

PONTARFYNACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Thursday 4th June, 2015

A meeting was held at Mynach School with the following present:

Alun Jenkins (in the Chair as neither the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman were present),
Jane Hopkins, Elise Powell, Brython Davies.

1. APOLOGIES

Eluned Evans, Rhodri Jenkins, Phil Lloyd, James Raw, Cllr. Rhodri Davies.

2. MINUTES 7 MAY, 2015

The minutes were confirmed as correct other than a change to minute 4 (d) AA Box. It wasn't Lewis, Minffordd that built the AA Box. Lewis Lewis arranged for the information surrounding the name *Devil's Bridge* to be placed at the location. The minutes were proposed by Jane Hopkins and seconded by Elise Powell following the above change.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Speed of traffic outside the School at Devil's Bridge

A response was received from the County Council noting that it was unlikely that a recommendation would be made to have a maximum speed of 20 m.p.h. outside the school as it is envisaged that to reduce speed outside the school, permanent traffic calming measures would need to be put in place.

It was reported that Ceredigion County Council are intending to look into the possibility of placing maximum speed restrictions in Devil's Bridge between the Railway Station and the Bridge, as there is a substantial amount of pedestrians.

Following discussion, it was decided that the Clerk would respond to the County Council noting that the Community Council has concerns about the decision of the situation outside the School. Enquires also to be made about the speed restriction situation on the road leading from the Bridge towards the Woodlands Caravan park. It is noted that the Bridge is of assistance to reduce speed of vehicles in these locations.

(b) Eisteddfod Cwmystwyth

A letter of appreciation was received from the Secretary and Committee Members of Eisteddfod Cwmystwyth for the donation received. The Clerk reported that she had sent a letter of support, on behalf of the Community Council to Officers of Ceredigion County Council to co-inside with an application of grant aid that the Eisteddfod Committee had sent to Ceredigion County Council.

- (c) **AA Box**
Alun Jenkins reported that Bryan Thomas, an Officer with the County Council had arranged for a salt bin to be placed near the AA Box. It was decided to send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Thomas.
- (d) **Insurance**
The Clerk reported that she had compared both insurance policies and had decided that it was more appropriate to insure with Zurich Insurance at a price of £422.74 this making a saving of £236.80 on AON. Following on from the previous minutes and as a payment needed to be made prior to the 1st June, 2015 it had been arranged for Jane Hopkins and Eluned Evans to sign a cheque.
- (e) **BT Red Phone Boxes**
Following discussions, it was learnt that Cofnodion Cwmystwyth Group were interested in adopting the Red Phone Box in Cwmystwyth. It is understood that Pentref Farm are the owners of the land underneath the said box and that arrangements had been made to discontinue the electricity supply. It was agreed in principle to adopt the box but that further information was needed before making a final decision. The Clerk to contact BT noting that the Community Council are interested in adopting the Phone Boxes in Cwmystwyth and Trisant and to give the Community Council first refusal on the adoption. The Clerk also to make contact with other community councils that had adopted phone boxes of the procedure that they used to adopt.
- (f) **Recycling/Waste Bin Lorries:** A response was received from the County Council noting that all drivers had been reminded to be mindful of their speed when driving lorries.
- (g) **Heavy lorries travelling through Frongoch and Abermagwr.**
The Clerk reported that she had contacted the County Council the day following the last meeting and arrangements had been made for a road sweeper to visit the area that afternoon.
- (h) **Kissing Gate on the footpath between Devil's Bridge and Borth:**
An acknowledgement was received from the County Council.

4. FINANCE

- (a) **Minute Book:** The Clerk reported that she had ordered a new minute book and it was resolved to pay the invoice of £164.40 (£137.00 + £27.40 VAT). Payment was proposed by Jane Hopkins and seconded by Elise Powell.
- (b) **Recycling:** A payment of £18.90 was received from Ceredigion County Council for Quarter 4 (January-March 2015) for recycling products in Devil's Bridge.

5. ACCOUNTS 2014/15

Confirmation was received from Gwyn Evans, internal auditor, that he had made a full audit of the Community Council accounts and that they were a true record. The Clerk presented the accounts to the members and following the audit process the Clerk to forward the Audit Form to the external auditor, following the Chairman signing the form. It was agreed to pay the sum of £35.00 to Gwyn Evans for auditing the accounts. Payment was proposed by Jane Hopkins and seconded by Elise Powell.

It was noted that there was £535.12 in the current account and £5114.36 held in the saving account as of 31st March, 2015.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Water in Cwmystwyth

Brython Davies reported that there is water running from Gate Cottage property on to the road, passing Trem y Dyffryn and continuing into the river in Cwmystwyth. It is understood that there is some doubt that there could be something other than rain water in the water as there is a greyish colour to it. The Clerk to contact the Environment Department of the County Council to ask if they could investigate the nature of the water.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 2 July, 2015 at Mynach School.