

PONTARFYNACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Thursday 25th May, 2017 at 8.00 p.m. following the A.G.M.

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

Brython Davies (Chairman), Eluned Evans, Jane Hopkins, Phil Lloyd, and Cllr. Rhodri Davies.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Rhodri Jenkins

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Members were reminded of the need to declare an interest if a situation arises.

3. **PERSONAL MATTERS**

Congratulations were extended to Councillor Rhodri Davies on his re-election as County Councillor for Melindwr Ward. Appreciation was noted to Alun Jenkins, James Raw and Elise Powell, for their work over the years whilst members of the Community Council. It was resolved that the Clerk send letters of appreciation to the three.

4. **MINUTES 6th April, 2017**

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

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

(a) Re-Cycling Centre

Situation seems to be improving generally but still the need to keep an eye.

(b) Tyn Rhyd Corner

No further updates

(c) Mountain Road from Cwmystwyth to Rhaeadr

No further developments to report and it was resolved that the Clerk contact Powys County Council for an update.

(ch) The following items continue to need attention from the County Council with the Clerk to follow up.

The road eroding on the right-hand side when entering New Row from direction of Lletysynod.

The need to renew the road sign 'Ildiwch/Stop' on the junction at Cwmystwyth from the director of Ysgoldy Coch Hill, it is believed the sign has been stolen.

Many water drains in the area need to be emptied, especially in Trisant and Cwmystwyth.

Deep pot hole on the road near to Carreg Naw.

Pot holes at the back of Pentre Farm, Cwmystwyth on the Rhos Perran road – it is understood that these pot holes have now been filled.

- (d) Water continues to run across the road from the hedge near to Rose Cottage, opposite Devil's Bridge Chapel.
No developments at present but there is a need to keep an eye on the situation.
- (dd) Pontartwll, Cwmystwyth.
The work in question has been completed.
- (e) Street Lighting
Written confirmation was received from Ceredigion County Council giving permission to locate the lighting pole on land owned by the County Council. No quotes have been received yet of situating the light pole but the Clerk reported that she had been informed about a Community Grant available from Ceredigion County Council that could potentially bring in up to 50% of the cost of installing a street light. It was resolved to continue with the grant application once the decision of accepting a quotation had been made.
- (f) Toilets at Devil's Bridge
The closure of the toilets over the winter months was discussed again. It was agreed to make further enquiries regarding the costs of the upkeep of keeping the toilets open during the winter and to discuss further at the next meeting.
- (ff) Water Valve near to the Monument at Devil's Bridge
Although it was understood that Welsh Water had re-done work on the water valve the situation continues to be the same whereby water accumulates where the road has sunk. The need to keep an eye on the situation.
- (ng) Bench at Cwmystwyth
Prices were received from two different companies for providing a new bench at Cwmystwyth and it was resolved to purchase the bench from SLPW for the price of £525.00 + VAT (£360 + £80 for engraving + £30 for extended legs to secure to the ground + £55 transport + TAW). Phil Lloyd proposed the purchase which was seconded by Jane Hopkins.
- (g) Lorries travelling at excessive speed through Devil's Bridge
No further information to report.
- (h) Gritting of the B4574 Road from Devil's Bridge to Cwmystwyth
At the previous meeting it was decided to defer discussions until after the Election. It was decided now to obtain costings from the County Council to have initial discussions on the proposals.
- (i) Hedges that need attention at Cwmystwyth
No further information to report from the County Council regarding the two hedges that need attention at Cwmystwyth which have overgrown into the road.
Near to Gwarallt and near to Bryneithrin whereby a member of the public has obtained damage to his vehicle.
- (l) Lletysynod Junction - C1022 with U1175 and C1043 whereby an improvement to visibility is needed on the left-hand side when traveling from Trisant.

- (m) Phase 3 Foot Path at Devil's Bridge
The Clerk reported that she had received notification from Ceredigion County Council that their bid for grant aid towards the above scheme had been unsuccessful.

Mile Stones with the Devil's Bridge Area

The Clerk reported that she had made enquiries with other Community Councils on how they went about renovating Mile Stones and the response received was that they didn't receive any special attention only painting. Further discussions were held and it was decided by the Councillors to contact CADW to ensure that these Mile Stones could be painted and that there isn't any CADW restrictions on them.

- (n) Parking outside of Hafod Hotel
No response was received from the County Council and it was noted that vehicles continue to park in dangerous positions as well as parking adjacent to a dropped kerb which is inconvenient as well as possibly illegal. The Clerk to contact the County Council again and to place the item on agenda of the next meeting.
- (o) Pot Holes
Two deep pot holes were reported which need to be drawn to the attention of Ceredigion County Council:
Near to the Monument at Devil's Bridge and by the Lead Mines on the Mountain Road at Cwmystwyth.

6. FINANCE

- (a) An invoice was received from G. Jones for the work undertaken of securing a seating bench near to the Lake at Trisant. It was resolved to pay the invoice of £60.00 which was proposed by Jane Hopkins and seconded by Phil Lloyd.
- (b) Insurance for Pontarfynach Community Council
The renewal for the Community Council Insurance was due from Zurich Insurance. It was resolved to pay Zurich the renewal sum of £495.77. Payment was proposed by Eluned Evans and seconded by Phil Lloyd

7. ACCOUNTS 2016/17

The Clerk reported that G. Evans had completed the internal audit on the 2016/17 accounts and Mr. Evans' written report was read out at the meeting confirming that the accounts were in order. The Clerk will proceed to send relevant documents to the external auditor.

It was resolved to pay the invoice received from G. Evans for the sum of £40.00 for completing the internal audit. Payment was proposed by Jane Hopkins and seconded by Eluned Evans.

8. Planning Application A170351. Repair and Maintenance to New Bridge, Hafod Mansion, Forestry Commission, Pontrhydygroes, Ystrad Meurig.
The above was discussed and it was decided to respond to Ceredigion County Council's enquiry in that there were no objections with members of Pontarfynach Community Council to the above application.

9. **Confirm a Model Protocol for dealing with Local Solutions for Town and Community Council that was received from One Voice Wales**

The above was presented to Members and it was resolved accept the document should complaints be received regarding the Community Council.

10. **Social Media Policy**

The above document was presented to Members that was received via One Voice Wales and it was resolved to accept the policy for Pontarfynach Community Council.

11. **Correspondence**

Notification was received from the Governors Section, Ceredigion County Council noting that as James Raw was no longer a Community Councillor his term of office as Governor on Mynach School Governing Body had now come to an end and there was a need to appoint another representative as his successor. It was resolved to defer nominating a new representative until the vacant seats on the Community Council had been filled via co-option process.

12. **ANY OTHER MATTER**

- (a) Road Sign to Aberffrw – attention is needed on the road sign at the said location.
- (b) Reference was made to complaints received from members of the public regarding a road sign that is hidden in the hedge opposite Arch View on the B4343 towards the School in Devil's Bridge from the direction of the Monument. A high sided vehicle could sustain damage if veering too far to the right when meeting another vehicle as the road is narrow at the location. It was resolved to bring the attention of Ceredigion County Council to this problem and the concerns regarding the sign.
- (c) Enquiries were made if it was possible to obtain a new waste bin to be sited near to the Noticeboard at Cwmystwyth as many passers-by and locals sit on the bench located there. The Clerk to make enquiries.

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting to be held on 6th July, 2017 at Mynach School at 7.30 p.m.