

Cyngor Cymuned **Penybontfawr Community Council**

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING Held at Canolfan Pennant on Tuesday 29 July 2014.

Present:

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

1- Apologies for Absence

None

2 - Declaration of Interests

None

3 - Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting (24 June 2014) were approved, and signed (Proposer: Cllr. MH Jones / Seconded: Cllr. DR Lloyd).

4 - Matters arising from Minutes

County Councillor D Mayor gave a PowerPoint presentation on the current financial position of the County Council. He provided details of the current constraints and proposed savings and answered a number of questions about specific issues in depth. At the end of his presentation he then agreed to conduct a public meeting at Canolfan Pennant on Tuesday 9th September (7.30pm) at which he would present information about the impacts of ongoing financial constraints on County Council spending and invite suggestions from local residents as to how further savings might be made.

5 – Correspondence

The internet connection problems being suffered by the Clerk are still not resolved and therefore he was still not regrettably able to report upon any correspondence received electronically. Correspondence received by post is as following:

- *Powys County Council - the Grounds Maintenance service 2014.* This provided details of the frequency for cutting grass. Playing fields will henceforth be cut every 21 days between April and October. Rural roadside grass verges will have one cut starting from middle of June
- *Play for Wales - Summer newsletter*
- *Powys Local Development Plan Deposit Draft – schedule of public exhibitions 28 July to 14 August*
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6 - Finance

- The Clerk advised that the Government Auditors had confirmed by letter dated 25 July 2014 that they were satisfied with the Community Council Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2014 and will, on return of the proforma duly signed, then issue an unqualified Certificate. The Councillors unanimously agreed that the Chairman and Clerk

could sign off section 3 of the Certificate (Proposer Cllr DR Lloyd/ Seconded: Cllr P Williams

- Current Bank balances were advised as:
Current Account - £1321.24 (as at 4 July 2014).
Deposit Account - £2742.37 (as at 6 June 2014).

7 – Planning

- *P/2014/0694 – Glanhafon Fawr, Penybontfawr. Application for replacement of cement pointing with lime mortar/natural slate cladding.*
No Councillor objections. Note: Cllr JE Jones declared an interest in this issue
- *TREE/2014/0032 – 4 Maes-Y-Fferm, Penybontfawr. Proposed works to ash tree (TPO97)*
This is a further consultation about the proposed work following the earlier response (31 January 2014) by the Community Council that a qualified tree surgeon report be obtained to inform the decision. This has now been undertaken and states that *‘the best course of action would be to pollard the tree, hence reducing weight and any potential damage to the building, or to fell to ground level and remove completely’*. Councillors considered that the former was far the more preferable approach as this tree was originally TPO’d in order to prevent loss prior to commencement of the development. However if further serious decay was revealed when the pollarding work was carried out, the Councillors recognised reluctantly that it should then be felled.
- The Clerk advised that the Deposit Copy of the Powys Local Development Plan has now been published and that there are exhibitions of the proposals being held across the County during late July and August. The only provisional allocation for future housing development is the land to the east of the Council bungalows (reference: P49 HA1) which was previously allocated for industrial development. Responses are required by 8 September 2014.

8 – Highways

A query was raised as to when the improvement works to the back road to Abertridwr will be carried out. County Cllr. Darren Mayor advised that he was awaiting the date of a follow up site meeting to discuss the detail of the proposed restoration works.

Cllr Roberts advised that the public footpath interruption by FCW reported at the last meeting has now been cleared.

9 – WW1 Commemoration Event

Following some misunderstanding with the local WI about their possible involvement in a WW1 commemoration event, Cllr. G Roberts now understood that it was on their October Meeting Agenda to discuss.

10 - Any Other Business

No items

11 - Date of Next Meeting

Agreed as 7.30pm, Tuesday 30 September 2014.

Meeting closed at 9.22pm