

**YSTRAD FFLUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING,
WHICH WAS HELD ON THURSDAY
19/01/2017 AT 8:00PM 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. Mair Jones; Cllr Non Jones; Cllr Will Lewis; Community and County Cllr Ifan Lloyd-Davies, Cllr Gareth Owen, Cllr Doug Rowbotham & Cllr. Alun Price-Jones.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Police Community Support Officer John Evans, Cllr John Jones, Mr Bill Messer & Mrs. Wilma Rush apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

4. POLICE MATTERS

Broken glass is evident within the bus-shelter of Terrace Road.

An individual who has been banned from driving for 18 months, continues to drive without a licence under the influence of Class A drugs.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 **Cllr Clare Hughes** declared a personal interest when Minute references 7.2 & 7.3 were considered.

6. Minutes of the meeting of the 17th November 2016

These were agreed to be a correct record, Proposed by Cllr Wil Lewis, Seconded by Cllr Angharad Jones and were signed by the Chairperson.

7. MATTERS ARISING

7.1 The Precept 2017-18

Members considered the present and projected financial situation (Appendix 1). After careful deliberation it was unanimously **RESOLVED** not to increase the Precept for the Financial Year 2017-18, that is, it would remain at £7,070.

7.2 Nomination of Community Cllr onto the Board of Governors of Bont

School: Cllr. Angharad Jones had been nominated to represent the Community Council on the Board of Governors. The nomination had now been accepted by the Board of Governors and confirmation was received from Mr Vaughan Davies, Chair of the Governors on the 29/11/2016 via email. He stated that there could be conflict of interest as Cllr Jones worked at the school and staff matters could be discussed at Governors' Meetings.

7.3 Princess Sapieha Scholarship- Ysgol y Bont

£389.02 had been transferred from Ceredigion County Council to Ystrad Fflur Community Council and represented the money held within the Princess Sapieha Scholarship Account -Ysgol y Bont. An account had been set up exclusively for the Princess Sapieha Scholarship. A letter sent to the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr Vaughan Davies asked whether the school could inform the Community Council of the date and time of the Prize Ceremony each year (2 months in advance) and also could it be arranged for the Chairman of the Community Council to attend the event to award the prize/s. The Community Council's wish had been granted by the Board of

Governors and an official response was received from Mr Vaughan Davies, Chair of the Governors on the 29/11/2016 via email. It was stated that the Board of Governors felt that £10 was insufficient as a prize and asked whether the Community Council could consider increasing the amount to at least £25. After careful deliberation it was **RESOLVED** to award £10, but should two pupils qualify for the prize, £10 would be presented to each one.

7.4 **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.*

7.5 **Ger-y-Gors Projects Ltd**

Questions had been forwarded to Mr Taylor, Chairman of the Ger-y-Gors Committee. One question had included,

1. Would it be possible to view the Balance Sheets from the inception of the Project? **Reply received:**

The accounts are published annually as required by the Companies Act and are available from Companies House online through the internet, the Company's correct title to enable you to access this information is "Ger-y-Gors Projects Limited" and the registration number is 7345348

It was **RESOLVED** for Cllr Wil Lewis to assign further attention to the above.

7.6 **Pavement for the main bridge of the village:** Cllr. Clare Hughes had raised the issue with the Older People Commissioner for Wales, Mr Iwan Williams at a recent One Voice Wales (OVW) Meeting and the matter had been brought to the attention of Ceredigion County Council (CCC).

A Response received from Mr Rhodri Llwyd CCC stated that there were a number of difficulties to overcome to realise a scheme at this location both in terms of engineering challenges and budgetary constraints; a scheme of this scale was not something that the County Council could currently contemplate from existing revenue budgets. Outline designs for potential solutions were prepared some years ago, but were disregarded due to lack of funding. One difficulty in attracting WG Safe Routes in the Community Funding was that this location had not been included on the list of outstanding Safe Routes' schemes submitted to the Minister in September 2014 due to a low demand for this Scheme in comparison with several other locations in the County. It had been **RESOLVED** to contact Elin Jones AM and Ceredigion County

Council (once again) to ask whether the Project could be included within the Ceredigion County Council's Safe Routes in the Community Bid to the Welsh Government 2017-18. A response from Mr Rhodri Llwyd, Ceredigion CC stated that it would be difficult to include the Scheme within the 2017-18 Safe Routes in the Community Bid to the WG.

Cllr Hughes stated that she could possibly, organise a Petition in the future.

7.7 **Park Inspection Report Rospa 2106:** attention is being assigned to the matters arising from the Report. The gate is in need of repair.

7.8 **The Strata Florida Trust:** Chair Cllr Clare Hughes and Deputy-Chair Angharad Jones, County Cllr Ifan Lloyd-Davies and other Community Cllrs had attended the Meeting which was held at 7pm prior to the Community Council meeting at the Pantyfedwen Hall Library. A Steering Group will be set up and a Constitution compiled. Cllr Mair Jones stated that 8pm was too late a time to start the Community Council Meeting and asked whether this arrangement could not be adopted in the future. The Trust's next meeting is scheduled for March 2017.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 **Communication from Mr E Davies, Maesnewydd, Pontrhydfendigaid** wishing to draw the Community Council's attention to the exterior light installed on the main road facing wall of the nearby Glanteifi garage. In the letter it stated that the lights were an "extreme nuisance" to road users and adjoining properties as they were so bright. He was of the opinion that action should be taken to enforce removal of one if not both of the lights. He also wished to express his disapproval in relation to the number of vehicles, which were not roadworthy, parked not only on the main highway but in the Village Hall car parks; they posed a safety issue. It was stated that the Hall Committee was currently assigning attention to this matter and it was hoped to organise a meeting to discuss further. It was resolved to forward his communication to the Enforcement Officer, Ceredigion County Council and to inform Mr Davies accordingly.

8.2 **Ysgol Henry Richard, Tregaron:** There is currently a vacancy for a person to represent the Local Authority (LA) on the Governing Body of this school. At a recent meeting of the Governors it was resolved to gauge the interest of Local Community Councillors to fill this vacancy. Noted for information.

8.3 **Review of the Electoral Arrangements For the County of Ceredigion:** The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales are to review the electoral arrangements for the County of Ceredigion with a view to considering and formulating proposals for future arrangements. Enclosed was a letter to the Chief Executive of Ceredigion County Council. The Commission would welcome comments. The 12 week consultation period begins on the 26th January 2017 and closes on the 19 April 2017.

8.4 **Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service Stakeholders** conducting a review of the information they hold for their Stakeholders. To complete and return.

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

9. FINANCE

PAYMENTS

9.1 **Cheque No: 101415** £5.00 Bont Scholarship (CANCELLED); a new cheque of £5 issued. No: 101459.

9.2 **Cheque No: 101453** Clerk's Pay December 2016 £155.07.

9.3 **Cheque No: 101454** HMRC December 2016 £38.76.

- 9.4 **Cheque No: 101456** Audit of Accounts (2015-16): Wales Audit Office £141
- 9.5 **Cheque No: 101457 Ceredigion County Council:** Energy costs for the illumination of street lights between midnight and 05.00 hours at the request of the Community Council for period 1st April 2016 to 31 March 2017. £595.92; £119.18 VAT; TOTAL £715.10
- 9.6 **Invoice One Voice Wales £35** – One Place on Module 10 – Chairing Skills Training at Newtown on Wednesday 25th May 2016. Cllr C Hughes had not attended the Course. It was **RESOLVED** to inform One Voice Wales.
- 9.7 **Remembrance Sunday Wreath:** c/o Cllr John Jones £25. Cheque No: 101458.
- 9.8 **Stamps/Phone/Broadband** – Clerk Cheque No: 101455 £47.93 (inc VAT)

10. PLANNING

- 10.1 **Planning Application A160123**
Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Section 78 Appeal
Location; 1 and 3 Llysteg, Bridge Street, Pontrhydfendigaid
Proposal: Improved access and parking arrangements to 1 and 3 Llysteg.
National Assembly for Wales Appeal Ref No: APP/D6820/D/16/3163078
LPA A160123
Applicant: Mr M Botwood.
Letter received from Ceredigion CC; date on letterhead 21.11.2016. Case Officer Rosalie Metcalfe.
Notice was given that an Appeal had been lodged by Mr Botwood against Refusal of Permission for the above proposal at 1 and 3 Llysteg, Bridge Street, Pontrhydfendigaid. The National Assembly for Wales indicated that the Appeal is to be dealt with by means of an exchange of written statements between the parties and a site visit by the Inspector. The appellants grounds of appeal and associated statements may be inspected at Planning Services, Neuadd Cyngor Ceredigion, Penmorfa, Aberaeron on working days. The Appeal may be viewed online via <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>. Any comments made at the application stage will be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate.

- 10.2 **Development Control Committee:** Agenda and Minutes of a recent Meeting.

11. AOB

- 11.1 **Water pools outside 11 Maesydderwen, Pontrhydfendigaid.** **RESOLVED:** To report to Ceredigion CC.
- 11.2 **It was RESOLVED 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.
- 11.3 **A drain is blocked in close proximity to** Llidiart y Ffair and overflowing drains pose a problem at Terrace Road and Mill Street.
- 11.4 **A member of the public had not been** able to access the Community Council's Minutes at the Village Shop. English and Welsh copies in hard copy format have been posted to the shop for many years.
- 11.5 **The Solar Panel of the 30mph** village entrance signs are presently not working.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.45pm.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 16th February 2017 at 7.00pm

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