

Cyngor Cymuned **Penybontfawr Community Council**

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING Held at Canolfan Pennant on Tuesday 28 April 2015.

Present:

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

1- Apologies for Absence

Cllr RP Williams, County Cllr D Mayor

2 - Declaration of Interests

None

3 - Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting (31 March 2015) were approved, and signed (Proposer: Cllr. JE Jones / Seconded: Cllr. DG Smout).

4 - Matters arising from Minutes

- (i) The Clerk re-issued the list of proposed Meeting dates for the forthcoming financial year, correcting a date error.
- (ii) Cllr G Roberts updated on the launch of the Community Council website.

Following ongoing discussions with Clerk over a period of time, Cllr Roberts advised that this is now online in a format that mostly meets the requirements of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 (Commencement No2) Order 2015 applying from 1 May i.e. that the information required specifically about Community Council membership and activities are now publically available. The Clerk did however advise Members that he has very recently ascertained that there would appear to be wider obligations about disclosure of Members interests and these will need to be added later when he has located the relevant format that has to be completed by each of the Councillors.

There is ongoing work to be undertaken about inclusion of the non-obligatory information about the Community generally and the website will be developed to include this over the next few months. Cllr Roberts and the Clerk outlined these other 'pages' that it was intended to include as the website is developed . The Clerk emphasised to Councillors that the website should therefore be regarded as work-in-progress and also that it was was capable of being re-designed as the Community Councillors learn more about its benefits to the Community. The issue of advertising by local businesses was discussed and, as this is a potential source of future income to the Council, it was agreed that this should not be offered without discussion and the full agreement at Council. However very basic information about the existence of/ opening hours for the public house and the shop can be included in general village information.

The website domain name is 'penybontfawrvillage.org.uk', the rights to which have been initially purchased for a one year period. There is also a 'hosting' charge for use of a server on the basis of 30Gb per month which Cllr Roberts advised should be more than sufficient for the intended final design. Access for amendment/ addition to the website will initially be via either Cllr Roberts or the Clerk.

The Clerk then thanked Cllr Roberts for the work he has so far undertaken to bring forward the website, and will henceforth include an Agenda item each month for discussion /updating on progress

5 Correspondence

- *One Voice Wales – Copy of quarterly update 'The Voice'*
- *Powys County Council – letter from Chief Executive updating on Community Delivery (Clustering) initiative*
- *Russell George AM – Monthly newsletter*
- *One Voice Wales – Notice of forthcoming event at Flint (28 May) on the subject of the Well -Being of Future Generations Act*
- *One Voice Wales – Reminder about Electronic Publication of Information requirements coming into force on 1 May*
- *One Voice Wales – Response to Wales Assembly White paper on Reforming Local Government: Power to the People*
- *Powys County Council – Update on roll-out of revised refuse collection service*
- *One Voice Wales – Information about introduction of proposed Land Transaction Tax to supercede Stamp Duty Land tax in Wales*
- *National Eisteddfod - Thank-you letter for donation*
- *Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – Advice about revised Guidance on the Code of Conduct for Members and expressing concern about the increased number of low level complaints*
- *Powys County Council – Notification of General Dispensation allowing members to speak regarding school modernisation and school transport (except where a pecuniary prejudicial interest might exist)*

6 - Finance

6.1 Current Bank balances were advised as:

Current Account - £2562.02 (as at 4 Apr 2015)

Deposit Account - £2743.54 (as at 4 Apr 2015)

The Clerk advised that the above Current Account figure misrepresented the actual 'year end' figure as a number of cheques previously issued have not yet cleared. In effect there was a small two-figure surplus after disregarding the £500 'carry forward' not then expended on the website and the £150 allowance made for repairs, both originally planned for the 2013/14 financial period

6.2 The following payments were authorised :

- GJ and HJ Roberts - £47.38 - Website domain name purchase and website hosting cost via Pickaweb Ltd (Proposer Cllr G Smout/ Seconded Cllr P Williams)
- JE Jones - £128.00 – maintenance repair work /see Agenda Item 7 (Proposer Cllr G Roberts/ Seconded Cllr G Smout)

7- Council Assets – maintenance

Cllr JE Jones reported that, as agreed at the previous meeting, he had undertaken the following repairs:-

- (i) Replace wooden casing around water tap in Hirnant churchyard. The cost of £25.00 was approved (Proposer Cllr G Smout/ Seconded Cllr M Jones)
- (ii) Renovate seating by telephone kiosk to include re-varnish. The cost of £103.00 was approved (Proposer Cllr G Roberts/ Seconded Cllr P Williams)

Cllr Jones also presented an Estimate in the sum of £125.00 to carry out work to the wall surrounding the Hirnant Memorial. This was discussed and agreement given to him proceeding with the repairs (Proposer Cllr M Jones/ Seconded Cllr G Smout).

Cllr M H Jones advised that the deteriorating paintwork to the one outside wall of the bus shelter had been rectified. He was uncertain in whether there would be charge by the contractor but will advise at the next meeting

8 - Planning

- *P/2015/0411 Application for single storey side elevation at Glanrafon, Penybontfawr.*
Councillors considered the proposal and raised on objections or other issues.

9 – Highways

Cllr R Lloyd advised that he was not aware of an plans in the near future to carry out road pot-hole repairs in the locality, financial constraints meaning that this type of work was now undertaken less frequently than in previous years. All present knew of specific examples that needed attention.

10 – Any Other Business

The Clerk reported that he had requested County Cllr D Mayor to follow up the lack of response from Powys CC in respect of the drainage issue around Dolafon, Penybontfawr. This has been done but there is still no indication of when this issue was going to receive attention

11 - Date of Next Meeting

Agreed as 7.30pm, Tuesday 19 May 2015.

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm