

## PONTARFYNACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Thursday 3rd March, 2016

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

Brython Davies, Eluned Evans, Phil Lloyd, and Cllr. Rhodri Davies.

1. **APOLGIES**

Jane Hopkins, Alun Jenkins, Rhodri Jenkins, Elise Powell, James Raw.

2. **MINUTES OF 4th FEBRUARY, 2016**

The minutes were confirmed as a true record of the meeting which was proposed by Phil Lloyd and seconded by Brython Davies.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

(a) Water at Cwmystwyth near Gate Cottage

No further info to report.

(b) BT Red Phone Boxes

No response was received from BT so far in respect of purchasing the Red Phone Boxes in the area. The Clerk to follow up on this.

(c) Matters that need following up with Ceredigion County Council as no responses received:

Trees near the quarry opposite the lake in Trisant extending out onto the road.  
Leylandii tree growing onto the pavement opposite the War Memorial at Devil's Bridge.

A Wall at Pontartwll, Cwmystwyth has collapsed some time ago and the Clerk to contact Natural Resources Wales to inquire about re-building the wall.

Need to repair road signs near the War Memorial at Devil's Bridge.

Tree leaves accumulating across the road at Trisant.

The road giving way on the right when entering New Row from the direction of Lletysynod.

The Road from Devil's Bridge to Cwmystwyth, the need to continue to ask the County Council to place a roadside crash barrier at the point opposite the Hafod Hotel Car Park entrance, where the orange tape has been placed for some considerable time.

Potholes in the road in a number of locations within the area that need urgent attention especially the ones at Cwmystwyth.

(ch) Donations

The following letters of appreciation were received in response to the recent donations sent: Y Ddolen, Trisant YFC and also Cylch Meithrin Penllwyn.

#### 4. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

The following correspondence were received:

(a) **Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Ceredigion 2020**

A letter was received addressed to Town and Community Councils within Ceredigion from Ceredigion County Council enquiring about the interest of a suitable location to hold the 2020 National Eisteddfod. It was decided that there wasn't a suitable location and venue to be had in the Pontarfynach Community Council area and the Clerk to respond accordingly.

(b) **Review of Post 16 Home to School/College Transport and the Provision of Spare Seats.**

The Review Documents were received from Ceredigion County Council and discussion took place on the proposal to charge £390 per pupil for those pupils that fall into the above category.

It was resolved that the Clerk would respond by objecting to the proposal noting that some families would not be able to afford such a cost and would find it difficult to find additional funding in order that their children could continue in post 16 education.

It was acknowledged that there was an Educational Maintenance Allowance to be had for families on low income but that money should be used to support the education element of the pupil and not to be used to support the local Council to make financial savings.

Communication was received from Trawsgoed Community Council urging the Community Council to object to the proposal in the review document.

Annual report of the Welsh Independent Remuneration Panel with reference to Section 10 Payments to Members Town and Community Councils and the Community Council needs to make a decision whether the Community Councilors would that charging for their services within the Community Council.

It was resolved to postpone discussion until the next meeting whereby there would be more members present to make a fair decision.

#### 5. **CYLLID**

(a) An invoice was received from Ceredigion County Council for the hire of Mynach Primary School for holding Community Council meetings at the school over the past year. It was resolved to pay the invoice of £180 (£150.00 plus £30.00 VAT). Payment was proposed by Phil Lloyd and seconded by Brython Davies.

(b) It was resolved to pay the wages and costs of the Clerk - £518.94 (£489.60 cyflog a £86.27 costau) from 1st September, 2015 – 31st March 2016 and £122.40 to HMRC for the Clerk's PAYE. Payment was proposed by Phil Lloyd and seconded by Brython Davies.

#### 6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

(a) It was reported that the Stop/Give Way Sign on the junction in Cwmystwyth from the direction of Ysgoldy Coch is no longer there and it is anticipated that it has been stolen.

- (b) An enquiry was received from member of the public why there was no planning application presented to site a static caravan that arrived at Glanfedw, Devil's Bridge.  
The Clerk to draw the attention of the County Council to the situation.

7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 7th April, 2016 at Mynach School at 7.30 p.m.