

**YSTRAD FFLUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING,
WHICH WAS HELD ON THURSDAY
21/01/2016 AT 7:00PM AT PANTYFEDWEN HALL LIBRARY**

1. Chairperson's Welcome & Personal Matters

Cllr Doug Rowbotham extended a welcome to all present, to the meeting. Members were pleased to hear that Cllr Alun Price-Jones was recovering from his recent operation.

2. PRESENT

Cllr Doug Rowbotham (Chairperson); Clare Hughes (Vice-Chairperson); Cllr Angharad Jones; Cllr. Mair Jones; Cllr Non Jones; Community and County Cllr Ifan Lloyd-Davies; Cllr. Alun Price-Jones, Cllr. Gareth Owen; Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) John Evans; Eleri Thomas (Clerk)
Members of the Public: Mr Merfyn Botwood; Sonia Fletcher; Jean Williams (for the first hour)

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. John Jones, Cllr Wil Lewis; Mrs Wilma Rush and Mr Bill Messer.

4. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO John Evans stated that there were no significant matters to report. Farm thefts had taken place in the vicinity.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

6. Minutes of the meeting of the 19th November 2015

These were agreed to be a correct record apart from the following amendment:
Minute 7.8:Cllr Gareth Owen and Cllr Doug Rowbotham read the names of the Fallen during the Remembrance Sunday Service of Sunday 8th November 2015.
The Minutes were signed by the Chairperson.

7. MATTERS ARISING

7.1 PRECEPT 2016-17: The Budget of the next Financial Year was discussed at length (Appendix 1). Cllr Ifan Lloyd Davies proposed that the Precept should remain the same as the previous year viz £7,070. (Seconded by Cllr Angharad Jones). Cllr Clare Hughes proposed that the Precept should be increased by 1%. It was RESOLVED not to increase the Precept (4 TO KEEP THE SAME; 3 TO INCREASE BY 1%; ONE ABSTENTION)

7.2 Vehicle Parked in close proximity to the river: The Planning Dept, Ceredigion County Council had been contacted to establish whether parking a vehicle at this location for this duration (by Ystafell Wen) was permitted. A response had been received from Mr Huw Davies stating that he had contacted the Community Council on the 16th May 2015 to ask for further information concerning the vehicle. It read, “,,, I visited the site last week and found a blue car parked on what I assume to be the site you refer to in your letter. I have noted the fact that the landowners state that they have been using this land as part of their garden for some 28 years. I wonder whether Councillors can confirm this fact because even though planning permission may not have been granted for the use of the land, if it has been part of their “curtilage” for over 10 years then the use is legal and I cannot take any enforcement action, even if the Authority wanted to do so”

It was **RESOLVED during the previous meeting not** to pursue this issue further.

Cllr Non Jones stated during this meeting that the car was parked between two public paths. It was **RESOLVED** to contact One Voice Wales to ask if a car is parked on common land with the possibility of obstructing a public

footpath what are the legal obligations and course of action, which the Community Council should take?

7.3 **Scholarship: Ysgol y Bont Response received from Mr Chris Hywel Macey**, Head of Education Services (Finance) Ceredigion County Council on the 26/11/2014 stating, "We have searched the Archives as far back as 1998 but have not established any payments since that time. The Fund received interest on the amount of money, which was invested within the account as far as 2009. As the Bank of England's base rate has been so low in recent years, no interest has been received since that time. Presently the amount held within the fund is £459.02". Members of the Community Council were of the opinion that the original amount of money deposited within the account had been £100. It was **RESOLVED** during a previous meeting to contact Mr Macey once again to ask where the money is deposited/invested, why has it not been used since 1998 and would it be possible to transfer the money to the safekeeping of the Community Council.

A response was received from Mr Macey on the 30.3.2015, which read,

1. *The money is kept within the main account of the County Council and in a specific location within the Ledger Account;*
2. *We have not received a request to make any payments since 1998.*
3. *I have sought solicitors' advice in relation to transferring the money held, to the stewardship of the Community Council.*

A sum of £389.02 has been transferred to the Barclays Bank Account of Ystrad Fflur Community Council. It was **RESOLVED** for Cllr Clare Hughes, as an authorised signatory to make enquiries concerning the setting up of a special account to deposit this money.

7.4 **Ger y Gors Project Ltd:** Newsletter December 2015 as received from Mr Bill Messer: Appendix 2.

7.5 **Drains in the vicinity of Dolawel**, Pontrhydfendigaid: a reply from Ceredigion CC stated that there seems to be some confusion with the problem at this location, as there are no highway drains in close proximity to Dolawel. The nearest drainage systems are located some 80m away and these have been checked and are in good working order. Cllr Gareth Owen and Cllr Mair Jones had recently attended a Site Meeting under the direction of Mr Brian Thomas, Highways Dept, Ceredigion CC. The drains in the vicinity will be assigned attention, when resources permit to include the area from Elenydd to Dolawel; problems are also associated with the Football Field.

7.6 **A Request from the Bont WI, during a previous meeting asked** whether a suitable location could be found to plant a tree, to commemorate the Centenary of the WI Organisation. After careful deliberation it was resolved to offer an area of land, within the Pantyfedwen Park, preferably by the entrance gate.

A letter received from the Pantyfedwen Hall Committee, during the November 2015 meeting objected to the Community Council's decision and invited the Chairman to attend the Hall Meeting of Tuesday 15th December 2015 to discuss the matter further. A response had been forwarded to the Hall Committee outlining the reasons why the Community Council had made the decision and to apologise for the lack of communication. A representative of the Hall Committee had been invited to attend the January meeting of the Community Council to discuss further. No formal response had been received from the Hall Committee but it was stated at this meeting that this matter was now closed.

7.7 **Public Consultation:** Introduction of One Way System at Teifi Street, Ponthrydfendigaid: A Petition opposing the possible introduction of a One Way System was received from Mair Richards, Arwel, Stryd Teifi, Pontrhydfendigaid. (to include 24 Signatures Appendix 3). Two individuals supported the move viz Richard and Clare Batty, 3 Teifi Street. It was **RESOLVED** to outline the reasons why Ystrad Fflur Community Council had initiated this exercise. It was **RESOLVED** to attach the Petition to the 21 January 2016 Minutes of Ystrad Fflur Community Council for Public Inspection if necessary. Also to respond to all individuals who had participated, that due to the strength of feeling opposing this move it was **RESOLVED** not to pursue the matter further.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 **Welsh Government Initiative – Town and Community Council Website Grant.** Welsh Government has provided the County Council with the sum of £500 for each Town and Community Council in Ceredigion to utilise in respect of developing a website for their Council. The grant, initially for use during the financial years 2013-15 was extended to financial year 2015/16 giving those Town and Community Councils yet to apply for the grant the opportunity to do so. Ystrad Fflur Community Council completed the initial Form viz Form A during a previous year but is yet to complete a Form B to show that a website has been set up or improvements undertaken to a present Website. The deadline is 31/3/2016. It is hoped to take advantage of this offer in the future.

8.2 **Request for a No Through Road Sign for Lisburne Road, Pontrhydfendigaid:** Communication received from CCC stating that efforts will be made to provide this sign within the current financial year, resources permitting. The sign will be installed at the junction between Lisburne Road and the B4343 so that it is visible to drivers before they commit themselves to turning into Lisburne Road.

8.3 **One Voice Wales:** Ceredigion Area Meeting, Wednesday 20th January 2016 at 7pm at the Council Chamber, County Hall, Pemnorfa, Aberaeron.

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

9. FINANCE

9.1 **Clerk's Salary November & December** 2015 £157.10 x 2; HMRC £36.56 x2.

10. PLANNING

10.1 **Development Control Committee:** Agenda and Minutes of a recent Meeting: for information.

10.2 **It was reported that a static caravan was positioned on a permanent basis at Penrhiw, Ffair Rhos.** It was **RESOLVED** to contact the Planning Department, Ceredigion County Council to establish whether it is permitted to do so. A response was received from Mr Huw Williams, Head of Lifestyle Services on the 13.10.2015, **Having analysed the alleged breach it has been initially classified as Priority Class 2.** *A member of the authority will visit the site within the next 10 days to make an initial assessment as to whether there has been a breach of planning control. You will be notified of the initial assessment within 15 days after the site visit has taken place.* .

On the 18.11.2015 Mr Huw Davies wrote by email. "...I have written to the owners asking how they justify it being sited there but to date no response has been received. I certainly have no record of permission being granted for a caravan site and wonder whether you have more information regarding the issue." **No Developments during this meeting.**

10.3 **Planning Application Concerning Nant-yr-Helyg:** It was **RESOLVED** to ask Ceredigion CC whether this application complies with Section 106 obligations i.e change of use from agricultural to business within 2years- has

this been achieved? A response was received from Mr Huw Davies, CCC, stating, "...I wonder what Section 106 you are referring to? I have checked the planning records and there does not seem to be a Section 106 on the property. In fact the only planning permission I can find relates back to 2011 when the agricultural occupancy was removed. Could you enlighten me on this point?" Cllr Ifan Lloyd-Davies agreed to discuss the matter with Mr Huw Davies. *No Developments during this meeting.*

10.4 Planning Application A150911: Proposal: Building an extension. Location: Tremafon, Bridge Street, Pontrhydfendigaid. Community Council's Observations: No Objection.

11. AOB

11.1 **It was enquired whether members of the** Public could participate in discussions during Monthly Meetings. It was **RESOLVED** to seek advice from One Voice Wales.

11.2 **Members expressed disquiet** in relation to the parking of vehicles, appertaining to the Garage opposite the Hall, on the Hall grounds and on the adjacent road. It was **RESOLVED** to ask the garage-owner to refrain from parking in close proximity to the entrance of the Hall in light of recent safety concerns from parents of the Ysgol Feithrin and other hall users who encounter difficulty when attempting to turn left on leaving the hall's car-park; visibility is severely compromised due to the magnitude of stationary vehicles on the side of the road. Copies of the letter will be sent to the Ysgol Feithrin, Bont; Dyfed-Powys Police and Highways Department Ceredigion CC.

11.3 **It was reported that individuals were parking cars**, with a view of selling them on the Village Green. It was **RESOLVED** to display a sign asking individuals to refrain from this practice. Also, the condition of the Green was deteriorating due to the behaviour of motorists using this land.

11.4 **Problems exist on the road** adjacent to Bron Deifi- tarmac disintegrating. To report Ceredigion CC.

11.5 **Defibrillator Training Course:** Another course will be arranged in the future. Cllr Doug. Rowbotham to pursue further.

11.6 **It was reported that** cigarette stubs and chewing gum were scattered outside the Red Lion.

11.7 **The pavement adjacent** to Nos 3/4/5 & 6 Heol y Bannau is uneven. **RESOLVED:** To report to CCC.

11.8 **The drains situated at** Teifi Street have yet to be cleaned. To report once again to CCC.

11.9 **The part of the road** on the entrance to Nant y Cŵn is disintegrating: to report to CCC.

11.10 **It was RESOLVED to contact the Land Registry** to establish the ownership of the stretch of land extending from the B4343 by the bridge to the rear of 1-16 Heol y Bannau, Ystafell Wen to Dolau Bach.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.55pm.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Thursday 18th February 2016 at 7.00pm.

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