

Cyngor Cymuned Penybontfawr Community Council

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Canolfan Pennant on Tuesday 27 March 2012.

Present:

Councillors: P Williams (Chair), RP Williams, E Griffiths, DR Lloyd, J E Jones, MH Jones, Clerk GD Bradley and County Councillor Simon Baynes

Guests: Kit Carter, Ted Crawford

1- Apologies for Absence – Councillor E Lewis

2 – Discussion with Hirnant Community Centre Trustees

Ted Crawford and Kit Carter had accepted the Council's earlier invitation to attend the Community Council Meeting and discuss the current difficulties that the Hirnant Community Centre Trustees were experiencing.

The problem with bats within the Centre was elaborated together with an outline of the remedial work and costs incurred. They then moved onto the difficulty of attracting sufficient local attendance to events and the resultant impact on finances. On a more positive note they explained that as a result of an appeal for help, several new 'Friends' willing to assist, had come forward and two forthcoming fundraising events were now arranged as following:

- a local walk followed by soup and a pudding in the Centre (9 April)
- an International Food Supper and Quiz (19 May).

The number of Trustees has recently been denuded by resignation or departure from the district and they were hoping that the Community Council might help them find some new volunteers and also assist with the publication of forthcoming events.

There was then discussion about placing a new board in Hirnant Churchyard to advertise the availability of Community Centre facilities and they were seeking consent to this from the Community Council, as the responsible managers. This was provisionally agreed in principle but Councillors requested that more detail of the proposed display board and precise location be provided in due course. Councillors also suggested that advertising space be taken each month in Tanat Chronicle.

The Community Council then handed over a cheque for £100 as a contribution towards the running costs.

County Councillor Simon Baynes also kindly indicated that he would be prepared to consider contributing some of the proceeds from the Bodnant Hall Annual Open Day in June, this being subject to Hirnant Community Centre taking a stall at the event

3- Declaration of Interests

None

4 – Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting (28 February 2012) were approved, and signed (Proposer: Cllr JE Jones / Seconded: Cllr DR Lloyd)

5 - Matters arising from Minutes

No items raised

6 – Correspondence

- *Redwood Giftware re: Diamond Jubilee mugs etc*
- *One Voice Wales re: Strong Roots Project, a Partnership between OVW, Sustain Wales , and Climate Change Consortium for Wales*
- *One Voice Wales re: 2012/13 Membership of OVW at a cost of £58. Councillors agreed to renewal*
- *One Voice Wales – Copy of The Voice Newsletter*
- *Powys County Council re: Update about 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales. Advising that Montgomeryshire Committee had objected to the proposal and the reasons why. County Cllr. Simon Baynes provided some further background information*
- *Wales Air Ambulance – Certificate acknowledging receipt of £100 donation*
- *St Thomas Church and Canolfan Pennant - Receipts for donations*
- *Friends of Ysgol Pennant re: Notification Annual Fun Day event on 16 June and request for donation. On the advice of the Clerk, Councillors agreed to defer a decision on the latter until the forthcoming financial year*
- *One Voice Wales re: Information about the Wales Illegal Money Lending Unit*

7 – Election

The Clerk advised that a letter had been sent to Cllr. E Lewis enquiring about his future on the Council and a written response on his behalf had now received confirming that he does not wish to continue as a Councillor after the forthcoming election.

The Clerk also advised that he had received confirmation from Cllr. E Griffiths that he would also not be continuing after the Election.

There was then a discussion about potential replacement Councillors, assuming that there were no surprise candidates which was thought unlikely based on local information. Several possible replacements were discussed and two Councillors then took the spare Nomination forms and committed to speaking to and encouraging the suggested persons.

At the end of the meeting, Nomination forms were duly completed by Cllrs P Williams, PB Williams, JE Jones, ME Jones and DR Lloyd. The Clerk undertook to deliver these to the Returning Officer.

County Councillor Simon Baynes also advised that he was not standing again as a County Councillors and flagged up the name of his possible replacement (subject to election results)

8 - Finance/ Annual Audit

Current Bank balances were advised as:

Current Account - £ 3759.94 (as at 4 March 2012)

Deposit Account - £ 3288.25 (as at 4 March 2012)

The Clerk presented the latest copies of the Community Council's Risk Assessment Register and Asset Register which were both discussed and approved by Councillors

Asset Register – Proposer PB Williams/ Seconded JE Jones

Risk Assessment - Proposer DR Lloyd/ Seconded E Griffiths

The Clerk requested approval to payment of his Expenses for the financial year (£68.27 – backed by receipts). These were duly approved (Proposed by E Griffiths/ Seconded DR Lloyd)

The Clerk then requested payment of his annual Honorarium. He explained that it was difficult to remember to consistently record hours and therefore his suggested payment (£775) had been worked out by taking the average amount claimed by previous Clerks over the four

years prior to his appointment. Councillors then discussed the fair and reasonable amount that might be paid based on the supporting information sheet prepared by the Clerk and concluded that it should actually be increased to £1000 for the current financial year. This was voted upon and approved unanimously (Proposed by JE Jones/ Seconded E Griffiths)

9 – Planning

No items

10 – Highways

The Clerk updated on progress to obtain permanent electronic speed awareness signs either side of Penybontfawr village and advised that he had again recently contacted County Highways about these without yet having a response.

The Clerk advised that he had received a holding response from County Highways about the re-painting of the road markings at the approaches to and through Penybontfawr.

Concern was expressed about the several accidents that had recently occurred at the junction of the B4391 and the Llangedwyn road. The Give Way sign was not obvious as it is partly obscured by the hedgerow and the road markings were faded

Complaints were also made about the lack of forward signage warning that the B4391 Penybontfawr - Llanfyllin road was being intermittently closed for resurfacing. This repeats the poor experience when the Penybontfawr – Hirnant road was closed for the new water main

11 - Any Other Business

No items raised

12 - Date of Next Meeting

The next Council Meeting date was agreed (7.30 pm Tuesday 24 April 2012).