to £8000 availability in the next financial year if she considered the wall deterioration was more serious

11 - WW1 Commemoration event

Councillor G J Roberts provided an update about progress. He had followed up the Powys County Council invitation to contribute information/ ideas towards an application for a Heritage Lottery Grant. Mention had been made that there might also be the possibility of a grant towards individual Community Councils of up to £3000. It was generally agreed that the possibility of putting forward the idea of a War Memorial on the school /village hall site should be considered further and Cllr. Roberts kindly agreed to pull together more information and come back to the Community Council Meeting on 1 October with a more detailed proposal.

12 – Replacement Notice Board

The Clerk resurrected a suggestion made some months back that the Community Council should purchase a new noticeboard for the display of Notices, Council Meeting dates, Minutes & etc. and that this might be located in a more prominent position within the village where there was greater footfall. The Community would then have an opportunity to be better informed about the activities/ actions of Community Council. After discussion about various possible locations , it was agreed it would be best to locate a board within or on the edge of the school/ village hall site. After the subsequent site meeting, there was concurrence that it should ideally be a double sided board located on the front boundary of the Canolfan Pennant end of the site (between the gate and the village hall).

The following actions will now be undertaken

- i) There should be a discussion with the Village Hall Committee to see if they would contribute towards the cost on the basis that one side of the noticeboard would be dedicated to village hall matters. The acquisition of a double sided board would significantly increase the cost but, if a contribution could not be made, the Community Council would then necessarily revert to single sided board.
- ii) As the board would be placed just inside the front boundary fence, the necessary approval of the school and the landowner will be required.

13 - Any Other Business

- i) The Clerk raised the deteriorating condition of the bus shelter in the car- park and suggested that it might shortly require redecoration and some repairs. Councillors' were asked to have a look before the next meeting.
- ii) The Clerk informed Councillors that no response has yet been received from the County Council to the request for a grant towards the cost of constructing a Community Council website

14 - Date of Next Meeting

Agreed as 7.30pm Tuesday 30 July 2013.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm