

# **Cyngor Cymuned **Penybontfawr** Community Council**

## **MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

### **Held at Canolfan Pennant on Tuesday 26 June 2012.**

#### **Present:**

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

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

None

#### **2 – Declaration of Interests**

None

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

The Minutes of the last meeting (29 May 2012) were approved, and signed (Proposer: Cllr DR Lloyd / Seconded: Cllr JE Jones)

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

No items raised

#### **5 – Correspondence**

- *Police – Neighbourhood Management update*
- *Cymdeithas Adloniant Tanat (CAT) re: request for contribution towards costs of annual festival Tan Tanat on 23 June.* Although the event had taken place by the date of the Community Council Meeting, Councillors decided to give a donation and it was decided that this should match the previous contribution made in 2010/11. Clerk to ascertain amount and issue cheque accordingly (Proposer: GJ Roberts/Seconded: DG Smout). Note: On checking subsequently, the Clerk found the amount to be £40.00.
- *Powys Regeneration Partnership – Newsletter*
- *Denbighshire County Council re: Closure of B4391 over Berwyn Hills – Acknowledgement from Chief Executive of receipt of Clerk's letter.* The CEO's letter confirmed that closure would now be reduced to a 'few days rather than weeks' as first advertised, and that advance signage would be also improved. The Clerk thanked County Councillor Darren Mayor for the considerable efforts that he had made to bring about a compromise to the proposed nine week closure order.
- *Bodfach Garden Open Day* – The Clerk advised that Hirnant Community Centre had received a £200 donation from this event
- *Network Rail – Consultation letter from about updating the radio communication system at Penybontfawr railway station.* The Clerk advised that he had again pointed out to them that they were confusing two Penybontfawrs.
- *CCW Funding Newsletter – June/ July edition.* Cllr Elfyn Jones requested that he receive a copy in connection with a search for funding to upgrade the Community Hall. Clerk to channel it to him by e-mail through Cllr DG Smout
- *Swansea Metropolitan University re: Research on how Community/Town Councils remove 'Additional Community Governors' from office.* The Clerk explained that he did not understand this correspondence. After discussion with the help of those

present who are also School Governors, it was decided that this did have any relevance to this Community Council.

- *One Voice Wales- Notice of Area Committee Meeting on 4 July 2012*
- *Public Service Ombudsman for Wales – Annual Report 2011/12*

## **6 – Finance**

Current Bank balances were advised as:

Current Account - £ 1319.63 (as at 4 June 2012)

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

## **7 – Planning**

*Planning Application P2011 1183 - Revised application for erection of dwelling on Land at Ffordd Goed, Penybontfawr.* The Clerk reported that he had notified the Planning Authority that the Community Council had no objections and had expressed the concern of the Council had about the delays in determining this application. An acknowledgement had subsequently been received from the Planning Officer confirming that her report was now lodged with a senior manager and that she therefore expected that it would be resolved in the near future.

## **8 – Highways**

There was discussion about the ongoing parking issues on the road outside the shop and the complaints that had been received. Although parking is strictly limited to 30 minutes maximum, vehicles were being left there permanently which was hindering delivery vehicles and regularly causing them to park on the double yellow lines near the bridge. Other residents vehicles were regularly also parked partly on the pavement and the double lines between the shop and the bridge which exacerbated the problem. Councillors considered whether the local police should be requested to intervene but agreed before this is done, the Clerk should write a suitable letter to the Tanat Chronicle to bring attention to the issue.

Two new Highway defects were raised to be reported to the County Highways (slabs in Station Road and narrowing of pavement between Railway Inn and car-park)

## **9 – Noticeboard**

Cllr DR Lloyd advised that there was a Notice board in the Council Depot that might suit the Community Council purposes. Clerk to arrange to have a look at the board

## **10- Any Other Business**

- Cllr. G Roberts raised the proposed revisions to the school transport policy that may have long term impacts for future pupil numbers at Ysgol Pennant. He would be attending a meeting later in the week and would subsequently directly update the Clerk on the outcomes and also provide a draft letter to be sent to Powys CC by the consultation deadline which was thought to be either the 9<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> July.

The possibility was discussed of producing a leaflet promoting the fact that Ysgol Pennant was a bilingual school rather than a Welsh medium school.

County Cllr Darren Mayor also spoke about the current transport policy changes to local schools and highlighted that the main effect of the new proposal was the likelihood of having to pay for transport to the school of language choice, should this not be the nearest school as designated by the County Council. This could have potentially detrimental impact on Ysgol Pennant/ Penybontfawr where pupil numbers are currently healthy, if local parents were then to elect for an English language education. C/Cllr Mayor was also particularly concerned that the policy change might

also cause a divide within communities if children were going in different directions for schooling and highlighted the hypothetical situation that might arise where he, as County Councillor representing both Penybontfawr and Llanwddyn might find himself in a quandary about representing two communities with different opinions

- Cllr. RP Williams raised the proposal by County Council to change the process for obtaining the over 60 bus passes. This would require attendance at Welshpool instead of Llanfyllin as part of centralisation. Llanfyllin Library staff has indicated that they would be able to take on this work. Clerk to write to Powys CC pointing out the inconvenience of this proposal to local residents and supporting the Library staff suggestion
- The deteriorating condition of the roadside wall at Hirnant Community Centre was discussed, it being confirmed by Cllr ME Jones following a visit that some repairs might be advisable. Cllr. Jones and Clerk to arrange a site meeting to discuss in more detail – the next Council Meeting to be at Hirnant if possible so that other Councillors could see the problem prior to further discussion at the next meeting.
- The Clerk requested that Councillors agree the wording of 'thank you' cards to be sent to former Community Councillors E Lewis and E Griffiths. After discussion Cllr. RP Williams undertook take the agreed wording away for translation into Welsh language and then forward this to the Clerk in order that the he could confirm the detail to the local contact

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

The next Council Meeting date was agreed (7.30 pm Tuesday 31 July 2012) - the venue to be Hirnant Community Centre