

PEN-Y-FFORDD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in the War Memorial Institute on Wednesday 9th January 2019

Present: Councillors Mr J Priddin (Chairman of the Council) Mr A Wight (Vice Chairman), Ms C Hinds, Mr D Walker, Mrs M Jones, Mrs E Davies, Mr R Bestwick, Mr D Williams, Mr R Wakelam, Mrs P Ransome, Dr Smith-Bellis and Mr P Blackman

Absent:

In attendance: Mrs S Hughes, Clerk & RFO to the Council
4 x Members of the Public (Penyffordd Lions FC)

240. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Mr M Rothero.

241. Visitors

There were no visitors. PCSO Ellis did provide a police report, copies of which were provided to all members.

242. To Receive any Declaration of Interest – Members Code of Conduct

There were no declarations of interest received.

243. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12th December 2018

RESOLVED: these were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

244. Matters arising

Min 191 – a response has been received from Transport for Wales, a copy of which has been provided to all members.

RESOLVED: Cllr Wight requested for the Clerk to scan a copy of the letter so it can be uploaded to the council's website and social media pages.

Min 214/177 – Cllr Williams reported that there are still a couple of areas that have not been covered for the delivery of the newsletter.

Min 216 - An amendment to the Clerks Contract of Employment and hours of work was prepared and was signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

Min 177/157 – Cllr Williams reported that the fencing has been purchased and within the next few weeks FCC will install at the entrance to Alyn Drive. FCC have also offered to provide and install a bench.

Min 219 - The Youth Representative vacancy has now been advertised on noticeboards, website, social media, letters sent to the three local high schools together with Scouts and Guides. FCC Youth Services have contacted the Clerk to request if a Councillor would be willing to attend the Youth Club to promote the vacancy?

RESOLVED: Cllrs Priddin, Bestwick, Ransome, Walker, Hinds and Davies would all be willing to attend the Youth Club. The Clerk will communicate with the above members and Youth Services.

245. Public Questions

Mr R Tunncliffe from Penyffordd Lions FC asked the community council to consider financial support for community facilities at Abbots Lane as there is a fear it will be lost if not utilised. He explained that no changing rooms were incorporated in the new school plans and they are now trying to find funds to install changing facilities by way of 2 x portacabins. The cost to purchase these will be £13000 (£6500 each), plus they will need to be fitted out. The labour and materials will be provided by the team, local support and fundraising. He stated that whilst the community has very good play facilities, unfortunately sports facilities are limited. The portacabin and facilities will be available for the whole community to use. They will be looking to plant around the cabins and paint them.

Cllr Walker questioned the facilities for male and female players/referees and Cllr Smith-Bellis questioned mixed sex teams. RT stated that female referees are very rare at this level of football and for mixed sex teams they could offer one cabin for male and one for female.

Cllr Hinds was in agreement with RT and asked whether they could obtain any funds from the FA? RT advised they are look at all grant options, and asked if the Council would financially support the purchase of one portacabin. Cllr Ransome agreed the importance of protecting the open space and that RT had raised valid points, however, she expressed an interest and concern regarding the relationship between the football club and school. RT advised they had met with the head teacher and chair of governors regarding the location of the cabins which will be in the far corner by the Bowling Club.

**Cllr Blackman and 1 x member of the public arrived pm

Cllr Williams expressed his concern and reiterated RT comments that if the facility/open space is not used, it will be lost. The new school development should have included changing rooms from the inset. There has been a number of investments within the village but nothing has been done for older teens and adults.

Cllr Wight was saddened that considering the number of children within the village that football teams have had to fold and hope that this can now be rebuilt. He asked what are the timescales for this project. RT said that they would need to be in situ for late spring, early summer so they can be fitted out for the start of the season in September.

Cllr Williams informed members that FCC Assets Board have agreed to release the land to accommodate this proposal. Cllr Wight said that this would very much be a community facility. Cllr Ransome said that although verbal consent has been given from the school, that written consent would also be required.

Cllr Walker asked how the utility services would be connected, RT advised from behind the flats on Park Crescent and it would be water, sewage and electric.

The Chairman thanked Mr Tunnicliffe and other members of the public for attending and advised that the council would fully consider their request which will be discussed later in the meeting under 'Community Amenities'.

** All members of the public left the meeting at 7.00pm

The Council transferred to the Finance Meeting Agenda.

**Cllr Smith-Bellis left the meeting at 7.30pm

246. Working Groups

Transport – Cllr Williams reported that a meeting was held with Cllrs Williams, Walker, Priddin and Ruth Cartwright – FCC Transportation and the route has now been agreed as; top of the Vounog, Meadow Rise, Watts Road, British Legion, Penymynydd Road, opposite Penymynydd Church, Little Mountain Road, Buckley. They had questioned the route going via Dobshill, however, RC advised that this area is already serviced by the no. 28, 12 & 13. This will now go out to tender. Cllr Walker expressed the need for FCC to keep the council informed of commencement dates and appropriate publicity of the service.

Cllr Wight requested for Cllr Walker to circulate the current information & routes to all members.

RESOLVED: the report was received and noted and Cllr Walker will circulate current information and routes to all members.

Environment – Cllr Bestwick reported that the Environment Working Group had met and discussed a number of matters.

- Reviewed a footpath from Penyffordd to Broughton, copies of a map had been provided to members.
- Currently working with FCC to rejuvenate the Circular Walk of the village.
- They are due to meet with FCC to feedback comments on the Rights of Way Consultation.
- Looking to plant a number of fruit trees which will assist with drainage at Melwood Close play area and Millstone play area, cost approx. £200. Cllr Priddin did express concern that youths may cause nuisance with the fallen fruit.

Cllr Ransom advised that FCC are very keen to work with the community council and walks and pathways which is extremely positive. She was in receipt of a village walk leaflet from another community and suggested this could be something to consider for our village.

Cllr Williams reported:

- in previous years FCC had actually agreed for a pathway and cycle path to Broughton, however, this was never undertaken so he will pursue FCC on this matter.
- FCC have approved with him the planting of an Oak Tree on Penymynydd roundabout.
- The possibility of residents maybe sponsoring a tree/cherry blossom for the village.
- The Group will push Hanson for an up to date Health Survey.
- Continue to spray dog mess and encourage residents to contact the warden should a pattern emerge of days, times etc.

Cllr Hinds commented on the need for a safe pathway to the rain station, Cllr Priddin advised that this has previously been raised with FCC with no avail.

RESOLVED: the report was received and noted. The Council approved for the Environment Group to purchase tree etc up to the value of £200.

247. Community Amenities

Cllr Williams provided members with information on outdoor youth and spaces provision which detailed the shortfall of space currently provided. He feels that the space on Abbotts Lane needs to be secured and saved and that the council needs to support older teenagers and adults of the village. He proposed that the £6500 requested by the football club for one portacabin could be used from the play area account fund. If these facilities are not installed on the open space there is a risk of losing the land.

Cllr Ransome again expressed concern that the school may not agree to a long term agreement as they will be short of space. It is vitally important for the council to protect the land as public open space.

Cllr Blackman referred to the changing room proposal and said that this would be a facility for the whole community and not just the football eg, accessible to other sports groups or events.

Members fully supported the need to protect the land as public open space and investment for teenagers and adults. It was agreed to financially support the request of one portacabin (£6500) subject to being in receipt of all appropriate legal agreements and that it would be made clear that this is a community asset/ facility. Cllr Williams advised that he was in receipt of the legal details from FCC Asset Team and would provide a copy to the clerk.

RESOLVED: the council will financially support the request from Penyffordd Lions FC to provide one portacabin (£6500) subject to being in receipt of all appropriate legal agreements and that it would be made clear that this is a community asset/ facility. Cllr Williams will provide the clerk with a copy of the legal documents he is receipt of from FCC Asset Team.

248. Community Council Draft Estimates for 2019/20

- i. Cllr Wight proposed for the council to consider a budget heading 'Community Improvement Fund' which would allow the council to prepare a future plan (10 year wish list), have a vision and budget to assist with improvements to the village over eg buildings, play facilities, environment issues etc. All members fully supported the proposal.
- ii. The necessary amendments have been made to the budget following comments at the December meeting. The Council considered the expected expenditure for 2018/19 and the draft estimates for 2019/20 and considered a budget amount for the Community Improvement Fund. A vote was taken for the budget amount of £5182 which was agreed by the majority.

On including the new budget heading, Cllr Wight proposed the 2019/20 precept to be £90,603, an increase of 1.99% and in monetary terms would equate to an increase of £0.87p per year based on a Band D property. There were mixed reviews on whether the precept would or should increase and Cllr Walker requested for it to be minuted that he objected to any increase.

RESOLVED:

- i. The Council approved to include a new budget heading for Community Improvement Funds for the sum of £5182.
- ii. That this Council's precept requirement for 2019/20 be approved as £90,603 (ninety thousand six hundred and three pounds) and that Flintshire County Council be informed accordingly. This equates to the Band D sum of £44.50 per year which is an increase of 1.99%. The Chairman and Clerk be authorised to sign the declaration of precept requirement for submission to Flintshire County Council.

249. Community Awards

Following the Council approving to have annual community awards Cllr Wight had requested for any additional suggestions for awards. Cllr Williams proposed 'Outstanding Achievement' which was fully agreed upon by the council.

The Social, Community & History Working Group will work on preparing further details for this initiative and liaise with the Clerk when they wish to report back to the council.

RESOLVED: the following has been agreed as the final categories for the 2019 Community Awards and the Social, Community & History Working Group will now prepare further details on the initiative and report back to the council.

- Service to Young People
- Service to Disability
- Community Event of the Year
- Young Volunteer of the Year
- Outstanding Achievement
- Service to Older People
- Community Group of the Year
- Sports Group of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- The Tom Jones Community Champion of the Year

250. Millstone Playing Field

- i. Following the Councils request to install the sign on the outside of the play area, Richard Roberts has provided a revised cost for a one sided bilingual sign. Quote: 1no 1050mm x 1470mm 3mm UV printed ACM sign with gloss laminate 3no rear channel for fixing to existing posts (6no 76mm dia clips included) £112.00 + vat supply only. Cllr Williams had liaised with Ian Williams and Richard Roberts with regard to relocating the sign outside of the entrance of the play area.
- ii. Quotes are still waiting to be received from Brian Davies and Jones Brothers Leeswood by FCC for the removal of the concrete posts in the toddler play area. Cllr Wakelam questioned whether access to remove the posts could be via the land adjacent to the site (eg proposed Co-op site) ad there are currently JCB's on site.
- iii. Nothing further to report.

RESOLVED:

- i. The Council approved for the sign to be repair and relocated.
- ii. The report was received and noted and the quotes will be chased.

251. Melwood Close Play Area

Cllr Wakelam reported that he is currently looking at a variety of equipment and will endeavour to obtain costings for the next meeting. Cllrs Wakelam and Williams are due to be meeting FCC next week on site to assess the play area.

RESOLVED: the report was received and noted and Cllrs Wakelam and Williams will provide further details and costings at the next meeting.

252. Planning Applications

- a) To review and consider Planning Applications received.
 - i. Notification of amendments to Ref: 059248. Erection of two storey extension to rear of dwelling. Langmor, 8 Vounog Hill, Penyffordd. **No objections subject to no concerns raised by neighbouring properties.**
 - ii. Ref: 059352. Erection of 32no, dwellings. Hawarden Road, Penyffordd. **Cllrs Williams, Hinds and Wight are due to meet with FCC on Monday 14th January. A response will be drawn up following the meeting.**
 - iii. Notification of amendments to Ref: 057396. Application for approval of reserved matters for the erection of 40 dwellings following outlined approval ref: 053656. **Cllrs Williams and Hinds are due to meet with FCC and a response will be drawn up following the meeting.**

RESOLVED: the above comments will be reported to Flintshire County Council Planning.

- b) There were no Notifications of Planning Decisions made by Flintshire County Council received.
- c) To review Ongoing and Proposed Planning Applications.
 - i. Redrow Development, Chester Road, Penymynydd – Cllr Williams reported that a response had been received from Andrew Farrow with regard to complaints over the condition of the roads and that a condition for this had not been included in the planning application. AF advised that the Inspectorate did not see fit to include such a condition and this is not a matter of the Planning Authority not enforcing compliance with a planning condition, in this case, there is simply no condition to enforce. Cllr Williams went onto to advised that he has spoken with Ian Williams Streetscene who has confirmed that they have enforcement powers to clean streets and he will undertake this.

- ii. Penyffordd Single Site School – Cllr Ransome advised that the school are undertaking visit to the new school and Cllr Williams he will be requesting that the invitations to view the school be extended to the Community Council Members.
- iii. Rhos Road (40) – comments noted above.
- iv. Dobshill (former Council Depot) – nothing further to report.
- v. Proposed Co-op Development, Millstone, Penyffordd – Cllr Wight reported that the following the councils request under minute 231 he had made contact with the Co-op regarding alternative locations, however, this was dismissed and they do not wish to pursue or consider an alternative location.

RESOLVED: the above was received and noted.

253. Youth Club Building and Surrounding Site

Cllr Wight reported that he had met with Cadwyn Clwyd regarding assistance who obtain grants. Cllr Wight did express concern regarding how and who would assist with the running of the building should it be taken on as it can be very difficult to find committed volunteers.

RESOLVED: the report was received and noted.

254. Community Engagement Drop in Event

The Council had considered holding an informal ‘Drop in Event’ however as there is due to be a community public meeting on Monday 28th January, it was resolved that the community council will attend this event, make presentations and make themselves available to the public.

RESOLVED: the community council will co-host the Public Meeting held on Monday 28th January, 7.30pm at the Royal British Legion. Cllr Wight will co-ordinate the event including advertising and agenda.

255. Christmas Lighting 2019

This item had been requested for the council to consider holding an official light switch on for 2019.

RESOLVED: this will be carried forward to February for consideration.

256. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received, acknowledged and noted.

- An email forwarded to all members on 20.12.2018 re: Welsh Government’s next steps in implementing its policy approach for the community and town council sector.
- Payment receipts and thank you letters from all the groups and organisations, bar one, that were in receipt of a grant.
- Town and Community Council Event on 11th January - Well-being of Future Generations Act. Cllrs Wight and Priddin had previously confirmed they would be attending.
- 2019 Advice Surgeries for Mark Tami MP and Jack Sargent AM
RESOLVED: this will be displayed on the councils website.
- The next County Forum will be held on Thursday 14th February, 6.30pm – 8.30pm at the Town Council Office, Connah’s Quay.
RESOLVED: Cllr Walker will attend.
- An email from FCC with regard to the template and background information, for the response to Welsh Government with regard to the county Corporate Play Sufficiency Assessment, 2019 -2022.
RESOLVED: this has been passed to the Environment Working Group to review and prepare a response.

257. Members Items (AOB)

- Cllr Hinds informed the council she had been contacted by a young person of the village expressing an interest to undertake a Christmas lantern walk.

The finance and ordinary meetings were closed at 9.30pm

Chair..... 13th February 2019