

Cyngor Cymuned **Penybontfawr Community Council**

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING Held at Canolfan Pennant on Tuesday 4 June 2013.

Present:

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

1- Apologies for Absence

County Cllr D Mayor

2- Declaration of Interests

None

3- Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting (7 May 2013) were approved, and signed (Proposer: Cllr DG Smout/ Seconded: Cllr GJ Roberts).

4- Matters arising from Minutes

None raised

5 – Correspondence

- *One Voice Wales – Notification of Evidence session: The Work Programme in Wales (to help long term unemployed people find work)*
- *Rebecca Evans AM – Newsletter*
- *Welsh Government – Draft Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 Part 7: Communities and Community Councils.* The Clerk committed to reading this in detail and reporting any relevance back to the next Community Council Meeting. Cllr DG Smout took the web link details
- *Menteriaith Maldwyn - Request for funding support towards promotion of community and economic development and the Welsh language.* To be included in February Agenda when possible donations will be discussed
- *Commission on Devolution in Wales - Notification of public engagement events*
- *Welsh Government – ‘Vibrant and Viable Places: A New Regeneration Framework’. Guidance to applicants to access targeted regeneration investment*
- *One Voice Wales - Notification of seminar about Wind Energy for Councillors and Planners at Carno on 20 June*
- *One Voice Wales – Information about their Xmas lighting partnership*
- *Powys County Council – Notification about nominations for the Annual Garden Competition*
- *One Voice Wales – Notification of the publication of the Welsh Government response to the Crossing the Border : road and rail links between England and Wales Consultation*

- *One Voice Wales – Notice of Annual Conference on 5 Oct 2013*
- *Powys County Council – Notification of possible grant sources.* Document handed over to Cllr G Roberts
- *Powys County Council – Information about the proposed submission of a Lottery grant application in respect of the forthcoming WW1 Commemoration.* Document handed over to Cllr G Roberts
- *One Voice Wales – Notification about the launch of the public consultation on the future management of private water supplies.*
- *Montgomery Community Health – Public consultation of the South Wales programme.* The Clerk advised this is not relevant to North Powys
- *Powys County Council – Notification of the commencement of the Local Flood Risk Management Consultation.* The Clerk was asked to look into whether this Community Council should make submissions
- *One Voice Wales - Notification of Montgomeryshire Area Committee Annual Meeting.* The Clerk advised that following correspondence with OMV, they were now posting forward dates of their monthly meetings.
- *Russell George AM – Notification of forthcoming Advice Surgery dates*
- *PAVO - Request for Stakeholder feedback*
- *County Councillor Darren Mayor -Two conflicting e-Mails about the notification of a Tree Preservation Order affecting a churchyard.* Clerk to clarify with Planning Department
- *Averil Jones letter - Cllr G Roberts also elaborated his conversation with the letter writer about her strong views about inappropriate use of the Hirnant Community Centre and the erection of a sign board. Cllrs were concerned about the background to this complaint and discussed it in detail understanding that the building, apart from being a Community Centre, also continued to be used as a place of worship. However, the wider usage of the building was set out in the Trustee document drawn up by the Church for Wales and was not an issue for the Community Council. Prior to the Council agreeing to the erection of the sign, it had first unequivocally established that neither planning consent nor conservation area approval was required. It also had regard to the parlous financial position of the Community Centre which was under threat of closure unless income streams increased, and therefore had felt that it could not reasonably object to supporting the local Trustees in their efforts to put the Community Centre on a more sustainable financial footing. Clerk to respond to letter and copy to Hirnant Trustees, with a request that they should communicate proposed changes in advance more widely in locality and also ensure that former Community Cllr E Lewis receives the Hirnant Trustee Minutes on a regular basis*
- *Cymdeithas Adloniant Tanat – Request for charitable donation towards costs of Annual Festival in June.* It was agreed to contribute £40 (Proposer R Lloyd/ Seconded P Williams)

6- Finance

The Clerk advised that the Community Council's Auditor (RA Jones) has completed his review and had signed off the Accounts. The Accounts information will be presented to Councillors for final approval at the next Meeting as the internal audit approval documentation had only been received on the date of this Meeting.

Current Bank balances were advised as:

Current Account - £ 2536.25 (as at 4 May 2013) (Note: The Clerk advised that a number of cheques that have not yet cleared but that there are sufficient funds in hand to cover these)

Deposit Account - £3290.10 (as at 4 March 2013)

Payment of the following was approved (Proposer P Williams/ Seconded JE Jones):

RA Jones - £30.00 (for internal audit)

Zurich Municipal Insurance - £1044.85 (annual insurance renewal)

CAT - £40.00 (s.137 donation)

7 – Replacement of car park waste bin

The Clerk advised that he had still not received any response to his letter to Powys CC about this issue, but that County Cllr D Mayor had indicated by recent eMail that he would chase this.

8 – Planning

Cllr G Smout produced a copy of the Planning decision Notice in respect of Application Number P/2013/0269 (Cileos Isaf, Penybontfawr) which was not notified to this Community Council for consultation response. The decision was to Refuse permission for an extension to this dwelling as it would increase the size way beyond that considered beyond that suitable for a 'restricted needs' agricultural dwelling (reference: Powys Unitary Policies HP6 and HP10).

The Clerk has recently become aware that Powys Planning Dept. was possibly sending out consultation documents to the wrong Community Councils and will take this up with them.

9 – Highways

Cllr R Lloyd reported that the Highways Dept would shortly be addressing the highways issues around Ysgol Pennant.

The Clerk advised that he was still receiving no response from County Highways, either directly or indirectly through County Cllr D Mayor, about concerns that various issues repeatedly raised were not being addressed. He would therefore ring the appropriate officer to discuss this.

10 - Hirnant Cemetery – perimeter wall

As requested by the Council previously, Cllr JE Jones presented his company's estimate for carrying out the installation of protective barriers on the vulnerable length of the churchyard wall, also to double as additional support to prevent against future collapse outwards onto the public highway. The estimated cost was £392.00 but it was emphasized that during the course of undertaking any work on old dry-stone walls, it might become apparent that additional repairs not previously anticipated unexpectedly become necessary. The Clerk reminded Councillors that the wall was now covered both for public liability and damage by the new Zurich insurance policy provided that the Community Councillors carry out regular inspections and undertook any maintenance /repair works that should become necessary to ensure that all reasonable efforts were being taken against either future collapse or other risks to the public.

It was agreed that, as the wall falls within the Conservation area, the Clerk should seek the views of the Conservation Area Officer and the Highways department as to whether their approval was considered necessary before proceeding.

11 - WW1 Commemoration event

The Clerk advised that as this event was scheduled to take place in June 2014, it was premature to place an article seeking local interest before other avenues are first investigated. Cllr G Roberts advised that i) the Head teacher of Ysgol Pennant had indicated a preliminary willingness for the school to become involved in some way ii) he would look into the Powys CC lottery grant (see Correspondence) to ascertain whether there was any local 'angles' that might be locally helpful. iii) Gavin Evans is known to have information about local involvement in

WW1 and this will be followed up. Cllr PR Williams also mentioned that a book has also come into his attention that is held by Llanfyllin Library and which might shed more background.

12 - Any Other Business

None raised

13 - Date of Next Meeting

Agreed as 7.30pm Tuesday 25 June 2013.

Meeting closed at 9.02 pm