

Cyngor Cymuned **Penybontfawr Community Council**

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

Present:

Councillors: DR Lloyd (Chairman), JE Jones, MH Jones, DG Smout, P Williams, RP Williams, Clerk GD Bradley

1- Apologies for Absence

Cllr G Roberts, County Cllr D Mayor

2 - Declaration of Interests

None

3 - Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting (22 September 2015) were approved, and signed (Proposer: Cllr.JE Jones/ Seconded: Cllr MH Jones).

4 - Matters arising from Minutes

Cllr G Smout mentioned that the media was reporting that the proposed three weekly waste is definitely proceeding although he was not aware of the start date.

Cllrs G Smout and JE Jones summarised the information gleaned from attending the recent public meeting at Llanrhaeadr about future proposals for the NHS hospital services for residents in this area.

The Clerk advised that the approach made by the Green Inn owners about the possible meals on wheels service was principally seeking drivers for the service. It was also commented by Councillors that Wiltshire Farm Products currently already provides such a service to several residents in the area

5 - Correspondence

- *Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner - Quarterly update*
- *Mid and West Wales Fire and Resue Service - Request for comments on Draft Annual Improvement Plan for 2016/17*
- *Independent Review Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report*
- *Heritage Lottery Fund -- Seeking applications for appointment of Trustee for Wales*
- *Cain, Tanat and Vyrnwy Valley Cycle Path proposal - Public Meeting on 22 October*
- *Funding opportunity through Tesco Carrier Bag Levy – Availability of funding for green space projects*
- *Grow Wild Community Project Funding - Applications for £1000 - 4000 grants available for creation of inspiring spaces through planting of native wild flowers and plants*
- *Russell George AM October Newsletter.* The Clerk read out the sections providing updates on the NHS Future Fit programme services and Secondary Education Reorganisation
- *Mid Wales Housing Association – Annual Report 2015*
- *Welsh Government – Consulting on Green Paper about improvement of the quality of healthcare services in Wales*

- *One Voice Wales – Details of November Training Programme for Community Councillors*
- *Powys Citizens Advice Bureau – Seeking financial contributions*
- *CPRW Montgomeryshire – Best Kept Village Closing date for applications 26 Feb 2016*

6 - Finance

6.1 Current Bank balances were advised as:

Current Account - £4301.14 (as at 4 Oct 2015)

Deposit Account - £3094.38 (as at 4 Oct 2015)

6.2 The following payment were authorised :

- A Hughes - £625.00 - Charge for made for mid year mowing etc. of Hirnant Cemetery/ Memorial as per estimate (Proposer: Cllr G Smout / Seconded: Cllr RP Williams)
- GD Bradley (Clerk) - £152.98 – Postage stamps & printer cartridges (Proposer: RP Williams / Seconded: Cllr JE Jones)

6.3 The Clerk advised that the current Wales Government Auditors (BDO) are to be replaced by Grant Thornton in respect of the current and subsequent financial years. He commented that this might bring some changes in the format and additional work for the Clerk as they have provisionally flagged up that there will be a greater focus on governance. More information in respect of these new standards is to follow.

6.4 The Clerk distributed copies of two letters received from Powys County Council in respect of Community Delivery/ future funding, reduction of grants etc. It is hoped that more information will become available very shortly as this might have an impact on the setting of our Budget for next Financial year.

7 – Council Assets management

7.1 The Clerk advised that the fee structure for Hirnant Cemetery burials has not been revised since 2010, primarily because requests for interment over this period have been almost non-existent. However, as activity has slightly increased over the last 12 months, the Clerk felt that maybe the fees should be reviewed and therefore presented a draft of a revised fee structure. This was based on rates obtained for a number of other cemeteries across a wider area, it being commented that there are very wide discrepancies in the level of charges made.

It was considered that the Hirnant Cemetery rates should be at the bottom end of the range and as far as practical fall into line with other very local cemeteries. There was discussion that St Thomas's and Bethania Chapel rates should be benchmarks. As the Clerk had been unable to establish what these were currently, he requested local knowledge of contacts to follow up to obtain this information. A decision was deferred pending this information

7.2 Cllr JE Jones confirmed that he had now taken expert third party advice about the extant repair item (surfacing) at the playground and has concluded that this was not currently necessary

8 – Clustering

Notice has recently been received given of a further Cluster group meeting on 28 October in Llanfyllin. Cllrs G Smout and JE Jones have agreed to represent the Community Council at this meeting. The Clerk has, prior to this Community Council meeting, electronically passed new draft documentation to Cllr G Smout relating to this cluster group meeting.

9 – Clerk replacement

As advised in the 23 June Community Council meeting, the Clerk regrettably confirmed that he would be unable to continue in the role after 31 March 2016. Councillors will separately consider ways forward for finding a replacement.

10 - Planning .

Planning Application Consultation P/2015/0857 – Penybontfawr, Y Llwybr Arian (Erection of double garage). Councillors raised no objections to this proposal

11 – Highways

No items raised

12 - Website information

Cllr G Roberts has apologised for this meeting, so no update available.

13 – Any Other Business

No items raised

13 - Date of Next Meeting

Agreed as 7.30 pm Tuesday 24 November 2015.

(Meeting closed at 9.07pm)