

Cyngor Cymuned **Penybontfawr Community Council**

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING Held at Canolfan Pennant on Tuesday 29 October 2013.

Present:

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

1- Apologies for Absence

County Councillor D Mayor

2- Declaration of Interests

None

3- Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting (1 October 2013) were approved, and signed (Proposer: Cllr. G Smout / Seconded: Cllr. JE Jones).

4- Matters arising from Minutes

Cllr G Smout advised that he had not been able to submit a reply to the police consultation survey as it was too late to be accepted

5 – Correspondence

- *Llangollen International Musical Festival – Souvenir Programme for 2013 event and request for financial support in future.*
- *Urdd National Eisteddfod - Request to consider financial support for 2014 event to be held at Bala. To be considered at February meeting*
- *Powys Teaching Health Board - Information about ‘Stoptober’ campaign challenging smokers to stop*
- *National Eisteddfod of Wales – Information about the National Eisteddfod returning to Montgomeryshire in August 2015 and request for Councils to commit to financial contributions for each of the 2013, 2014 and 2015 financial years. The Community Council did contribute when the National Eisteddfod was last in the locality and will consider this request at the February Meeting.*
- *PAVO - Link to October briefing*
- *One Voice Wales – information about various training courses*
- *PAVO – Inviting nominations for election to their Board of Trustees*
- *Montgomery Community Health Council – Reminder to participate in the debate about the future of the NHS in this locality*
- *Citizens Advice Bureau – Request for financial support. To be considered at February meeting but Clerk also to verify whether this is a legally acceptable recipient for Community Council funding*
- *County Councillor D Mayor - Halloween posters*
- *One Voice Wales - Notice of Press release*
- *One Voice Wales - Information about badger vaccination grant application window*

- *William Powell AM – newsletter*
- *Notice of 'Delivering Sustainable Services for older People in Wales' One day conference on 9 Dec 2013*
- *Powys CC - latest edition of Funds 4U Newsletter*
- *One Voice Wales - Request for nominations for the national St David Award Scheme (9 categories)*
- *One Voice Wales re: Mobile Infrastructure Project (improvement of electronic communications along the A470)*
- *One Voice Wales - Notification of vacancies for Pharmacologist and Criminologist members on the Advisory Panel on Substance Misuse*
- *PAVO - Notice of Business and Strategic Planning Conference*
- *One Voice Wales – Consultation on the introduction of a table valuation system for TB compensation*
- *PAVO - Notice of the 'Tackling Poverty in Powys - a Third Sector perspective ' conference on 5 Nov 13*
- *One Voice Wales - Information about proposed Housing (Wales) Bill and the consultation period*
- *Powys CC - Notice of Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places*
- *One Voice Wales – Copy correspondence with BT, and Mobile Operators Assn about poor services issues*
- *One Voice Wales – Copy of the 5th Report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and its implications for Wales*
- *County Cllr D Mayor – Update on provisional Local Government Settlement*
- *Montgomeryshire Community Health Council – Survey about the Easy Read information on health and wellbeing website*
- *One Voice Wales – Copy of the latest Ombudsman's Casebook*
- *Housing Reform Wales Conference (14 Jan) flier*
- *Montgomeryshire Community Health Council – Press release about self-referral to physiotherapy in Powys*
- *One Voice Wales - Wales Government consultation on use of new £6 million nature fund*

6 - Finance

Current Bank balances were advised as:

Current Account - £2746.40 (as at 4 Oct 2013)

Deposit Account - £3290.60 (as at 4 Oct 2013)

The Clerk advised that he had received from Powys CC the annual application proformae for concurrent function grants (cemeteries and recreation) and proposed to base the submissions on the same criteria sent prior to the current financial year, despite the eventual awards being far below the actual costs incurred to the Community Council,.

7 - Maintenance as Assets

One quotation has recently been received in respect of the repair/maintenance works necessary to the bus shelter (Note: Cllr MH Jones made a Declaration of Interest in respect of this quotation). It was agreed that the Clerk should endeavour to obtain two other quotations from local contractors and report these to the next meeting.

Brochures were produced in respect of possible types of replacement waste bin for the car-park area. The Clerk advised that he has made several attempts to obtain a solution with Powys CC about both the replacement of the bin and repair of the adjacent fencing/gate (both highlighted in

recent RoSPA H&S reports) but that a response has still not been received. As these were County Council property he had emphasized in writing to PCC that there is a potential health and safety issue and that the Community Council holds the County responsible should any issues arise. Cllr R Lloyd (who is employed by Powys CC) then suggested that there might be some surplus waste bins in the Council depot and that he would make further enquiries about the availability of one of these.

There was also extensive discussion about a replacement notice board and the difficulties of finding a suitable location. However Cllr JE Jones then queried whether it was necessary for the Community Council to have a notice board facility after the Community Council website comes online, as the latter could provide an alternative means of communication. There was concern about how many local residents now had access to the internet but it was concluded that, in the interests of saving circa £500 (the cost of a new noticeboard), the proposal for a replacement should be put in hold.

8 – Planning

The Clerk reported that the following three planning applications had recently been sent to the Community Council for consultation. However receipt was late as they were hand delivered by an unknown person beyond the cut-off date for responses.

- a) *P/2013/0953 Change of use of land, construction of a horse ménage and fencing at Caecrimon, Penybontfawr.*

Councillors had no objection to this proposal

- b) *P/2013/0991 – Erection of two 10kw wind turbines at Land at Cefn Gribin Moel y Fronllwyd, Llanfyllin.*

This is within in a contiguous Community Council area (approx. 2 km SW of Llanfyllin) but some distance from the Penybontfawr CC boundary so of no concern to Councillors.

- c) *P/2013/ 0943 Installation of 50kw micro generation wind turbine with control tower and associated works at Casrtell Cefn Coch Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant .*

Although this is within an adjacent Community Council area, the location is close to the Penybontfawr CC boundary and would have a significant landscape impact on the village. It is the second such application in the same proximity and there was considerable concern that approval would help to strengthen the precedent for similar applications on the higher ground above Penybontfawr. The Clerk was requested to submit a late objection termed in the same way as the response to the earlier application for P/2012/1154 Parc Isaf (which was approved). It was also felt that for consistency purpose, the Community Council should publish a Policy Statement in respect of this type of application. Clerk therefore to establish the planning authority criteria for approving such wind turbine applications and then draft for consideration an appropriate statement expressing the Community Council stance.

9 – Highways

The ongoing saga of the defective street light in the car-park/playground area was discussed as there continue to be intermittent periods of failure despite the Highways department apparent attempts to rectify the problem. As the issues first originated after MANWEB had replaced the supporting pole early in 2013, Cllr R Lloyd reported that the appropriate County officer has recently 'passed the buck' back to MANWEB. The Clerk was cynical that MANWEB would resolve the issue and was requested to ask County Cllr Darren Mayor to become directly involved in the hope that a permanent repair is carried out expeditiously.

Cllr G Smout presented a written report summarising the outcomes of his meeting with a highways department representative (Chris Lloyd) about changes to parking restrictions and speed warning signage in village. Councillors supported the proposals but believed that that an opportunity for local residents to comment should be created as there would inevitably be some dissension – Cllr G Smout to look into a suitable way of achieving this.

Cllr R Lloyd reported a problem with the surface water drainage in and around the housing estate to the east of Ysgol Pennant. He believes that run off drain discharging this area to the river is blocked resulting in a back-up up in extreme conditions. There was also concern about a drainage channel adjacent to the garage site and channelling under the B4391 being blocked.

10 - Community Council website

The Clerk apologised to Cllr G Roberts that he had not been able to make the proposed meeting date to discuss the construction of the Community Council website. As the Clerk wished to be sure that website would meet the required criteria set by the grant conditions and must be 'fit for purpose', a further meeting to be arranged.

11 - WW1 Commemoration Event

Cllr G Roberts reported that this matter was on the next local WI Committee meeting Agenda for discussion about their possible level of involvement

12 - Replacement Notice Board

See 7 above

13 - Any Other Business

The Clerk summarised the recently received RoSPA playground survey results. It was agreed that Cllr G Smout and the Clerk would meet on site to discuss the repairs that might be necessary.

The Clerk advised that the Council's long term Auditor (Alan Jones) has indicated that he has now fully retired and will not be able to undertake the audit next financial year. It was agreed that Councillors would make enquiries about a suitable qualified and locally based replacement.

14 - Date of Next Meeting

Agreed as 7.30pm Tuesday 26 November 2013

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm