

Cyngor Cymuned **Penybontfawr Community Council**

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING Held at Canolfan Pennant on Tuesday 1 October 2013.

Present:

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

1- Apologies for Absence

Cllrs DR Lloyd & P Williams

2- Declaration of Interests

None

3- Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting (30 July 2013) were approved, and signed (Proposer: Cllr. DG Smout / Seconded: Cllr. JE Jones).

4- Matters arising from Minutes

Items raised are dealt with under the appropriate following Minutes agenda headings.

5 – Correspondence

- *Powys County Council - Notification of Cabinet decision about their new policy in respect of public conveniences. These will be offered to local community interest groups together with an annual grant but, where no interest is received in taking them over, the facility will then be closed. County Cllr Darren Mayor provided further background information in respect of this decision (which he did not support) and Councillors were very much in agreement with him. There are however now no public conveniences in the Penybontfawr Community area but Councillors noted the threat to the facility in Llangynog which is the only such available facility to tourists between Llynclys and Bala.*
- *Natural Resources Wales - notification that new draft maps of Open Country and Registered Common Land were issued for consultation on 7 August 2013. Cllrs were not aware of any such sites within the Community Council area but the Clerk undertook to check the map for such sites (Subsequent note: there is one public access FCW owned area above Hirnant)*
- *Welsh Government - Ministerial update on matters of interest to Community Councils*
- *Older People's Commissioner for Wales – details of services available*
- *One Voice Wales – Changes to Householder Permitted Development Rights. The Clerk outlined the broad changes and undertook to forward online copies to Cllrs DG Smout and GJ Roberts, A paper copy was handed to Cllr JE Jones at the meeting.*
- *Chair of Expert Group on Local Government Diversity - Information about establishing an expert group to consider the results of the Local Election Survey results*
- *Montgomery Community Health Council – Notification of meetings on 11 September and 13 November.*

- *Vaccine Preventable Disease Programme support for carers – Reminder that ‘carers’ should advise their local GPs of their role and also the availability of an information pack about benefits and services*
- *Welsh Government - Consultation on Designated Persons from the Local Government Measure 2011 re: current arrangements on the provision of public services in Wales.*
- *NHS Wales National Delivery Group – Request for nominations for appointment of an Independent Member*
- *Russell George AM September newsletter.* The Clerk highlighted the items relating to the possible re-organisation of Shropshire Hospital services and Waiting Time delays. County Cllr D Mayor was able to provide some further background information
- *Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust - Note from County Cllr S Thomas clarifying current position*
- *Powys County Council – Archives Newsletter*
- *Powys County Council Community Nectar Tree Scheme - offer of trees*
- *PAVO - Notification of Annual Conference on 5 November*
- *One Voice Wales re: Publication of the Electoral Reviews Programme 2014.* County Cllr D Mayor provided further information about longer term potential changes and the additional work/stresses that these would place on County Councillors.
- *One Voice Wales - Information about Consumer Council for Water Annual Review*
- *One Voice Wales - Information about more Training Courses.* The Clerk enquired of Councillors as to whether any wanted to attend any external training courses.
- *Powys County Council - New edition of European and External Funding information*
- *PAVO – Request for nominations for election to Board*
- *Welsh Government – Notification of consultation on draft guidance and directions regarding the Public Service Workforce*
- *Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft Annual Report*

6 - Finance

Current Bank balances were advised as:

Current Account - £2746.40 (as at 4 Sept 2013)).

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

Approval was given to payment of the following invoice (Proposer Cllr RP Williams/ Seconded Cllr DG Smout)

BDO £156.00 (payment of external auditor fee)

7 - Programme for maintenance /repair of assets

The Clerk expressed concern that the Community Council did not have a programme in place for the rolling maintenance (or replacement as appropriate) of Community held assets. These currently are listed as:

- i) Hirnant churchyard and perimeter wall (part)
- ii) Hirnant Memorial
- iii) the Bus Shelter in the car-park
- iv) 4 benches
- v) the playground equipment
- vi) two existing village noticeboards (Penybontfawr and Hirnant).

As financial resources were limited, it was suggested that perhaps consideration should be given to the potential outlay both in the short term and long term, and that financial resources should

then perhaps be focused towards these each year ahead of the review of possible any charitable donations for the year.

Current known issues are the remedial works necessary to the Hirnant Churchyard perimeter wall (which are the subject of on-going discussions with the County Heritage officer), the resetting of churchyard gravestones, the deteriorating condition of the bus shelter, and the need for two new noticeboards.

Replacement of i) the defective waste bin ii) improved village name signs at the four road entries to Penybontfawr are also possible outlays.

The Clerk will update on the Hirnant position as soon as practicable and in the meantime Cllrs MH Jones and JE Jones agreed to meet to review and approximately cost the required work to the bus shelter.

8 – Planning

The Clerk advised that a copy of the Planning Consent Notice in respect of P/2011/1183 Land at Ffordd Goed had been received that he had also received a 'thank-you' message from the applicant for the Community Council assistance.

County Councillor Darren Mayor provided an interesting and wider ranging insight into a number of Powys County Council matters including the planning process

9 - Highways

The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the defective light above the playground/car-park. On this occasion he had spoken directly to the manager of the street lighting department to emphasize the intermittent fault problem that has existed for some time and that the light had now been reported as a defective on six separate occasions. He had been reassured that the matter would be dealt with by Friday 5th October.

10 - Community Council website

Cllr Graham Roberts indicated that he had given some consideration to creating a Community Council website and Cllrs were pleased to confirm that his offer to assist would be welcomed. The external costs of setting up the site would be below the grant received (relating to hosting etc. and annual charge). Clerk to arrange to meet Cllr R Roberts to discuss format, content etc. in more detail.

11 - WW1 Commemoration Event

Councillor G J Roberts confirmed that Ysgol Pennant intend to run a WW1 Project over one term during next year and would welcome Community Council tie-in/ involvement. Currently planned are: i) a school exhibition ii) and evening commemoration gathering iii) research into local connections (which may also involve the WI)

Cllr Roberts to keep Community Council updated on actions necessary. It was however agreed that the Community Council website when created could include information obtained from the new research - and that a number of local residents may be able to contribute useful facts/content.

12 - Replacement Notice Board

Cllr JE Jones advised that the Village Hall Committee were not in favour of a replacement notice board being erected on the front boundary of the school/hall complex and were also unwilling to contribute towards the cost of a notice board in any location.

Cllr G Roberts reported that Ysgol Pennant were in favour of such a notice board and would in principle be agreeable to contribute towards the cost. There was then further inconclusive discussion about location of a noticeboard, Councillors agreeing to give this some further thought before the next meeting. The Clerk will look into the possible cost of a smaller noticeboard.

13 – Police Consultation survey

As this was a lengthy document, it was not discussed in any detail as Cllrs DG Smout and GJ Roberts kindly offered to submit representations from the Community Council point of view on behalf on the other Councillors.

14 - Any Other Business

A query was raised about the correct spelling /layout of the 'Penybontfawr' village name, as there were some discrepancies between on noticeboards and other information sources.. There was general agreement that this had now evolved into 'Penybontfawr' i.e. without hyphens.

15 - Date of Next Meeting

Agreed as 7.30pm Tuesday 29 October 2013

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm