

**YSTRAD FFLUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING,
WHICH WAS HELD ON THURSDAY 21/09/2017
AT THE PANTYFEDWEN HALL LIBRARY, AT 7.00PM**

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME & PERSONAL MATTERS

Cllr. Clare Hughes welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting.

Best wishes were extended to Cllr Mair Jones who had recently undergone medical treatment. Her absence from the July monthly meeting marked her first absence from monthly community council meetings over a period of approximately ten years.

2. PRESENT: Councillor Clare Hughes (Chairperson); Cllr. Angharad Jones (Deputy-Chairperson); Cllr John Jones; Cllr Laura Jones; Cllr Mair Jones; Cllr Non Jones; Cllr Gareth Owen.

Member of the Public: Mr Alun Price-Jones.

Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) John Evans.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Wil Lewis, Cllr Doug Rowbotham and County Cllr Ifan Lloyd-Davies apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

4. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO John Evans reported: July 2017- Incidents: anti-social behaviour in relation to tenant issues; neighbour discord; a burglary – cash and jewellery were taken; & a criminal act where a person had taken an axe to a car. There were no crimes of violence.

August 2017 – Incidents: Anti-social noise; social media issues and an incident involving a trailer. There had been two reports of theft during the Cors Caron rally. There had been no reported crimes of violence, thefts or burglaries during August. An anti-social call had been received in relation to cameras.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllr Angharad Jones and Cllr Laura Jones declared a personal interest when the co-option of a new member for the Ystrad Fflur Community Council-Caron Uwch Clawdd Ward, was considered; they vacated the room. Mr Alun Price Jones also left the room during this time.

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE MEETING OF THE 20TH JULY 2017

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED** and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the 20th July 2017 were a correct record apart from the following amendments;

Minute 7.5: Request for a Crossing adjacent to the Primary School:

A crossing had not been requested by members outside the school but rather zig-zag lines on each side of the pavements.

Minute 7.11.3: Traffic Restrictions: An explanation was sought concerning this Minute. 3 sets of parking issues had been reported at the previous meeting to draw to the attention of the County Council for consideration within a future Traffic Review. It had also been agreed during the past meeting that cllrs would assign further attention to other traffic issues within the Village, which could be reported to the County Council.

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

7. MATTERS ARISING

7.1 Co-option of a new member; Ystrad Fflur Community Council: Caron Uwch Clawdd Ward: Three expressions of interest had been received, from Mr Alun Price Jones, June Thomas and Esther Wakeling during the previous meeting.

Further communication from Mr Alun Price Jones and Esther Wakeling outlined their involvement within the community and what they could offer,

should they be co-opted. After careful deliberation members voted. The successful candidate was named as Mr Alun Price -Jones. Mr Jones was congratulated on his election and will be invited to the next meeting scheduled for Thursday 19th October 2017; it will be necessary for him to subscribe to the Code of Conduct before resuming his role as Councillor.

7.2 **Broken Panes within the Bus-Shelter:** Replacing 2 panes. A certain type of glue had been used but had proven ineffective. Another glue was considered, which would cost in the region of a £100. It was agreed not to make further attempts to improve the situation as it did not pose a safety risk.

7.3 **Deteriorating Condition of the metal footbridge over the River Teifi at the rear of Dolau Bach and known as the “Green Bridge”.** A response from CCC stated that engineers have fully assessed the condition of the footbridge and have recommended that some work be carried out. They are currently designing a scheme to address the defects on the bridge. The footbridge crosses a main river and therefore a Flood Risk Activity Permit (FRAP) is required; CCC is currently in discussion with Natural Resources Wales (NRW) regarding this permit, which may take a minimum of six weeks to process. Also, NRW has an embargo on in-river works between October 2017 and March 2018 and the repairs to the footbridge are likely to be carried out in April 2018.

It was reported that rats were evident on the river bank. 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.

7.4 **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. It was **RESOLVED** to request a site meeting.

7.5 **Pantyfedwen Play Area Inspection Rospa 2017:** ROSPA has undertaken 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.

7.6 **Green Grant, Ceredigion CC:** It was reported 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.

7.7 **Grass cutting:** Tai Ceredigion assumes responsibility for a small area of grass within the Maesydderwen Estate.

7.8 **Creating a website for the Village:**
After careful deliberation it was resolved to find out further information concerning the design of a website which would satisfy current requirements eg names and contact details of members of the Community Council; minutes and agendas. It was agreed for Cllr Laura Jones to contact Chris, a Web-Designer to establish the way forward. Estimated cost £500 + £100 annual hosting fee. Creating a Facebook page was considered.

7.9 **Dog Fouling** – continues to be a problem within the Village. Contacting the Dog Warden was considered. Dog Fouling Spray: no further information available.

7.10 **Parking Restrictions: Traffic problems exist:**

1. **When leaving Abbey Road and turning towards Tregaron.** A mirror could be positioned on Abbey Road.
2. **When leaving Lisburne Road.**
3. **A vehicle is parked adjacent to Rhydfen Chapel** on a continuous basis. To report to Ceredigion County Council. Cllr Clare Hughes will walk the Village to identify further problems.

7.11 **Request to install a pavement adjacent to the Bus-Shelter, Penrhiw, Ffair Rhos:** **ACTION:** to request an update from CCC.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 **Flooding/ Pooling of water at Cwrt y Wern, Ponthrydfendigaid.**
Response received from Tai Ceredigion re the request to bring the matter forward. Tai Ceredigion's budget is committed this year, however the work will be kept in mind during the regular reviews of programmed work in case there is an opportunity to bring the work forward. Planning permission has been sought and it will be scheduled into next year's programme and residents will be informed of the proposed timescale for the works once this has been finalised.

8.2 **Code of Conduct Training:** 18th September 2017, Memorial Hall, Tregaron. Chair Cllr Clare Hughes, Deputy-Chair Angharad Jones; Cllr Laura Jones; Cllr Mair Jones and the Clerk Eleri Thomas had attended the training session undertaken by representatives of Ceredigion CC and co-ordinated by Mr Ian Williams, Clerk of Ysbyty Ystwyth Community Council.

8.3 **Speed of Vehicles entering and leaving the Village and the request submitted to Ceredigion CC** for both entrances to be included within Ceredigion CC's Speed Limit Review. The last review took place in 2016 and the implementation of changes arising from the review is now almost complete. The next review of speed limits is currently scheduled for 2019; this issue will have to be considered at that time.
The presence of vehicle activated signage and gateway markings covering most of the approaches to the start of the 30mph speed limit will have to be taken into consideration. It was unsure what other measures would be practical and appropriate for CCC to consider. In the meantime, members were reminded that the police have powers to enforce the existing 30mph speed limit covering Pontrhydfendigaid, although they are confronted by considerable resource issues.
It was felt that a 40mph sign could be displayed by Heulfrynn to alert drivers to slow down before reaching the 30mph limit.

8.4 Letter from Heulwen Pugh re the condition of the black safety mats, which leave black stains on children's clothes. It was resolved to find out the cost of new mats (to seek 3 quotes- Mr Gareth Jones, the provider of the present play apparatus; TTS Tregaron and one other) . Cllr John Jones will contact Mr Gareth Jones. Should the mats be affordable, the Community Council will consider purchasing new ones. It was agreed to inform Heulwen Pugh accordingly.

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 currently exists but no cheque book has been received; withdrawals are currently made from the main account.

9.2 Clerk's Pay August 2017 £155.07.

9.3 HMRC August 2017 £38.76

9.4 Annual Return for Ystrad Fflur Community Council for the year ended 31 March 2017.

Notice of Conclusion of Audit was received from Grant Thornton

A copy of the Notice of Conclusion of Audit will be displayed in the vicinity.

Attention was brought to the requirement of the Community Council to have a website in place in accordance with the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013.

9.5 Ganolfan Fair: £150.00

10. PLANNING

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

10.2 Ceredigion County Council: Planning Application: A170592: Applicant(s): Telefonica UK Ltd and CTIL. Proposal: Installation of 2 no. antennas and 2 no. 0.6m diameter dishes on a 20m high monopole, and 3 no. cabinets, a meter cabinet, and associated ancillary works all contained within a 8m x 5m compound enclosed with a 1.8m high palisade fence. Location: The Pavilion, Bridge Street, Pontrhydfendigaid. Community Council's Observations: No Objections.

11. AOB

11.1 The street-light by Arosfa continues not to work – to remind CCC.

11.2 The hedge between 17/18 Heol y Bannau, Lôn Fach is in need of trimming. To contact CCC.

11.3 A tree adjacent to the bridge by Maesydderwen is need of trimming; it was agreed to find out further information by the next meeting.

11.4 Cllr John Jones was asked whether he would be prepared to make arrangements in relation to the purchase of the Wreath for the Remembrance Sunday Service.

11.5 It was RESOLVED to contact the Tregaron Chemist to ask whether it could remain open until the end of the Tregaron Surgery.

11.6 A large grey van is permanently parked on the Village Green. RESOLVED: to contact CCC.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.10pm.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 19th October 2017 at 7pm.

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