

Devil's Bridge Community Council
Minutes Thursday 5th February, 2015

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

Rhodri Jenkins (in the Chair); Brython Davies, Eluned Evans, Jane Hopkins, Phil Lloyd, James Raw, Cllr. Rhodri Davies

1. **APOLOGIES:** Alun Jenkins, Elise Powell.
2. **MINUTES 23rd October, 26th November, 2014 and 8th January, 2015**
The minutes of the above meetings were confirmed as accurate. They couldn't be confirmed until this meeting due to lack of relevant Councillors present at each meeting to constitute a quorum.
3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 8TH JANUARY, 2015**
 - (a) **Public Toilets at Devil's Brige**
A response was received from Ceredigion County Council to a previous query why the public toilets at Devil's Bridge are closed for the winter. The County Council have closed the toilets during the winter as it is not cost effective to keep them open. The response referred that inquiries had been made with local businesses in Devil's Bridge whether it was possible to reach an understanding if businesses could open their facilities for the public over the winter months but there wasn't a positive response to this inquiry. It was noted that there was an opportunity for the Community Council to take responsibility for the public toilets during the winter months. This issue was discussed but it was resolved that the running costs were too high for consideration, but that there could be other solutions that could be explored.
4. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - (a) **Joint Meeting**
Correspondence was received from Trawscoed Community Council about the possibility of organizing a joint meeting with the neighboring community councils to discuss issues of concern within the community which are referred to Ceredigion County Council.
 - (b) **Membership of One Voice Wales**
It was resolved to pay the membership fee of £68.00 for the year 2015/16 to One Voice Wales.
 - (c) **County Council Residential Care Homes**
It is understood that Ceredigion County Council are consulting on the future provision of residential care homes, with a deadline of 11th March 2015 to receive comments. Two members of the Community Council were invited to attend a meeting with Council Officials at Canolfan Rheidol at Aberystwyth on Wednesday 25th February at 6.30 pm-8.00 pm to outline the content of the consultation document.
 - (d) **Heart Foundation**
A personal letter was received from Glan Davies, thanking the Community Council members for their generous donation towards the local Heart Foundation appeal.
 - (e) **Recycling**
The sum of £28.50 was received for recycling material within Devil's Bridge for the

2nd quarter (July-September 2014).

5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

(a) **Postal Codes**

Cllr. Rhodri Davies reported that he had received complaints from residents of the area that a number of houses hold the same post codes. Distribution companies are struggling to find the odd house. It was resolved that the Clerk contact with the Post Office to express concern about the situation.

(b) **Royal Mail Collection**

Cllr Davies also reported on another concern received by a resident referring that the Royal Mail has changed the timing of daily collection at Cwmystwyth from 3.30 to 12.00 noon. It is believed the postman who deliver mail in Cwmystwyth in the morning will be collecting outgoing mail on his return journey. This service is not acceptable, as if a person required to post a response by return it is not possible for the response to be collected from Cwmystwyth until the next day. The Clerk to contact the Royal Mail to express objections to the arrangement.

(c) **Issues Relating to Road Safety**

Eluned Evans referred to the dangerous situation of the road near Dolau, Rhos-y-Gell and the fact that some accidents had happened there recently on the hazardous bends. It was accepted that speed of the vehicles was a major factor of a majority of these accidents but drivers do not realize how dangerous these bends are. Resolved that the Clerk to contact the County Council to ask them to put 'Slow' signs on these bends.

Following information reported by Brython Davies, resolved that the Clerk contact the County Council to report that there are large potholes in the road that need to be filled along the Rhos Perian, Cwmystwyth.

James Raw reported a dangerous stretch of road past Tyllwyd, Cwmystwyth towards Powys / Ceredigion boarder. Water was collecting across the road which was freezing over during wintry conditions, approximately 25 meters causing great difficulties for road users. The Clerc to contact the County Council.

6. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 5th March, 2015 in Mynach School.