

**YSTRAD FFLUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING,  
WHICH WAS HELD ON THURSDAY 19/10/2017  
AT THE PANTYFEDWEN HALL LIBRARY, AT 7.00PM**

**1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME & PERSONAL MATTERS**

Cllr. Clare Hughes welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting.

Cllr Alun Price-Jones, the recently co-opted member for the Ystrad Fflur Community Council: Caron Uwch Clawdd Ward, was welcomed to the meeting. He subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Code of Conduct.

**2. PRESENT:** Councillor Clare Hughes (Chairperson); Cllr. Angharad Jones (Deputy-Chairperson); Cllr John Jones; Cllr Laura Jones; Cllr Mair Jones; Cllr Wil Lewis; Cllr Gareth Owen; Cllr Alun Price-Jones; Cllr Doug Rowbotham; County Cllr Ifan Lloyd-Davies.

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**Cllr Non Jones and Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) John Evans.** apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

**4. POLICE MATTERS**

Members expressed concern in relation to the ongoing problem concerning drugs within the area. It was **RESOLVED** to discuss the matter further with PCSO Evans.

**5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None Declared.

**6. CONFIRMATION OF THE MEETING OF THE 21st SEPTEMBER 2017**

It was **PROPOSED (Cllr Angharad Jones)**, **SECONDED (Cllr Gareth Owen)** and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the 21st September 2017 were a correct record, apart from the following amendment;

**Minute 7.2:Broken Panes within the Bus-Shelter;** the estimated price of repair of the two panes had been £100 and not the glue itself as recorded in the Minutes.

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chairperson Cllr Clare Hughes.

**7. MATTERS ARISING**

**7.1 Glan-yr-Afon:** The path along the river bank was discussed. Information received from the Land Registry earlier in the year in relation to the parcel of land known as Glan yr Afon, was considered. This area of land has not been registered with the Land Registry. The Community Council pays for 3 cuts at Glan yr Afon during the season @ £40 per cut. It was resolved to assign further attention to the matter during the next meeting and to seek advice from Cllr Non Jones. Cllr Angharad Jones and County Cllr Ifan Lloyd-Davies will walk the area to assess the situation further.

**7.2 Cutting a tree by the bridge at Maesydderwen:** it was questioned whether the Community Council was responsible for meeting the cost associated with cutting the tree.

**7.3 Request for: Pedestrian bridge adjacent to the historical bridge of Pontrhydfendigaid:**

Cllr Clare Hughes had organised a Petition to increase road safety in this vicinity and requested a pedestrian bridge adjacent to the historical bridge of Pontrhydfendigaid. The Petition, which included 200 names, had been forwarded to Ceredigion County Council. The County Council was asked to support the Proposal and to investigate suitable land for the development. A response from CCC stated that engineers were currently assessing the conditions at the bridge and will recommend appropriate solutions. CCC will update the Community Council once the process has been concluded. A site meeting was requested. No Developments to report during this meeting. It was agreed to contact CCC once again.

**7.4 Pantyfedwen Play Area Inspection Rospa 2017:** ROSPA undertook a park inspection during the month of June for a fee of £66.50. The Report was circulated. The Community Council is addressing the issues raised

within the Report. In response to the letter from Heulwen Pugh during the previous meeting, re the condition of the black safety mats, which leave black stains on children's clothes it had been resolved to find out the cost of new mats. Cllr John Jones had contacted Mr Gareth Jones, Bethesda, the present provider; replacement mats were very expensive. Another option would be to pressure-wash the mats. It was agreed to reconsider the situation during March 2018.

7.5 **Green Grant, Ceredigion CC:** It was reported in a previous meeting that the Bottle Bank was often full to capacity and that bottles were then deposited close to the Bottle Bank. It was **RESOLVED** to find out whether a sign could be positioned in close proximity to the Bottle Bank under the auspices of the CCC's Green Grant, discouraging people from this practice. CCC's Environmental Protection Officer could provide signs in relation to fly-tipping (as part of the grant) and was prepared to work with the Community Council to install them in the relevant locations. It was **RESOLVED** in the previous meeting to contact CCC to try to arrange a site meeting with the relevant Officer to discuss further. Cllr Clare Hughes and Cllr Laura Jones to attend the Meeting. *No developments.* **Action:** To request an update from CCC.

7.6 **Creating a website for the Village:**  
The Grant Thornton Audit of Ystrad Fflur Community Council for the Fiscal Year 2016-17 stated that it was a requirement on the Community Council to have a website in place in accordance with the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013. Cllr Laura Jones had made further enquiries regarding the provision of a website for the Community Council. WordPress <https://wordpress.com> requested an annual fee of £10.00 with an additional £3/month hosting fee = £46 per year. It was **RESOLVED** to accept this offer. The domain name was agreed as [www.ccystadfflurcc.co.uk?](http://www.ccystadfflurcc.co.uk?). Cllr Laura Jones will move the matter forward. Minutes/agendas/ contact details of members will be posted onto the website.

7.7 **Dog Fouling** – continues to be a problem within the Village.

7.8 **Street Light by Arosfa:** CCC street lighting contractors attended the lighting unit SL11-1166 on the 13 September 2017 and installed a new photocell and lamp. CCC has an order for new lanterns to be installed on its assets, and this unit is on the list to be replaced. They are due in with the contractors shortly. If the lighting unit fails again, the Community Council can report to CCC (01545) 570 570.

7.9 **Request to install a pavement adjacent to the Bus-Shelter, Penrhiw, Ffair Rhos:** *No further information available during this meeting.*

7.10 **Remembrance Sunday Service**, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017 @ 11am, War Memorial, Pontrhyfendigaid. It was agreed to contact the Rev. Aled Lewis to officiate at the Service, once again this year. Cllr John Jones had made provisions concerning the Wreath. To ask Mr Lyn Ebenezer whether he could lay the wreath and to say a few words. Next year, it was proposed that pupils from the Primary School could be contacted to participate in the Service. **The following arrangements were made:**

**Reading the names of the soldiers, who had fallen:** Cllr Gareth Owen & Cllr. Doug Rowbotham. **Prayers:** . Cllr John Jones (Welsh); County Cllr Ifan Lloyd-Davies (English). **Reading from the Scriptures:** Cllr. Mair Jones (Welsh); Cllr. Clare Hughes (English). **Also to ask John Jenkins** whether he would undertake the role of bugler, once again this year.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 **One Voice Wales: Ceredigion Area Meeting:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7pm, Council Chamber, County Hall, Penmorfa, Aberaeron.

8.2 **The Independent Remuneration Panel draft Annual Report 2018/19** has now been published for consultation and is available on its website through the related link: <http://gov.wales/irpwsu/home/publication-reports/financial-year-2018-19/?lang=en>. Section 13 relates specifically to Community and Town Councils. Responses to be received by 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

8.3 **Consultation on the draft** Ceredigion PSB Local Well-Being Plan: Ceredigion County Council: deadline noon, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017.

8.4 **Independent Review Panel:** established to consider the future role of Community and Town Councils and will make recommendations to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government next Autumn. As a starting point, 4 high level questions were asked; more detailed views and thoughts could be emailed to Adolygiad.CTC.Review@gov.wales

8.5 **Other Correspondence: For Information Only.**

9. **FINANCE.**

9.1 **Princess Sapieha Scholarship under the auspices of Ystrad Fflur Community Council:** a separate account exists but no cheque book has been received; withdrawals are currently made from the main account.

9.2 **Clerk's Pay** September 2017 £155.07.

9.3 **HMRC** September 2017 £38.76

9.4 **Grant Thornton Annual Return** for Ystrad Fflur Community Council for the year ended 31 March 2017. £225.00

9.5 **Wreath Remembrance Sunday** c/o Cllr John Jones: £25

9.6 **Stamps/paper/broadband/ink 6 months** £173.71 (to include VAT)

9.7 **Hire of War Memorial Tregaron:** Training of the Code of Conduct £5

10. **PLANNING**

10.1 **Ceredigion County Council: Development Control Committee:** Agenda and Minutes of a recent Meeting.

10.2 **Ceredigion County Council: Planning Application: A170937: Proposal:** Resurfacing 100 square metres of existing forest entrance from crushed grey stone to black tarmac. **Location:** Dolgoed Wood; Pontrhydfendigaid. **Community Council's Observations: No Objections.**

11. **AOB**

11.1 **A dispute has arisen between the owners** of two private properties within the village regarding the guttering of their homes. It was agreed to contact One Voice Wales to seek professional advice in relation to whether the Community Council should mediate in personal matters such as this. Enlisting the help of a neighbouring County Cllr was considered.

11.2 **The Letter-Box at Ffair Rhos has not been painted:** to remind Royal Mail.

11.3 **New Abbey:** concerns had been expressed in relation to where the speed-limit signs had been placed.

11.4 **Moss within Churchyard, Mynachlog:** it was enquired whether Jeyes Fluid could be used to remove the moss. It was felt that this was a matter for the Trustees.

11.5 **Signs have been introduced by Waunfelin and Dolgrychain** alerting drivers that the road narrows at this point. It was suggested that signs could be displayed on the corners.

11.6 **Members were informed that the last service (Harvest)** will take place at St David's Church, Pontrhydfendigaid, on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 6 o'clock.

*The meeting was adjourned at 8.52pm.*

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 16th November 2017 at 7pm.**

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