

# Cyngor Cymuned **Penybontfawr Community Council**

## **MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING Held at Canolfan Pennant on Tuesday 29 April 2014.**

### **Present:**

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

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

None

### **2 - Declaration of Interests**

As recorded below

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

The Minutes of the last meeting (29 March 2014) were approved, and signed (Proposer: Cllr. DR Lloyd / Seconded: Cllr. DG Smout).

### **4 - Matters arising from Minutes**

A resident has reported the swing gate off the Penybontfawr car park to be in poor condition. This has been raised on a number of previous occasions and is therefore known to the Community Council but, as ownership of this and the adjacent fencing is with Powys CC, the Community Council did not feel it has responsibility. The Clerk apologised that he had not followed up the two previous requests to Powys CC for repairs made during 2013, and undertook to do this.

### **5 – Correspondence**

The Clerk advised that his internet connection has not worked for the past 3 weeks due to a major local cable fault, and was not therefore able to report upon any correspondence received electronically. Correspondence received by post is as following:

- *Powys CC – Advising that its 'Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Unit' can process checks for Community Councils and other local organisations*
- *Play for Wales – Spring newsletter*
- *Welsh Government - Notification that the Proposed Revocation and Remaking of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2005 will now remain in force for 2013/14 accounting period*
- *Powys CC re: Queens Baton Relay – Information about dates of route within Wales*

### **6 - Finance**

- Current Bank balances were advised as:  
Current Account - £722.67 (as at 4 April 2014). However Clerk advised that issued cheques not yet cleared would reduce this balance to £460.67 and that this surplus was specifically identified for expenditure on setting up the Council website

Deposit Account - £2741.52 (as at 4 April 2014). This has reduced from the previously reported balance as £550 was transferred on 26 March to keep the Current Account in positive balance.

- Payment of the following was approved:  
Powys CC - RosPA playground inspection charge £72.00 (Proposer: Cllr G Smout/ Seconded: Cllr JE Jones).
- The Clerk reported that the invitation to renew the Community Council Annual Insurances Cover from 1 June 2014 has been received. The premium will be £1063.43 which is an increase from the £1044.85 paid for the current year. The Community Council bought into three year fixed premium deal last year so this small increase was a surprise, the explanation apparently being that the Insurers had included an index linked uplift of 3% be applied to the property insurance cover items.  
After discussion, payment was approved (Proposer: Cllr G Smout/ Seconded: Cllr RP Williams)

## **7 – Planning**

The following planning applications consultations were discussed by Community Councillors:-

- *P/2014/0263 Gelli Ganol, Penybontfawr*  
*Removal of existing lean-to and conservatory, erection of two replacement extensions*  
No objections raised. (Note: Cllr G Roberts declared an interest in this application)
- *P/2014/0289 Ffynon Befr, Ffordd Goed, Penybontfawr*  
*S37 application to allow uses of annex for holiday accommodation and alterations to design of annex*  
No objections raised.

## **8 – Highways**

The Clerk produced a copy of the latest Definitive Footpath Map for the Community Council area. Councillors found this interesting and it was taken away (borrowed) by Cllr G Roberts.

There was also a lengthy update from County Cllr D Mayor about the reduced staffing of the Highways Division (including the lack of an Area Support Officer for this part of Powys) and PCC raising the threshold before road repairs can be undertaken.

A query was raised as to whether Forestry Commission contractors had agreed to make good some surface damage but uncertainty remains over this. A number of roads heavily and inappropriately used by the timber and other heavy vehicles in the Community Council are suffering serious collapse at road edges and concern was expressed that number of these had steep drops below the road.

The Clerk reported that an Asda van had recently come off the road and had been written off by rolling down a hill in Hirnant as a direct consequence of the collapsed condition of the roadside edge and Councillors were concerned that this would occur elsewhere with more serious consequences. County Cllr D Mayor undertook to arrange a meeting with Keith Rowe to discuss these concerns. During the meeting Cllr Mayor texted details reported by Councillors of two local road defects requiring urgent attention to a Highways officer

## **9 – WW1 Commemoration Event**

Nothing new to report

**10 - Any Other Business**

The Clerk had previously provided various possible dates for the joint Community Council meeting with the Local Ambulance Services representative but County Cllr Darren Mayor advised that none of these were suitable for all parties. After confirming the availability of Canolfan Pennant for 7.30 pm, 27<sup>th</sup> May, this date was then agreed ( Clerk unable to be present – arrangements to be made by County Cllr D Mayor))

**11 - Date of Next Meeting**

The Clerk requested that the date of the next Meeting be moved to seven days earlier as he would be away from 21 May for nearly three weeks. The date of the Meeting - to include the AGM - was then agreed as 7.30pm Tuesday 20 May 2014.

*Meeting closed at 8.35pm*