

Cyngor Cymuned **Penybontfawr Community Council**

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING Held at Canolfan Pennant on Tuesday 27 January 2015.

Present:

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

1- Apologies for Absence

G Roberts, P Williams

2 - Declaration of Interests

None

3 - Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting (27 November 2014) were approved, and signed (Proposer: Cllr. DR Lloyd / Seconded: Cllr. MH Jones).

4 - Matters arising from Minutes

No items raised

5 – Correspondence

- *One Voice Wales – Notification of Montgomeryshire Area Committee meeting on 27 January 2015*
- *Montgomeryshire Community Health Council – Notification of Committee meeting on 29 January 2015*
- *Hirnant Cemetery – Request by tree surgeon instructed by Scottish Power for authority to cut back branches of trees fouling power cables on perimeter of graveyard in two places. The Clerk advised that a beech and two yews needed to be cut back to achieve a 2m clearance. Councillors consented to the work.*
- *One Voice Wales - Notification of event on 14 May 2015 at Llandrindod Wells. Key topic areas: community governance, devolution of services, financial governance and accountability, contributing to sustainability. Fee £69.00*
- *Russell George AM January Newsletter – Various updates*
- *Oil Buying Club, Buysta Ltd – Request to give presentation to the Council about communities joining together to increase purchasing power. Councillors felt that the Council should not be directly involved but suggested that the letter be displayed on the shop notice board to attract local interest. A second similar letter was also received from Powys CC about buying energy collectively through the Cyd Cymru Scheme – see website for information*
- *Powys County Council – Asking residents to have their say on budget proposals for 2015/16 via their online survey which was first launched in October last. County Councillor Darren Mayor at this point updated Councillors in detail about the 2015/16*

Welsh Government settlement to Powys CC and the impact on next year services. He re-iterated that severe financial pruning and cutting back of services should be expected in coming years .

- *BT – Updating on their Superfast fibre broadband installation programme.* The Clerk advised that this area does not feature on the plan until at the earliest Spring 2016
- *Welsh Government re: Upland Forum – Seeking Chair and seven independent members to join the Forum for 2015-18*
- *National Eisteddfod Appeal Committee local fundraiser again reminding the Community Council that it had not yet contributed to the 1-8 August Meifod event.* The Clerk reminded Councillors that a number of similar letters have previously been received and re-iterated previous advice that unfortunately there would no surplus Community Council funding available for this event in the current financial year, but that the recently approved Community Council Budget now made provision for a £100 contribution in the next financial year. Cllr RP Williams to personally advise the Eisteddfod fundraiser that we will be prepared to issue a cheque for this amount during April – Councillors voted to approve this (Proposer: M Jones/ Seconded :R Lloyd)

6 - Finance

- Current Bank balances were advised as:
 - Current Account - £4601.02 (as at 4 Jan 2015)
 - Deposit Account - £2742.76 (as at 4 Jan 2015).
- The following payments were authorised :
 - G Williams - £105.00 (Materials for replacement notice board at Hirnant Churchyard) - Proposed: RP Williams / Seconded: DR Lloyd
 - A Hughes - £675.00 (Grass- mowing /maintenance of Hirnant Churchyard for 2014 season) - Proposed: DG Smout/ Seconded: DR Lloyd
- Taking into account usual known payments/ estimated costs falling due in the current financial year, the Clerk hoped that there might now be a nominal positive residual balance of circa £60.00 at financial year end.
- National Eisteddfod Appeal donation – see (5) Correspondence
- The Clerk advised that the separate Powys CC Cemetery and Recreational Services Grants have now been notified (one higher than budget/ the other lower). This nominally affected the approved Budget figures and therefore he had adjusted the final Precept submission to £7729 (the 57.86% increase is slightly lower than that previously approved))
- The Clerk advised that he had now received detailed explanations from both the National Auditors and the Welsh Minister (via Russell George AM). Basically their fee structure has been changed to benefit larger Councils but to the detriment of small Councils. Now that replies have been received to our query– however, unsatisfactory - the cheque approved and signed in September has been issued
- The Clerk informed Councillors that, on the 7 Jan 2015, an existing Hirnant grave was opened up for an additional burial (the late John Kenneth Watkins). A fee of £30 has been received.

7 – Information about Cluster Group Workshops at Llanfyllin on 28 January 2015.

The Clerk updated the arrangements for the above and it was confirmed that Councillors JE Jones and G Smout, together with the Clerk, would be attending

8 – Council Assets – maintenance

The Clerk requested that this item be deferred

9 – Planning

- *P2014/0694 Application for Listed Building Consent to carry out repairs to Glenhafon Fawr, Penybontfawr* – The Clerk advised that a copy of the Approval notice has now been received from Powys CC.
- *P 2014/0279 Application for Full Planning permission to erect a two storey rear extension at 4 Dolafon, Penybontfawr*. The Clerk advised that a copy of the Notice refusing consent to this proposed development has now been received from Powys CC.
However, an amended Application (*under reference P2015/0050*) has been now been submitted for a lesser rear extension. Councillors considered the plans in details and again had no Objections to the proposal
- *Powys Local Development Plan Update at January 2015*. Notification has been received that Welsh Government has advised Powys Council that the consultation process carried out during July/ September 2014 was technically flawed. The Deposit LDP consultation process will therefore need to be repeated in early 2015 – dates yet to be confirmed.

10 – Highways

The Clerk advised that notification had been received from Powys CC that the proposed village parking alterations were now being put forward by the Traffic Engineer to his Committee on 4 February and if then approved would then become the subject of formal local consultation. Prior to this Community Council meeting, the Clerk had forwarded Committee paper to Cllr G Smout to check that the proposals concurred with those originally agreed on the ground. Cllr G Smout reported to this meeting that there were some differences and it was therefore agreed that he would contact the traffic engineer direct to discuss these discrepancies. This might mean that the proposal will have to be withdrawn from the 4 Feb Agenda.

The repairs to the kissing gate at the edge of the car-park have recently been carried out by Powys CC as agreed. The responsibility for repair of the fencing between the playground and car-park lies with the Community Council and the Clerk will therefore prepare a draft schedule of repair works needed to this fence and the playground for discussion the next meeting.

There was discussion about various newly appeared potholes, which the Clerk will report to the Highways Department. Cllr R Lloyd advised that some further local work in this respect was planned but he could not confirm when.

The Clerk queried the replenishment of grit bins following the recent spell of icy weather - Cllr R Lloyd was not aware when this would occur but would make enquiries.

11 – Any Other Business

Cllr RP Williams reported that there has been some recent fly tipping in the Churchyard. However at this stage, there is currently no requirement for the Community Council to become involved, as a member of the local congregation has taken written action and awaits an outcome

12 - Date of Next Meeting

Agreed as 7.30pm, Tuesday 24 February 2015.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

**MINUTES OF SUPPLEMENTARY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING
Held at Canolfan Pennant on Tuesday 10th February 2015.**

Present:

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

A meeting was called to feed back information obtained by Councillor G Smout and the Clerk at the North Montgomeryshire Forum Meeting held on 28 January 2015 at Llanfyllin about possible clustering of Community Councils in this area to take over direct responsibility for certain non-statutory local services currently managed by Powys County Council.

It was agreed that the lack of financial information (not apparently available until circa May 2015) makes it difficult to fully understand how local 'clustering' would work both financially and in action. Therefore, it was agreed that Penybontfawr Community Council should express provisional interest in joining the Llanfyllin Town Council led cluster group, but also that any final decision about the 'vehicle' for delivery of these services should not be made until more information on the Llanfyllin cluster becomes available.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm