

**YSTRAD FFLUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING,
WHICH WAS HELD ON THURSDAY**

20/04/2017 AT 7:00PM AT PANTYFEDWEN HALL LIBRARY

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME & PERSONAL MATTERS

Cllr. Clare Hughes welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting.

2. PRESENT

Councillor Clare Hughes (Chairperson); Cllr. Angharad Jones (Deputy-Chairperson); Cllr John Jones; Cllr Mair Jones; Cllr Gareth Owen, Cllr Alun Price-Jones; Cllr Doug Rowbotham; **Police Community Support Officer** John Evans.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Community and County Cllr Ifan Lloyd-Davies, Cllr Non Jones & Cllr Wil Lewis apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

4. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO John Evans reported that it had been a quiet month and there had been no burglaries and disorders. issues to report.

4.1 The Police would keep an eye on the School car-park.

4.2 Pipes had been stolen from the property of a Community Cllr; a wheelbarrow had been stolen from the property of another community Cllr.

4.3 Certain vehicles were parked without permission on the Pantyfedwen Hall grounds. Also by the BT Phone Box. The debacle concerning the parking of vehicles on the road in the environs of Glanteifi Garage was once again, considered at the last meeting . As there were no parking restrictions, the Police had stated in the past that these vehicles proved a traffic calming measure (it was believed that some of the vehicles were not taxed or insured).

Members of the Community Council were of the opinion that vehicles parked on the road in this vicinity severely compromised the safety of road users. It was **RESOLVED** to report the matter to the Road Traffic Unit – Dyfed Powys Police and to the department, which deals with parking issues within Ceredigion County Council. It would be asked what were the legal obligations in relation to parking cars on the road and issues such as driving licences; tax and Insurance.

A response from Gerwyn Slinger, PCSO 8080 Lampeter stated that as there were no parking restrictions, the Police were limited in what they could do. If restrictions were in place then they could assist in removing the vehicles. The Police are not allowed to divulge the details which the Community Council requested to any member of the public due to the Data Protection Act. His advice was to contact Ceredigion CC who could review the situation and possibly introduce lines on the road to restrict parking.

4.5 A car had been left in a lay-by at Ffair Rhos for over 6 months. Cllr John Jones thanked the Police for making arrangements to move the vehicle.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Cllr Clare Hughes & Cllr Mair Jones: Minute 9.1

5.2 Cllr Clare Hughes: Minute 8.6

6. Minutes of the meeting of the 16th March 2017

These were agreed to be a correct record apart from the fact that a minute's silence had been observed during this meeting as a mark of respect for Mr John Jones, Dolawel, Pontrhydfendigiad, who had sadly recently, passed away. Members

extended their condolences to his wife, Cllr Mair Jones and his family during this difficult time.

7. MATTERS ARISING

7.1 Local Election 2017: Public Notices to be displayed in the vicinity:

1. Result of Uncontested Election: Caron Uwch Clawdd Ward:

Notification from Miss Bronwen Morgan, Returning Officer CCC, stated that the following had been elected as Community Councillors without a contest:

Clare Hughes

Angharad Jones

Mair Jones

Gareth Owen.

2. Notice of Poll: Ystrad Fflur Gwnnws Uchaf Ward

The following people stand nominated for election to this Community Council

Alun Price Jones

John Jones

Laura Jones

Non Jones

Wil Lewis

Douglas Rowbotham

A Poll has arisen as more than 5 people had applied for the Gwnnws Uchaf Ward. There were 6 applicants.

4 People had applied for the Caron Uwch Clawdd Ward; 5 people were eligible.

Some Councillors felt that it could have been arranged for 5 people to stand for each ward and then no Poll would have been necessary, nevertheless, the Community Council could not have known if there would have been further expressions of interest from the community.

3. Notice of Poll-Ceredigion County Council – Lledrod

The following people stand nominated for election to the Lledrod Ward

Aeron Benjamin; Ifan Lloyd-Davies and Angharad Shaw

7.2 Broken Panes within the Bus-Shelter: Replacing 2 panes. This matter was left in abeyance until the next meeting.

7.3 Letter from Mr Martin Weetch (during a previous meeting) regarding the Deteriorating Condition of the metal footbridge over the River Teifi at the rear of Dolau Bach and known as the “Green Bridge”. It has now been some years since he and other volunteers had painted the Green Bridge (cost of paint met by Ceredigion County Council). Since that time its condition has deteriorated dramatically, evidenced by holes within the metal supports and the paintwork; it has now gone beyond repainting. It was asked whether the Community Council could refer his query to the body with responsibility for the bridge, with a view of undertaking remedial work. It was **RESOLVED** in a previous meeting to refer the matter to the attention of Ceredigion County Council. It was stated that the County Council employed a “Bridge Officer” who would assign attention to the matter.

A response received from Mr Eifion Jones, Public Rights of Way Officer, Ceredigion County Council on the 25/10/2016 stated that the highways’ department had reviewed the bridge; there is a list of repairs, which are needed. It will now be included within the list of priorities before deciding exactly when this work can proceed. In the meantime, residents were asked to comply with the sign on the bridge and to use the bridge one at a time. He will contact the Community Council in the future when further information is

available. *No developments to report during this meeting.* It was **RESOLVED** to remind Ceredigion CC of this request.

7.4 Ger-y-Gors Projects Ltd

It was **RESOLVED** to forward a thank-you letter to Mr Bill Messer for his efforts concerning Ger-y-Gors Ltd.

7.5 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 a request for a pedestrian bridge adjacent to the historical bridge of Pontrhydfendigaid. The increasing volume of traffic on this busy B4343 trunk road and the lack of a clear line of vision to observe oncoming traffic were exacerbating the problem, making the bridge dangerous for pedestrians as well as those who used mobility scooters and pushchairs. The County Council will be asked to support the Proposal and to investigate suitable land for the development.

7.6 Pantyfedwen Play Area Inspection Report Rospa 2107: arrangements were made to undertake a park inspection during the month of June.

7.7 Grass cutting within the Village over the summer months:

Tenders were invited to cut grass around the Village over the summer months.

CUTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN AS AND WHEN NECESSARY

1. Glan-yr-Afon – River Bank
2. Entrance to the Village to include the Green and the area by the Church
3. Around Pantyfedwen Hall
4. Ysgol Feithrin Area

Quote per cut.

Closing date Thursday 20th April 2017 at 12 Noon.

One expression of interest had been received from Mr Dilwyn Benjamin. It was unanimously resolved to accept his offer of £1,020.

7.8 It was RESOLVED, during the previous meeting to ask Ceredigion CC whether it would be possible to install a pavement adjacent to the Bus-Shelter at the Ffair Rhos Square as young people use this bus-stop; the current situation proves a hazard. In the response from Ceredigion CC it was stated that land was a significant issue. If the Community Council could ascertain the likelihood of acquiring the land Ceredigion CC could consider the request further. The highway is narrow at this point and cannot be narrowed further by installing a footway within the existing highway limits. It was **RESOLVED** to contact the residents of Penrhiw, Ffair Rhos, to seek permission.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 One Voice Wales: Ceredigion Area Meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 26th April 2017 in Ystafell Teifi, County Hall, Penmorfa, Aberaeron.

8.2 Welsh Government: The Good Councillor's Guide: For Community and Town Councillors.

8.3 Code of Conduct for Members – Training- Ombudsman Guidance, The Chamber, Penmorfa, Aberaeron, Monday 15th May 2017.

8.4 Green Fund: CCC: to discuss further at the next meeting.

8.5 Mr Merfyn Botwood: requesting a copy of the agenda and minutes of the meeting prior to the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to forward copies to him electronically. He felt that it was paramount that information concerning the

community was conveyed in a clear and transparent manner as quickly as possible and to whoever requested the information.

He referred to the February meeting and asked what evidence was there to suggest, which class of drugs, was the individual under the influence of, whilst driving.

- 8.6 Bont Football Club:** asking for the name of the person who had voiced the request to trim tree branches which encroached onto the railings of the Pantyfedwen Park. It was **RESOLVED** to state that no letter had been received but the matter had arisen during the November 2016 meeting. Present: Cllr Clare Hughes; Cllr Angharad Jones; Cllr Mair Jones; Cllr Non Jones; Cllr Wil Lewis; Cllr Ifan Lloyd Davies; Cllr Gareth Owen; Cllr Alun Price Jones. Those present had felt that as the railings were new, it would be good practice to trim the tree branches and to kindly ask the Bont Football Club whether this was feasible.

8.7 Other Correspondence: For Information Only.

9. FINANCE.

- 9.1 Cheque No 101474: £70:** Mrs Enid Hughes for undertaking the Audit of the Pantyfedwen Hall Committee. It was **RESOLVED** to contact the Hall Committee to find out the reason why the Community Council was responsible for meeting the cost.
- 9.2 Cheque No: 101475** Clerk's Pay April 2017 £155.07.
- 9.3 Cheque No: 101476** HMRC April 2017 £38.76
- 9.4 Financial Risk Assessment 2016-17 – Draft – was circulated during the meeting.** To consider further during the next meeting.

10. PLANNING

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

11. AOB

- 11.1 It was reported that the roads by Mynachlog,** Pontrhydfendigiad were often covered with horse manure and soil which were transported from one place to another.
- 11.2 Lights by Maesnewydd were not working –** to report to Ceredigion CC.
- 11.3 The Bottle Bank within the Village was full and in need of servicing. – to contact the Company, which is responsible.** It is also necessary to dispose of a bag of cement, which has been left near the Bottle Bank.
- 11.4 Grass is in need of cutting at Maesydderwen –** to inform Tai Ceredigion.
- 11.5 Noise levels are often high between 2-3am in the environs of Maesydderwen when dogs are left outside from one property -** to inform CCC.
- 11.6 A wall is bulging in close proximity to Teifi Side –** to inform the Highways' Dept Ceredigion CC.
- 11.7 Litter Pick; to arrange within the near future.** The Bus-Shelter at Ffair Rhos is in need of cleaning.
- 11.8 Annual Dinner –** Teifi Inn, Ffair Rhos was considered. **RESOLVED** Cllr John Jones to collect the Menu for consideration at the next meeting.
- 11.9 It was RESOLVED to contact Ceredigion CC** to find out whether a Pelican Crossing could be located outside the School.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.05pm.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 18th May 2017 to follow the AGM.

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