

Pontarfynach Community Council
Minutes Thursday 5th March 2015

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

Alun Jenkins (Chair); Brython Davies, Eluned Evans, Jane Hopkins, Rhodri Jenkins, Phil Lloyd, Elise Powell; Cllr. Rhodri Davies

1. **APOLOGIES:** James Raw

2. **MINUTES 5th February 2015**

The minutes were proposed by Jane Hopkins as accurate and seconded by Phil Lloyd.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

(a) Meeting with neighbouring Community Councils.

A meeting will be held at Lisburn Hall, Llanafan on Monday 23rd March, 2015 at 7.30 pm to discuss various issues.

(b) It was reported that two defibrillators have been earmarked for Cwmystwyth via Calon Cymru, one to be located in the centre of the Village and the other at Pwllpeirian.

(c) No response has been received by the Post Office or Royal Mail following the recent communications.

(d) Potholes on the Rhos Perian Road - the Clerk has sent details to the County Council of the situation of the road, but no response to date. Reporting reference number is 101838.

(e) Water and ice on the road past Tyllwyd, Cwmystwyth - situation reported and reporting reference number is 101839.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) Risk Assessment: The Clerk reported that it was necessary to introduce financial risk/health and safety questionnaire to members and subsequently asked relevant questions whereby members responded positively or negatively to questions raised.

(b) Web Site: The new website is ready to go live. It was resolved to pay the sum of £714.00 (£600 for designing the website; £94.00 for the domain name for two years, £20.00 for the Website hosting account for a year) to Alan R. Cole, Pixelwave Design. The payment was proposed by Jane Hopkins and seconded by Elise Powell.

(c) Hire of Mynach School for meetings

It was proposed by Brython Davies and seconded by Eluned Evans to make a payment of £210.00 (£175.00 and £35.00 VAT) to Ceredigion County Council for the use of the school from 24th April 2014 until 5th March, 2015, a total of 17.5 hours).

(d) Footpath in Devil's Bridge

Correspondence was received by Alun G. Davies, Chief Engineer Ceredigion Council who reported on the situation of Phase 3 of the above project. It was noted that there

was no information to be had at present as the County Council was still waiting for the Assembly Government to publish the criteria and mechanism for grant funding applications for the coming year.

(e) Donations 2015

A personal letter was received from David Ebenezer, coordinator of the Poppy Appeal, Aberystwyth District to thank Community Council members for the donation. An acknowledgement of donation was also received from the Air Ambulance.

(f) Consultation on the Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance and Community LDP. Reference was made that the above consultation from Ceredigion County Council is available for responses between 19th February and 8th April, 2015

5. PLANNING APPLICATION - Construction of 11 dwellings and associated works, Land opposite Pendre, Devil's Bridge, Aberystwyth.

Eluned Evans declared an interest, signed the book and left the room.

There was extensive discussion on the above planning application. The following statement was unanimously agreed upon following a proposal by Phil Lloyd and seconded by Rhodri Jenkins.

There was an unanimous decision that there would be no objection to the outline planning application but concern was expressed about the treatment plant for the sewerage. Further investigation would be needed as the current water supply within the village of Devil's Bridge is inadequate, the current supply is on an old water system in which the proposed treatment plant could put further pressure on the existing supply.

The development would enhance the population of the village which could be advantageous to the future of Mynach Primary School.

It is hoped that a percentage of these new houses would be 'affordable homes'.

At present there is no regular public transport within Devil's Bridge. As these new developments would bring in additional population the Community Council would appreciate if the situation of public transport within the area could be assessed, especially as the village shop has recently closed and there are no local amenities to be had.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) No Signs Sat Nav

Concern was shown that large vehicles following 'sat nav machines' regularly get into trouble along the small roads around Trisant and have to have the services of local residents to assist them back to a suitable road. It was decided that the Clerk contact Ceredigion County Council asking them to install notices that the roads are unsuitable for large vehicles and not to follow directions of sat navs. The notices to be located at the entrance adjacent to Mynach school, near Penbwlchcrwys, near Lletyshinnod, near the Lake in Trisant, Brynamlwg corner and also each side of the entrance to the road past Rhydyperirion.

The above decision proposed by Alun Jenkins and seconded by Rhodri Jenkins.

(b) It was reported that the wall on Bont ar Twll, Cwmystwyth has collapsed and needed

urgent attention. It was proposed by Jane Hopkins and seconded by Elise Powell that the Clerk contact Tony Ellis from the Forestry Commission to draw their attention to the problem.

- (c) Concern was expressed that rain water runs from the main road onto the Chapel land in Cwmystwyth and runs as far as the steps of the Chapel. It was agreed that the Clerk contacts Ceredigion County Council asking for the situation to be acted upon as a matter of urgency to stop the flow of water.
- (d) It was noted that the orange tape on the road opposite to the entrance of the Hafod car park in Devil's Bridge had collapsed and needs to be replaced as a matter of urgency.
- (e) Cllr. Rhodri Davies reported that a land slide had occurred on the side of the road near Ty Mawr in Cwmystwyth. The Clerk to contact the County Council regarding the situation.
- (f) Cllr. Rhodri Davies also reported that arrangements are in place for assessing the speed of vehicles outside the school at Devil's Bridge in order to look at the possibility of reducing the speed from 30 mph to 20 mph.
- (g) Information came to light that residents in Cwmystwyth are eager to have street lights installed in the center of the Village at Cwmystwyth. The matter to be discussed at the next meeting.
- (h) Wages of Clerk
It was agreed to pay wages to the Clerk - £531.51 (£489.60.00 and £41.91 costs) for 6 months and £122.40 to be paid to HMRC - PAYE for the Clerk. The payment was proposed by Jane Hopkins and seconded by Phil Lloyd.

7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 2 April 2015 at Mynach School.