

**YSTRAD FFLUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING,
WHICH WAS HELD ON THURSDAY
16/06/2016 AT 7:00PM AT PANTYFEDWEN HALL LIBRARY**

1. 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 Non Jones; Cllr. Wil Lewis; Community and County Cllr Ifan Lloyd-Davies;
Cllr. Gareth Owen; Cllr. Alun Price-Jones & Cllr Doug Rowbotham; Eleri Thomas
(Clerk)

Police Community Support Officer John Evans.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr Bill Messer & Mrs. Wilma Rush.

4. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO John Evans stated that three incidents had taken place prior to the May Bank Holiday, which had involved the two Public Houses in Bontrhydfendigaid namely, the *Black Lion* and the *Red Lion*.

It was reported that some vehicles were travelling at excessive speed through the Village.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST; None declared.

6. Minutes of the meeting of the 19th May 2016

These were agreed to be a correct record and were signed by the Chairperson.
Proposed by Cllr Mair Jones and seconded by Cllr Angharad Jones.

7. MATTERS ARISING

7.1 Welsh Government Initiative – Town and Community Council Website Grant: It was **RESOLVED** during a previous meeting to find out whether the £500 grant could be utilised to provide a link to Ystrad Fflur Community Council from the Ceredigion County Council's website.

Awaiting developments.

7.2 Grass-Cutting within the Village over the summer: Mr Dilwyn Benjamin has presently been contracted to cut the grass within the Village, which is the responsibility of the Community Council, such as Glan-yr-Afon, around Pantyfedwen Hall, Ysgol Feithrin and the area at the entrance to the Village. Members of the Community Council have discussed areas to be cut with Mr Benjamin.

7.3 Nomination of Community Cllr onto the Board of Governors of Bont School: Cllr. Angharad Jones was nominated to represent the Community Council on the Board of Governors and the Headteacher of Bont School has been informed.

7.4 Letter from Mr Martin Weetch (during the 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** to refer the matter to the attention of Ceredigion County Council. It was stated that the County Council employs a "Bridge Officer" who will assign attention to the matter. *Awaiting developments.*

7.5 **Ger-y-Gors Projects Ltd Update: Appendix 1** as received from Mr Bill Messer. It was **RESOLVED** to invite Board Members of the Ger-y-Gors Ltd to a future Meeting of the Community Council to discuss matters of mutual concern.

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 was **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.

7.7 **Request for a Pedestrian Crossing in close proximity to Pantyfedwen Hall:** response received from CCC stated that insufficient evidence was available at the moment to justify the provision of a formal/controlled crossing at this location.

7.8 **Painting of Letter Boxes Pontrhydfendigaid & Ffair Rhos:** The Post Office has been reminded of this request.

7.9 **Parking by the Hall, Pontrhydfendigaid:** Response from Ceredigion County Council to the letter received from Carys Hughes Jones and forwarded to CCC. The next round of changes to parking restrictions in Ceredigion is currently scheduled for 2017, at the earliest and this will have to be dependent on the availability of resources. At present a source of funding is unclear. The request for parking restrictions at this location, which has previously been made, will be considered during preparations for this next round of changes, bearing in mind that the Community Council has previously supplied information indicating that there may be objections from local residents to the proposal to introduce formal parking restrictions at this location. Although arrangements by the Hall are less than ideal CCC believes that they should be adequate for drivers exercising due care and attention including in relation to parking behaviour. No records of collisions at this location during the past 10 years have involved personal injuries.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 **One Voice Wales AGM & Area Meeting Wednesday 22 June 2016 at Penmorfa, Aberaeron.** Minutes of the Meeting of 27th May were included and the AGM of Wednesday 24th June 2015.

8.2 **Request for stiles to be positioned on Footpaths where gates appear inaccessible (as received from Mrs Nel Jones during the AGM).**

Response received from Mr Eifion Jones, Public Rights of Way Officer CCC stating that stiles were not usually positioned adjacent to gates, which have been tied. Untying the gate is the usual procedure adopted to resolve the matter. Mr Jones would refer the issue to the attention of the Area Officer and report back to the Community Council in due course.

8.3 **Land Registry:** Land situated behind 1-16 Maes y Dderwen and extending to the rear of Ystafell Wen. From the B4343 – Glan-yr-Afon. The Land Registry had been contacted to find out whether this parcel of land has been registered. In the response it was stated that the land is unregistered. It is now necessary to submit a formal application by way of FR1. All deeds and documents in the possession of the Community Council must be listed on the DL Form x2. Fee £30.00. It was **RESOLVED** to start the process.

8.4 Other Correspondence: For Information Only.

9. FINANCE

9.1 **Clerk's Salary June 2016** £157.10; HMRC £36.56

9.2 **Invoice - One Voice Wales** – Chairing Skills Training at Newton £35. Cllr Clare Hughes informed members that she had not attended the Training Session.

9.3 **Annual Return 2015-16 Ystrad Fflur Community Council has been completed by Mrs Enid Hughes** and will now be presented to the External Auditors Grant Thornton.

The Audit Report as undertaken by Mrs Hughes drew attention to the following points:

1. It is apparent from the Grant Thornton pro-forma that they expect 2 reviews of the budget in one financial year. Currently only one appears to be done at the time of Precept decisions. It is therefore advised that a financial review takes place twice a year to comply with the Grant Thornton requirement of two different sets of legal minutes showing a review of the budget has taken place.
2. Payments are being made without proper documentation. This is not the first time this has been pointed out. For proper accounting purposes, it is imperative that requests for repayment for purchases made on behalf of the Council by individual Councillors, are submitted with proper invoices, showing the name of the supplier, date of purchase, items purchased as well as the name of the claimant.
3. 12 months phone/line rental/broadband had been claimed inadvertently by the Clerk (April 2015-March 2016) as opposed to 9 months due to a change in the BT Package, which meant that 3 months had been included within the previous financial year. The previous arrangement of receiving payment 3 months in advance no longer applies under the new arrangement, which means that the Clerk received no payment concerning phone-line rental and broadband during her first 3 months of employment (1 April 2004-30 June 2004) . The matter has been rectified and £8.44 VAT reimbursed to the HMRC and £42.21 to the Community Council.

10. PLANNING

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

10.2 **Planning Application A160123. Proposal:** Improve access and parking arrangements 1 and 3 Llysteg, Bridge Street, Pontrhydfendigaid. Site Meeting was held, organized by CCC on Friday April 22, 2016 at 10am. A

second site meeting had been arranged. Members believed that Planning Permission had been refused by the County Council.

10.3 Planning Application A160488: Proposal: Proposed extension to dwelling. Location: Teifiside, Pontrhydfendigaid, Ystrad Meurig. **Comments:** No Objections.

11. AOB

11.1 Training: Defibrillator Course: it was **RESOLVED** to submit details regarding the time and date of the course in the Cambrian News: 5 July 2016 at 7.30pm at the Pantyfedwen Hall, Pontrhydfendigaid under the direction of Mr Bill Morgan.

11.2 Gate of the Park: in need of repair.

11.3 Grass is in need of cutting in front of 1-6 Maesydderwen. It was **RESOLVED** to contact the Landlord *Tai Ceredigion*.

11.4 A car is permanently parked on the Green. It was **RESOLVED** to forward a letter to the Owner to ask them to remove the vehicle.

11.5 Leaflets concerning Dog Litter: Previous leaflets, which were circulated are currently out of date. A Spray, which could be used to alleviate the problem was discussed. The possibility of enlisting the services of a Dog Warden was also considered.

11.6 Cllr John Jones stated that Evans Coaches, Tregaron had lost the Contract to carry school-children from Ponrhydygores to Tregaron. A Penrhyncoch Coach Hire Firm was awarded the Contract as the buses were more recent and offered CCTV provision. It was **RESOLVED** to forward a letter to Shan Wiggs, Ceredigion County Council to oppose this move and to express the Community Council's disappointment in relation to the County Council's decision; during inclement weather when the school closes it was calculated that it would take 45 minutes for a coach from Penrhyncoch to reach Tregaron whilst Evans Coaches were based there.

11.7 Cllr John Jones reported that he had to reverse 4 times recently in the environs of Teifi Street, Pontrhydfendigaid. Residents had been offered the opportunity to apply for a One-Way System earlier in the year but the majority of the residents who had expressed a preference, had not been in favour of this development.

11.8 Cllrs Ifan Lloyd-Davies and Cllr Doug Rowbotham were congratulated on their success in relation to the YFC Rally. Lledrod was congratulated on winning the Tablo Competition.

11.9 It was reported that a motorbike was driven within areas of the Village where children played. The matter was reported to the Police.

11.10 Cllr Alun Price-Jones said that he would be displaying bunting outside his property in preparation for the Carnival.

11.11 The dropped kerb outside the Shop came under discussion.

11.12 It was RESOLVED to request a Warning Sign before reaching the 30mph Sign on the Tregaron entrance to the Village.

11.13 Two quotes had been received regarding the Tunnel positioned within the Park.

11.14 Bont Carnival 2016: Saturday 9th July 2016 at 3pm.

11.15 Community Day Saturday 9TH July 2016 at 4pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.35pm.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Thursday 21st July 2016 at 7.00pm

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