

CYNGOR BRO PONTARFYNACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Thursday 5th September, 2019 am 7.30 p.m.

Meeting was held at Mynach School with the following present:

Jane Hopkins (Chairman); Brython Davies, Robert Davies, Phil Lloyd, Rhodri Jenkins, Gareth Jones, Robert Pratt and Cllr Rhodri Davies.

1. APOLOGIES

Eluned Evans

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES

Meeting of 4th July, 2019

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

4. Tanya Friswell, Community and Tourism Development Officer, Pentir Pumlumon was welcomed to the Community Council to receive information and discussion on Tourism and Community Links within the area.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- (a) There were still outstanding items that require attention in the area, the Clerk to follow up on these issues and to keep them on the agenda during future meetings.
- (b) Public Footpaths
The Clerk received a response from the Coast and Countryside Department of Ceredigion County Council noting that work had been undertaken on the paths and signage replaced.
- (c) The large Bollards on the Mountain Road near Ty Mawr and Glyn Deri, Cwmystwyth remain needing urgent attention.
- (d) Discussions took place regarding the concerns expressed by members of the public regarding the recent spate of accidents on the A4120 near to Ty'n Rhyd corner. Due to the nature of the road in that there are numerous corners it was resolved to ask Ceredigion County Council to install chevrons along that section of road.
- (e) Area known as Rhos Peiran, Cwmystwyth. It was decided to enquire with Ceredigion County Council to install name signs each end of the section of road denoting the Rhos Peiran area within Cwmystwyth.
- (f) Concern was expressed of speeding vehicles going through Cwmystwyth and the need to bring the attention of the Police and Council to the matter.

6. FINANCE

- (a) Pontarfynach Community Council Accounts 2018-19. The Audited Accounts were received from Grant Thornton, the external auditor appointed on behalf of Wales Audit. The Community Council received an unqualified audit report. However during the review the Auditor identified some matters that were drawn to the attention of the Community Council:

Precept amount: the amount noted in Box 2 on the Accounting Statements was understated by £162 due to the election fees being offset against income rather than recording the precept gross and recording the fees as an item of expenditure. The figure entered in Box 6 on the accounting statements should be corrected to £2,115 and the figure for 2019-20 Annual Return should include the wording 'restated' beneath the £ sign in the 2019 column.

Assertion 3 of the Annual Return had been answered as 'yes' in relation to committees and sub-committees where it should read N/A as there are no committees of sub-committees within the Community Council.

- (b) Clerk's Salary and Expenses: It was resolved to pay the clerk £520.00 salary and £34.08 expenses from 1st April 2019 to 31st August, 2019 and £130.00 to HMRC for the Clerk's PAYE. The payment was proposed by Phil Lloyd and seconded by Rhodri Jenkins.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Information from Ceredigion County Council on an advert for Supplementary Snow Clearance Services
- (b) Information regarding the Budget Challenge from Ceredigion County Council
- (c) Age-Friendly Wales Circular Summer 2019
- (d) Communication from local residents voicing concern that a yellow salt bin within the Community Council area is being used as a waste bin thus contaminating the salt. It was decided that the Clerk place a notice on the said bin stating that it is a salt bin and also contacting Ceredigion County Council asking that the bin is replaced by a more appropriate bin which would deter household waste and other item being left in the bin.
- (e) Communication from Wales Rally GB drawing attention of the Community Council to the upcoming rally on the 5th October 2019.
- (f) Ceredigion Local Development Plan 2: Following discussion it was decided to respond to the consultation on the above as follows:

Community Council would like to ensure that all available sites within the village signs are included. The Community Council is unhappy with losing the rural centre status through no fault of the Community Council and the area and would request for the status to be reinstated.

8. Planning Applications:

Rhos Cyrnau, Devil's Bridge: A190450 Demolition of existing garage and erection of a single story extension. There were no objection from the Community Council.

Arch View, Devil's Bridge: A19057 : Proposed Extension to Dwelling. There was no objection from the Community Council.

9. ANY OTHER MATTER

- (a) It was decided to enquire with Ceredigion County Council Planning Department if planning permission was required regarding the installation of a water feature and also alterations to an entrance within the Community Council.
- (b) A letter of congratulations to be sent to the staff, pupils and governors of Ysgol Mynach on their high achievement in the recent Estyn Inspection of obtaining five outstanding grades.
- (c) A letter of appreciation to be forwarded to Ceredigion County Council on the completion of the stage 3 footpath at Devil's Bridge. The Local Member, Cllr Rhodri Davies was thanked for his perseverance in ensuring a footpath for the benefit of the Community and tourists alike.

- (d) The water drain by the 9 mile, mile stone has been repaired.
- (e) An incident of fly tipping has occurred near the Arch on the public right of way track leading from the Car Park. The Clerk to report the incident.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held on Thursday 3rd October, 2019 at Mynach School.