

# Cyngor Cymuned **Penybontfawr Community Council**

## **MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

### **Held at Canolfan Pennant on Tuesday 29 May 2012.**

#### **Present:**

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

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

None

#### **2 – Declaration of Interests**

None

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

The Minutes of the last meeting (16 April 2012) were approved, and signed (Proposer: Cllr JE Jones / Seconded: Cllr P Williams)

#### **4 – Matters arising from Minutes**

No items raised

#### **5 – Correspondence**

- *Boundary Commission – Notification of next stage of the consultation process (13 June – 10 July)*
- *Powys CC – Notification that overpayment of grant award in respect of Concurrent functions - Recreation would be recovered where applicable by adjustment to the following year grant. The Clerk advised that this was unlikely to apply to this Council as the grant was nominal*
- *Powys CC – Notification that a Task and Finish Group set up to explore Local Growth Zone model as an alternative to Enterprise Zones. Clerk advised that unless the Community Council wished to promote an industrial estate in Penybontfawr, this would not apply*
- *Powys CC – Nominations sought for three Community Councillors on the Community Sub- Committee of Powys Standards Committee*
- *Local Police Neighbourhood Management Update*
- *One Voice Wales – Notification of 2012 Conference and AGM on 13 Oct*
- *St Illog Hirnant Community – Letter thanking Community Council for donation and enclosing draft of proposed new sign to be erected on road side boundary within cemetery. The Clerk circulated details showing the proposed design and location. Councillors were generally happy about the sign but the positioning caused some concern as it was thought it might be a distraction to passing drivers at a point where extra diligence was required. However this was considered to be a County Highways decision and the Clerk was requested to write back to the Hirnant Trustees advising that Councillors were in agreement in principle subject to all the necessary Planning and Highways Consents being obtained.*

The Clerk also mentioned that the roadside wall on the corner of the cemetery showed signs of cracking probably caused by ground heave. He undertook to investigate responsibility for this wall i.e. does this fall to the Community Council or is

it a Church in Wales responsibility? Cllr JE Jones agreed to inspect the wall and provide an opinion about work that might be necessary.

- *Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations* – Enclosing survey requesting feedback on recent partnership with Community Council. Nobody was clear as to what this referred to, but speculated it might be the replacement playground equipment.
- *Councillor Simon Baynes* – *Card thanking Councillors for working with him so well*
- *Friends of Ysgol Pennant* – *Letter of thanks for donation to Annual Fun day*
- *Dyfed- Powys Police* - *Consultation about possibly local police station providing 9.00 - 5.00 pm cover only, with evenings and weekends being covered from Newtown.* This caused some dismay amongst Councillors and the Clerk was requested to invite a Police representative to attend a future Community Council Meeting and discuss crime statistics

## **6 – Finance**

Current Bank balances were advised as:

Current Account - £ 2332.38 (as at 4 May 2012)

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

The Clerk queried whether Councillors wished to amend the bank signatories following the Election. It was agreed that the arrangement be revised to allow any two to sign cheques from all current Councillors. Clerk to put in hand arrangements (Proposer: MH Jones /Seconded: JE Jones)

The Clerk requested instructions about whether the surplus balance from last financial year should be transferred to the Deposit A/c. It was agreed that it should stay in the Current A/c

## **7 – Planning**

Consultation - Planning Application P2011 1183 - Revised application for erection of dwelling on Land at Ffordd Goed, Penybontfawr

Councillors reviewed the latest amendment that re-positions the garage again but taking into account the windows of the adjacent property. There was agreement that this latest amendment was a satisfactory solution and the Clerk was asked to notify the Planning Authority accordingly but also to express the frustration of the Councillors that this local needs application continues to drag on

Consultation – Planning Application P2012 0539 – 16 ground mounted solar PV panels at Nant y Coed, Penybonthfawr

Councillors looked at the application in detail but raised no objections

## **8 – Highways**

The Clerk advised that he had again contacted County Highways about the failure of Enterprise/ST to make good the various surface and verge damage following the installation of the new water supply in Hirnant Road. The response was that the County Highways would follow this up again as they had expected the works to be completed some weeks ago.

The Clerk and County Councillor Darren Mayor then provided information about the proposed full closure for some weeks of a stretch of the Bala - Llangedwyn Road within Denbighshire. There was considerable concern about the lack of forward publicity about this and the potential impacts on both local businesses and local residents. Clerk to write a strongly worded letter of concern to Denbighshire County Council. County Cllr Darren Mayor has already spent some time trying to broker a compromise without any success to date, but undertook to continue to apply pressure for a better solution.

## **9 – Noticeboard**

The Clerk raised the possibility of new replacement notice boards to replace the existing dilapidated wooden notice boards opposite the Penybontfawr shop and on the Hirnant Community Centre outside wall. He has obtained brochures about metal framed boards with impact resistant glazing. Community Council signage could be incorporated within the board area. To be discussed further at next meeting

## **10- Any Other Business**

- i) Cllr RP Williams updated on the Jubilee bonfire planning. Clerk confirmed that our insurers were offering special free Jubilee events cover and providing the function was clearly Community Council, this would apply. It was agreed that the proceeds should be passed to the Village Hall Committee (Proposer: G Roberts/ Seconded: MH Jones)
- ii) Hirnant Churchyard mowing - The Clerk advised that he had reached an agreement with the same reliable local contractor who has undertaken the mowing contract for a number of previous years. His quotation was increased by £20 from the previous year to cover rising cost of fuel

## **11 - Date of Next Meeting**

The next Council Meeting date was agreed (7.30 pm Tuesday 26 June 2012).