

Cyngor Cymuned **Penybontfawr Community Council**

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Hirnant Community Centre on Tuesday 31 July 2012.

Present:

Councillors: RP Williams (Chair), JE Jones, MH Jones, DR Lloyd, GJ Roberts, DG Smout, P 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 (26 June 2012) were approved, and signed (Proposer: Cllr JE Jones/ Seconded: Cllr DR Lloyd)

4 – Matters arising from Minutes

No items raised

5 – Correspondence

- *Powys CC - Training Seminars on Members' Code of Conduct*
- *Russell George AM - Regular e-newsletter advising what he is doing in on behalf of Montgomeryshire residents*
- *Russell George AM - Requesting information about 2012 local shows and carnivals*
- *Welsh Government- Seeking nominations for Birthday 2013 Honours*
- *Powys CC - Copy of revised Home to School Transport Arrangements. Cllr G Roberts, who is involved in this matter through his School Governor role, confirmed that the proposals had subsequently been resolved and that new Portfolio Holder was now making 'more favourable noises' about potential amendments and further consultation would be undertaken*
- *Powys CC - re: Appointment of Town/Community Councillors to Powys CC Standards Community Sub- Committee*
- *Keep Wales Tidy's National Garden Centre Voucher Scheme*
- *Powys Police - Neighbourhood Management Update*
- *Russell George AM – Notification of Meeting on 31 July at Newtown to discuss Montgomeryshire broadband issues*
- *Powys Regeneration Partnership - Notification of Shire information tour dates*
- *Powys CC - Notification of summer period Play Safely drop in sessions*
- *NSPCC - Information about ChildLine and request for financial support. Deferred for decision at February Meeting*
- *Russell George AM – Letter congratulating Peter Williams taking Community Council Chair and inviting meeting*
- *National Grid - Briefing on Substation and Route corridor connecting proposed wind farms to national electricity network announcement*
- *Shelter - Update on local activity/services etc. & request for funding contribution. Deferred for decision to February 2013 meeting*
- *RoSPA – Annual Inspection report re: playground. All issues raised categorised as Low or Very Low risk so no urgent action considered necessary. Cllr JE Jones to look*

at the litter bin issue raised. Clerk to arrange 'No Flying Objects' sign, as recommended, and to make another effort to persuade County Highways to deal with the fencing and gate contiguous to the car-park

- *Welsh Government - The Good Councillor's Guide 2012*. Copies handed to all Councillors

6 – Finance

Current Bank balances were advised as:

Current Account - £ 1269.63 (as at 1 July 2012)

Deposit Account - £ 3288.71 (as at 4 June 2012)

Annual Audit –

The Clerk updated on the Annual Audit process providing Councillors with draft Bank Reconciliation figures and a Summary Statement of costs and expenditure for the year. He explained that return of the document was now overdue. These, and all of the supporting information were currently with the Community Council Internal Auditor and his audit report was imminent. Councillors agreed in principle to sign-off Stage 1 of the Annual Return document, subject to receipt of satisfactory Certification by the Auditor. The Chair was authorised to sign the proforma when satisfied that this was the case. (Proposer: Cllr. JE Jones/ Seconded: Cllr MH Jones)

Payment was approved (Proposer: Cllr P Williams/ Seconded: RP Williams) for the following, and the cheque signed:

One Voice Wales – Councillor Induction course - £30

7 – Planning

The Clerk reported that Full Planning Consent had been Granted in respect of *P/2012/0539 (Installation of PV panels at Nant y Coed)*

P2012 0833 – Erection of single storey rear/side extension and alterations at 6 Dolofan, Penybontfawr. Councillors considered the planning application details and raised no objection

8 – Highways

The Clerk and the Chairman Peter Williams gave a report on their site meeting with County Highways officials and County Cllr Darren Mayor about the parking issues in the centre of Penybontfawr. This had covered speed limits through the village, and abuse of current parking restriction regulations on the length of road between the bridge and the Railway Inn corner. County Highways are currently hamstrung by embargos on expenditure for revising parking regulations but agreed that they would include these issues on their future action list. The County officer for responsible for enforcing parking restrictions would be asked in the meantime to pay occasional visits and attempt to persuade transgressors to change their parking habits.

The temporary introduction of speed warning signs at the entry of the village was again confirmed – this likely to be October onwards. The purpose would be to measure vehicle speeds entering that would then inform potential changes.

Cllr. DG Smout has been approached by the recent residents of the new TR Harris house about the difficulty of crossing the bottom of Hirnant Road and the main road with small children, there being no pavements. Clerk to raise issue with County Highways

9 – Hirnant Community Centre Wall

The roadside wall, which is showing some signs of deterioration, was inspected by Councillors and it was agreed that the time was approaching when some precautionary

maintenance work might be necessary. Cllr. DG Smout agreed to look into the possibility of there being grants available and report back to the next meeting but if this proved a blind alley, a trusted local contractor would then be asked to undertake preliminary works to investigate the extent of the deterioration. The level of existing Council reserve funds would necessarily limit the extent of work, if no external grants were available

10 – Noticeboard

The Clerk confirmed that he had visited the Llanfyllin County Highways depot and looked at the surplus notice board. However, he felt that, as this was double sided and required substantial pole support, it was unsuitable as a village notice board replacement. Also that, as the Community Council was possibly facing unexpected expenditure in respect of the Hirnant Community Centre perimeter wall (see Item 9), the Clerk recommended the much needed replacement of the Penybontfawr and Hirnant notice boards should be put on temporary hold - which was agreed by Councillors.

10- Any Other Business

- Cllr G Roberts has received representations about the close cutting of the grass in Hirnant Churchyard which is suggested to be prejudicing the growth of wildlife flowers. Councillors mentioned that this has been raised beforehand. Clerk to discuss with the contractor and report back.
- Whilst outside inspecting the Hirnant wall, a request was received from a local resident that the area around the Memorial be trimmed back regularly. Clerk to instruct contractor to deal with this.

11 - Date of Next Meeting

The Clerk apologised that there was a possibility that, for business reasons, he might not be available for the next planned Council meeting on 25 September. The possibility of alternative dates would therefore be investigated.