

**YSTRAD FFLUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING,
WHICH WAS HELD ON THURSDAY 18/01/2018
AT THE PANTYFEDWEN HALL LIBRARY, AT 7.00PM**

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME & PERSONAL MATTERS

Cllr. Clare Hughes welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting and wished all present a happy new year.

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

Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) John Evans.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Jones Jones, Cllr Non Jones & Cllr Doug Rowbotham apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

4. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Evans stated that it had been a quiet month on the whole during December 2017. Anti-social issues had arisen to include nuisance phone calls; a burglary (Lisburne Road) & theft (aluminium milk metal containers).

Members bemoaned, once again, the parking of vehicles on both sides of the road, on an almost continuous basis, immediately in front of the Pantyfedwen Hall. It was resolved to send a letter to the Police and Ceredigion County Council to remind them of this concern. It was stated that a caravan could be parked on the side of the road as long as it did not cause an obstruction

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None Declared.

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE MEETING OF THE 18th November 2017

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 18th November 2017 were agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chairperson Cllr Clare Hughes.

7. MATTERS ARISING

7.1 Precept 2018-19: Members discussed the Budget Proposals (Appendix 1).

After careful deliberation it was **RESOLVED** with a show of hands, to increase the Precept by 1% (4 FOR; 3 AGAINST).

That is £7,070 + £70.70 (1%) = £7,140.70. Proposed by Cllr Gareth Owen and seconded by Cllr Laura Jones. This represents an increase, which is less than the rate of inflation (predicted as 3% for 2018).

7.2 Glan-yr-Afon & Cutting a tree by the bridge at Maesydderwen: 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. Ceredigion County Council had been informed that the public footpath had been blocked and asked whether arrangements could be made to reopen it. *Awaiting a reply.*

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. A communication from Igho Emeseh, Highways Maintenance Manager CCC stated that he would be available for a site

meeting from 18 January 2018. **RESOLVED**; Cllr Clare Hughes to contact Mr Emeseh to arrange a site meeting. Cllrs Wil Lewis and Cllr Alun Price Jones to attend.

7.4 **Green Grant, Ceredigion CC: No further developments to report.**

7.5 **Creating a website for the Village:** Cllr Laura Jones reported that the Community Council's website will go "live" shortly. Minutes /Agendas of monthly meetings will be posted onto the website, each month. Members' & the Clerk's contact details will also be available as well as financial information, map of the area and other documents eg Code of Conduct. 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.

7.6 **Dog Fouling** – continues to be a problem within the Village. It was agreed to purchase coloured sprays online.

7.7 **Mention was made of a gentleman, born in Bont and emigrated to Australia, who was involved in WW1.** Richard David Davies, Rock House, Pontrhydfendigaid – his family emigrated to Freemantle, Australia- he died at the Battle of Fromelles on the 19th July 1916. He served in the 53rd Australian Division. It was agreed to find out if his name appeared on a Cenotaph in Freemantle or France; if not, it could be included on the Bont Cenotaph. **Lady on Cenotaph, Pontrhydfendigaid:** it had been agreed to find out further information regarding the Statue of the Lady on the Cenotaph, Pontrhydfendigaid during the previous meeting. It was reported that the Cenotaph was in need of cleaning – 3 quotes would be necessary.

7.8 **Prince of Wales Trust:** 7 Projects will be chosen to mark the Prince of Wales' 70th Birthday; Strata Florida has been included within the list for consideration.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 **Response received from Mr Huw Evans, Pharmacist, Tregaron** regarding the Community Council's request for his Pharmacy to remain open for the duration of the Doctors' Surgery at Tregaron. Mr Evans thanked the Community Council for the positive response. He had approached the Surgery to ask whether they could review the time formally allocated to patients but they are insistent that they are available until 6.30pm, in accordance with their agreement with the Health Board.

8.2 **Ben Lake MP: letter to introduce himself as MP of Ceredigion** and thanking the Community Councillors for the work they do on behalf of the Community. It was asked whether posters could be displayed in the community – it was agreed to do so.

8.3 **Review of the Local Council Sector:** One Voice Wales (OVW) asking for assistance to complete an online survey. This information will help OVW, the representative body of Town and Community Councils to represent the sector from a solid information base.

8.4 **Hywel Dda University Health Board:** "Transforming Clinical Services update – your chance to change the future of our NHS is now!" – During last summer the NHS Wales held a Big Conversation with staff, patients and service users, carers, partners and the public, which was the Discover Phase (listening and engagement) of the Transforming Clinical Services programme. What was heard was independently analysed and presented formally to the Health Board in November. The Board accepted the report and agreed to move to phase two of the programme, called the Design Phase. This means groups of staff are already using this feedback to

develop a long list of options for the future delivery of planned, urgent and emergency and community care services. These need to be tested, challenged and narrowed down to a definitive list of options by the end of January so that they are ready for formal consultation in the spring. A Stakeholder Workshop was held on the 9th January 2018 in Carmarthen.

8.5 **Tregaron Leisure Centre:** was closed by CCC due to budgetary cuts. It is now under the care of Trustees and will be reopened on Friday 9th February 2018 at 3.00pm. Invitation extended to the Chair or a representative.

8.6 **Local Democracy and Boundary Commission For Wales:** Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013. Review of Electoral Arrangements For the County of Ceredigion. The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales have completed the first stage of their review of the electoral arrangements for the County of Ceredigion. The Commission is now publishing Draft Proposals. Comments invited between 23 January 2018 and ending 16th April 2018.

8.7 **Communication from Mr Bill Messer** stating that he will not be attending future meetings of the Community Council, after 10 years and thanked the Community Council for the welcome received during this time.

8.8 **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** Nov/Dec 2017 £155.07 x 2.

9.3 **HMRC** Nov/Dec 2017 £38.76 x2

9.4 **Ceredigion County Council:** Election Costs 2017 £1,026.63.

9.4 **Energy costs for the illumination of streetlights between midnight and 05.00 hours** at the request of the Community Council for the period 1st April 2017 to the 31st March 2018. £522.22; VAT £104.44.

10. **PLANNING**

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

11. **AOB**

11.1 **A manhole cover has collapsed** by Llidiart, Ffair Rhos; to report to CCC.

11.2 **It was reported that two serious accidents** had taken place by the Caravan Park on the outskirts of Tregaron, due to the accumulation of water on the road – to report to CCC.

11.3 **Pavement: Penrhiw, Ffair Rhos adjacent to Bus Shelter** – to remind CCC of this request.

11.4 **It was agreed to find out how many Health Visitors** were available for Tregaron and Pontrhydfendigaid.

11.5 **It was agreed to** clean the pavement between Rock House and the School.

11.6 **It was reported that rubbish (landfill & recycling bags)** was not collected by CCC in the environs of Ty Gwyn Pontrhydfendigaid- to report to CCC.

11.7 **Annual Dinner:** it was agreed to contact the Red Lion, Bont to enquire whether the dinner could be held on the 23/24th February. The menu would be considered at the next meeting of the Community Council.

11.8 **The Chair stated that in Rwanda**, people between the ages of 18-65 are expected to undertake 3hours Community Work each month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.45pm.

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 15th February 2018 at 7pm.**

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