

**YSTRAD FFLUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING,
WHICH WAS HELD ON THURSDAY 16/01/2020
AT THE PANTYFEDWEN HALL LIBRARY,
PONTRHYDFENDIGAID AT 7.00PM**

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME & PERSONAL MATTERS

Cllr. Angharad Jones (Chairperson) welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting and wished everyone a happy new year.

2. PRESENT: Cllr Angharad Jones; Cllr Clare Hughes; Cllr Laura Jones; Cllr Mair Jones; Cllr Gareth Owen (Deputy Chairperson); Cllr Alun Price-Jones, Cllr Doug Rowbotham; County Cllr Ifan Lloyd-Davies; Police Community Support Officer (PCSO); Eleri Thomas (Clerk).

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr John Jones, Cllr Non Jones & Cllr William Lewis apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

4. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO John Evans reported that recent months had been quiet. Firewood had been stolen from a location within the village.

An assault had taken place at the Red Lion.

Hare Poaching in the area was discussed.

No further burglaries and assaults were reported.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None Declared.

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE MEETING OF THE 21st November 2019

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED** and **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Minutes of the Meeting of the 21st November 2019, were correct and signed as a correct record by the Chairperson, Cllr Angharad Jones, apart from the following amendment:

6.1 "Minute 6 – Confirmation of the Meeting of the 17th October. It was proposed by Cllr *Claire* Hughes.....". Should read *Clare*.

7. MATTERS ARISING

7.1 Setting the Community Council's Precept 2020-21: The Budget Report was discussed (Appendix 1). The Precept represents a small proportion of the total Council Tax collected by Ceredigion County Council. For example, for the year 2019-20, the total Band D (average) charge of £1,583.95 for a Bont/Ffair Rhos Council Tax Payer was:

Ceredigion County Council £1,312.33; Dyfed-Powys Police £248.56; Ystrad Fflur Community Council £23.06.

The Community Council's Precept has remained constant for the past 2 years viz £7,140.70. During 2018-19 the Community Council paid for the renovation of the War Memorial (£1,995); Purchased 2 benches for the village (£1,0620); made a donation of £500 to the Tregaron National Eisteddfod 2020, paid for grass cutting within the Village £1,230; arranged the inspection of the Pantyfedwen Park and necessary repairs; purchased signs eg Ffair Rhos; maintained the Community Council's website; paid for illumination of street lights; made donations to the Ganolfan Fair £150; participated and arranged in part, the Remembrance Sunday Service; installed and maintained flower beds on the entrances to the Village; arranged 2 annual litter collections; paid statutory internal and external audits, insurance and membership of One Voice Wales, which gives legal advice; adhered to the Community Council's Bilingual Policy; paid for elections associated with the Community Council & commented on Planning Applications.

Two Proposals were made regarding the level of the Precept for the 2020-21 year.

1. To keep at the same level viz £7,140.70. 3 FOR (4 AGAINST)
 2. To increase by 1% viz £71.41 or £0.23 per annum for the Band D Council Tax Payer: 4 FOR (3 AGAINST); This Motion was carried.
- £7,212.12 will be the Precept of Ystrad Fflur Community Council for the 2020-21 Fiscal year.**

- 7.2 Glan-yr-Afon:** re oil-tank, a response from Ceredigion CC stated that the land on which the tank was located, was not registered common land and evidence of a footpath running through the area could not be ascertained. It did not appear that the county council had responsibility, in relation to the land. It is the responsibility of the owner/manager of the land to arrange for the removal of the oil-tank and to discuss encroachment issues if desired. Cllr Clare Hughes will ask Mr Tom Gilbert whether the tank had been removed.
- 7.3 Trees growing in close proximity to the main bridge, Glan-yr-Afon:** matter in hand with Cllr Doug Rowbotham.
- 7.4 Membership of Committees within the Village: School Governors:** Community Council representative Cllr Angharad Jones: no report.
Pant-y-fedwen Hall Committee: Community Council representative: Cllr Laura Jones: no report.
Churchyard Trust: Community Council representatives: Cllr Angharad Jones; Cllr Gareth Owen: no report.
Pant-y-fedwen Trust: Community Council representative: Cllr Mair Jones: no report.
One Voice Wales Quarterly Meetings: Community Council representative: Cllr Laura Jones: no report.
- 7.5 Annual Dinner:** Date set: Saturday 15th February 2020 (evening) at the Teifi Inn, Ffair Rhos. **AGREED:** Cllr Clare Hughes to arrange.
- 7.6 Response from Ceredigion CC** re the request of the Community Council's to install a mirror adjacent to Penrhiw, Ffair-Rhos.
A request for a mirror at this location has been received in the past. Welsh Government permission is required for the installation of traffic mirrors on public highways in Ceredigion. Ceredigion CC only considers applications for traffic mirrors at junctions and mirrors cannot be authorized or installed at private entrances. The junctions must meet strict criteria, which include severe road vision and history of collisions, which have resulted in personal injury due to lack of visibility. This is partly because traffic mirrors are thought to pose their own safety risks to include
- *Can distract drivers from passing pedestrians and cyclists;*
 - *Because of the shape of the mirror, it is difficult to judge the speed and distance of approaching traffic;*
 - *The mirror can reflect sunlight and vehicle lights, blinding drivers;*
 - *Weather conditions for example rain, snow or fog can affect the effectiveness of a mirror that drivers rely on.*
- Mirrors can be installed on private land with the permission of the landowner, however, planning permission may also be required and may be removed if they are considered to pose a danger to highway users. Mirrors placed within highway boundaries without the consent of the Welsh Government are likely to be removed, and the cost will be borne by those responsible for their installation. Those responsible for installing an unauthorized mirror may also be liable for any damage and/or injury that the mirror has contributed to.*
The Authority has no record of personal injury collisions at the junction at Ffair Rhos within the last 5 years, so it is highly likely that any request to the Welsh Government would fail to meet part of the basic criteria.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 VICTORY IN EUROPE (VE) DAY 75 – 8TH MAY 2020: A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE HUGE CONTRIBUTION OF WOMEN DURING THE DARK DAYS OF WWII

VE Day 75 provides an exceptional opportunity to pay tribute to the millions of women who contributed enormously to the war effort during 1939-45.

As part of the celebrations, four young women will climb the four highest peaks in the United Kingdom – Ben Nevis, Scotland;

Mount Snowdon, Wales; Scafell Pike, England, and Slieve Donard, Northern Ireland.

When each of them reach their chosen peak at 3pm on the 8th May they will perform the Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WWII on behalf of women around the world. It will be the first time for such an undertaking.

Communities throughout Wales are to encourage women in their communities to pay a personal tribute to their courageous forebears by raising a glass or another refreshment of their choice and carry out the Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WWII at a location of their preference at 3pm on the 8th May. This event also provides a unique opportunity for the communities of Wales to involve the various homes for the elderly within local communities too, ensuring they feel part of the celebrations on 8th May.

VE Day 75, over the weekend of 8th - 10th May 2020, will be an international celebration of peace – a time to remember, reflect and pay tribute to the millions of people who played such a vital part in achieving it. This includes armed forces personnel from many countries who gave their lives or were physically and mentally injured; the hard-working women and men who kept the factories, mines, shipyards and farms operating; the ARP wardens, police officers, doctors, nurses, firemen, local defence volunteers and many others who safeguarded the home front.

Further information and those wishing to take part and register their involvement, should visit the VE day 75 website – www.veday75.org and register their event by **NO** later than **30th April**. It was **AGREED** to register the Community Council's interest.

8.2 Bala Town Council to embark on a number of projects working with children and young people in the town and asked whether the Community Council could offer advice. **Noted for information.**

8.3 Transport for Wales managed the reissue of free bus passes across Wales on behalf of all 22 local councils in Wales.

There are approximately 750,000 bus passes in Wales and the green coloured cards expired on 31 December 2019 and were not accepted on buses after that date. Since September 2019 *Transport for Wales* has been raising awareness of the changes. Cardholders could have applied online www.tfw.wales/travelcards or by paper, which could be downloaded via Transport for Wales website or collected from the local council. A copy could be requested in the post by calling the helpline 0300 303 4240.

8.4 One Voice Wales: Invitation to the Chair & escort to be entered into the draw for the Buckingham Palace Garden Party; closing date for entries 31 January 2020. It was agreed **not** to accept the invitation.

8.5 **Other Correspondence:** Noted for Information.

9. **FINANCE**

- 9.1 **Clerk's Pay November/December 2019** £193.83 x2 (Gross Pay)
- 9.2 **Coed y Bont:** wish to apply for a £500 grant from the Community Council. Cllr Ifan Lloyd Davies to discuss further with Mr C. Harris.
- 9.3 **Green Grant- Ceredigion County Council:** invoices have been forwarded to Ceredigion CC. *Awaiting payment.*
- 9.4 **Financial Regulations of the Community Council:** it was **RESOLVED** to assign further attention to the Financial Regulations during a future meeting of the Community Council.
- 9.5 **Ceredigion County Council:** Street Lights: Energy costs for the illumination of street lights between midnight and 5am, at the request of the Community Council from the 1st April 2019 to the 31st March 2020. £416.95.
- 9.6 **Letter from Grwp Te, Pontrhydfendigaid:** asking for financial support. It was **AGREED** to explain that the Community Council resolved in January 2019 not to make the 4 X £50 contributions during March 2019 and March 2020.

10. **PLANNING**

- 10.1 **Ceredigion County Council: Development Control Committee:** Agenda & Minutes of a recent Meeting.
- 10.2 **Planning Consultation: A190989.** Applicant: I. Arch. Location: Mynachlog Fawr Land, Pontrhydfendigaid. Proposal: Building a Rural Enterprise Dwelling and Garage. Community Council's Observations: **No Objections.**
- 10.3 **Re: Planning Application A200007:** Location: Rock House, Pontrhydfendigaid, Ystrad Meurig, SY25 6BL
Proposal: New camping pods. **Observations of the Community Council associated with the above Planning Application:** The Community Council expresses safety concerns in relation to the anticipated increased traffic entering Rock House, which will conflict with the objectives of the Safe Routes To School Project.

11. **AOB**

- 11.1 **LED (Light Emitting Diode) Street Light on the Main Bridge of the Village:** less range of light when compared to the previous lights. To seek an explanation from Ceredigion CC.
- 11.2 **Three holes are evident on the main road adjacent to Pantyfedwen Hall:** to report to Ceredigion CC.
- 11.3 **Llys Teg:** tow hitch encroaching onto the pavement and compromising the safety of pavement users. Concern was also expressed in relation to reversing onto the main road. County Cllr Ifan Lloyd Davies to seek advice from Planning Inspectorate Wales.
- 11.4 **Ffair Rhos:** flower trough in need of attention. Bench in need of repair. To inform Cllr John Jones.
- 11.5 **To contact the Hall Committee** to find out whether it would be possible to plant a Christmas tree on the Pantyfedwen Hall grounds.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.40pm.

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monthly Meeting Thursday 20th February 2020 at 7pm.

===== (Signed/Date)