

PEN-Y-FFORDD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in the War Memorial Institute on Wednesday 11th July 2018

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 R Wakelam and Mrs L Vidamour

Absent:

In attendance: Mrs S Hughes, Clerk & RFO to the Council
1 x member of the public

71. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr M Rothero, Mr D Williams and Dr Smith-Bellis.

72. Declaration of Interest – Members Code of Conduct

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

73. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th June 2018

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

74. Matters arising

Min 48 – the Clerk provide a brief report from Cllr Williams regarding a meeting he attended with a resident and Arriva Buses. A number of members were displeased that this meeting had proceeded without their knowledge. Cllr Davies felt that it should have gone through the Council, Clerk or Working Group. Cllr Walker has invested a significant amount of time on the matter and had not been made aware of the meeting or outcome.

Min 51 Ci - The emergency meeting was not held due to the poor acceptance response. This was discussed further under minute 78.

Min 53 - As Cllr Williams is on holiday the Community Council's Year End Report/Newsletter has not been included as an agenda item. Cllr Williams has informed the Clerk he is near completion, however, there are a few amendments following recent events in the village such as the Redrow Development on Chester Road. He has advised that he will complete and circulate this to members after his holiday in the hope that it can be agreed and printed in August.

Min 54 -The 3 x silent soldier silhouettes have been ordered and should be delivered to direct to Cllr Priddin imminently. Cllr Wakelam has agreed to install the silhouettes.

RESOLVED: Cllr Wakelam will arrange installation of the silhouettes.

Min 57 – A letter has been sent to Steve Jones re: A5104, he acknowledged on the 27th June and said he will arrange for a response to be sent. Cllr Wakelam requested that additional information be forwarded to Steve Jones of the significant amount of HGV's parked overnight in the laybys from Penymynydd to Broughton. He asked whether FCC could consider a TRO or at minimum 'No Overnight Parking' signs.

RESOLVED: the Clerk will write to Steve Jones to raise the concerns of hgv overnight parking.

75. Public Questions

Concern was raised from a resident over capacity of high school places especially with the ongoing planning applications which will significantly impact the schools.

Cllr Wight advised of the criteria and empathised her concerns, he too has raised this concern with FCC due to pending developments at Penyffordd, Hope, Llay and Buckley, all of which will impact the three local high schools.

Cllr Hinds advised she had also received an email from a resident with the same concern. She felt that the council should ask FCC where they expect children to go when the Elfed, Castell Alun and Hawarden High School are full to capacity. AW advised that until housing developments have been completed and FCC has evidence for the demand for places within schools, they will not take action.

Some feedback and advice AW had been given from FCC was to submit your school application early.

Cllr Wight proposed to offer an invitation to FCC Education Officers to attend the September meeting.

RESOLVED: an invitation will be offered to Claire Homard, Damian Hughes and Cabinet Member for Education Ian Roberts to attend the September meeting.

76. Visitors

There were no visitors to the meeting.

77. Councillor Vacancy – Co-option

Flintshire County Council have confirmed that no request for an Election was received within fourteen days of the date of the Notice and as a result it is in order for the Community Council to fill the vacancies by co-option following the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 / Filling Vacancies by Co-Option.

Members agreed to review the applications by way of interviews to be held before the commencing the September meeting.

RESOLVED: the Clerk will display the Notice of Co-option for a 14 day period with a closing date of the 13th August. Applications will be provided to members as soon as reasonably possibly before the September meeting and interviews held on 12th September.

78. Redrow Development, Chester Road, Penymynydd

- i. Cllr Wight confirmed that following seeking legal advice from a Solicitor a judicial review would not be requested.

Cllr Wakelam proposed, as previously discussed, a full council resignation. The Council and village has been totally failed by FCC. An emergency meeting had been requested which had been vitally important to the Community Council and the response or even acknowledgement from FCC was appalling. FCC obviously does not listen or take any notice of the Community Council.

AW advised that the communication from FCC has been near non-existent, they did not confirm whether they would or would not be requesting a judicial review despite the requests.

RW stated as FCC are a public body to serve the community, they have failed. FCC could not even find time to meet the community council over a very important matter.

**7.20pm 1 x member of the public left

Cllr Hinds does not feel that a full resignation would be beneficial to anyone. Cllr Davies suggested that the press should be and should have been involved.

There were mixed reviews regarding a full resignation with some members being fully supportive and some feeling that by resigning they would not be able to have any voice for the future of the village.

AW advised that FCC will be in receipt of £1m from Redrow in connection with this development; £500k – affordable housing and £500k – schooling, however, **none** of this money will be utilised within the village! AW suggested that the Community Council should now try to engage with Redrow.

- ii. FCC Building Control have provided the Council with the proposed street names having been chosen using St Johns Baptist Church as a local theme. Any comments need to be submitted before Monday 16th July 2018.

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| 1. Llys Buckler | 6. Ffordd Wickham | 11. Ffordd Eglwys |
| 2. Ffordd Glynne | 7. Cwrt Neale | 12. Clos Heaton |
| 3. Llys Troughton | 8. Rhodfa Gladstone | 13. Cwrt Parsonage |
| 4. Cwrt Overbeck | 9. Clos Webb | |
| 5. Llys Hope | 10. Cwrt Baptist | |

Members agreed with the majority of the names but objected to 10 & 11. Taking into account the history of the village a number of options were considered and it was proposed to suggest Beau Mount and Tom Jones OBE Close (Clos Tom Jones OBE).

RESOLVED:

- i. At present there will not be a full council resignation.
- ii. The Council are supportive of names with the exception of 10 & 11 and will submit Beau Mount and Tome Jones OBE Close (Close Tome Jones OBE) as alternatives.

79. Summer Recess – Delegated Powers

The Council was requested to authorise the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to deal with any urgent matters during the summer recess subject to those matters being reported back to Council at the September meeting.

RESOLVED: the above be approved.

80. GDPR – Policies, Procedures and Notices

The Clerk reported that the GDPR Audit has been completed and provided members with a GDPR Booklet containing the audit and all the relevant policies, procedures, forms and notices which the Council were requested to review and adopt.

RESOLVED: this was adopted by the Council and the Clerk will now make the necessary arrangements such as notices to be included on the website, and completion of privacy notices for councillors and employees.

81. Working Groups

Members were provided with details under each heading taken from the Place Plan to provide guidance on what projects can be focussed upon.

Cllr Walker raised concerns that progress does not seem to have been made on this matter.

Cllr Wakelam proposed that the Clerk create a Working Group Email for each heading to instigate discussions on the available projects. It will then be the responsibility of each Working Group to determine the most appropriate project(s) to be presented to the Council for approval at the September meeting.

Cllr Vidamour requested to be included on the Community/History/Social Working Group.

RESOLVED: the Clerk will create a Working Group Email for each heading with details of suggested projects taken from the Place Plan. Members of each Group will then liaise over the summer recess to determine the project(s) they wish to present to the Council for approval. Cllr Vidamour will be included on the Community/History/Social Working Group.

82. Millstone Playing Field

- i. The broken mesh on the muga has been repaired and replaced free of charge by Ludus.
- ii. The Clerk reported that Richard Roberts has advised that the titan rope swing and grassmat would not be covered under the warranty and the need for replacement is solely down to use, wear & tear. Approval has been given to undertake the repair to the rope swing (at a cost of £188+vat) and the Clerk asked the council to consider options for the replacement of the grassmat. Again comments were made that as FCC installed this equipment, they should have ensured that the groundworks were suitable for grassmat. As the grassmat has sunk into the ground, this should in fact be the responsibility of FCC to repair and rectify.
- iii. Cllr Hinds requested for weed killer to be applied in the area of the new fencing. Cllr Davies advised that Mr Davies would be able to assist with this work.

Cllr Wakelam reported that he was due to meet with Cllr Williams to review the requirement of additional litter bins and seating, however, this meeting has not yet taken place.

Cllr Williams in his absence request the Clerk to ask members if they would consider spending the remainder of the millstone fence budget on something to help reduce the noise problem of the skate park? If members are happy to delegate powers to Cllrs Williams, Hinds and Priddin to come up with something suitable solution so that it could be put in place for the school holidays.

The Council did not authorise delegated powers for the above request and also felt that due to the pending school holidays the work would not be done in time and did not want the area closed off during the holidays. Cllr Wakelam suggested an option of rubber coating for the ramps and advised he will make enquires.

RESOLVED:

- i. Received and noted.
- ii. The Clerk will write to Richard Roberts advising that the Community Council consider that as this equipment was installed by FCC, the repairs to the ground/grassmat under the titan should be their responsibility. This is not specifically due to wear and tear, but due to insufficient groundworks initially being done.
- iii. Cllr Hinds will liaise with Cllr Davies regarding weed killing around the new fencing. Cllrs Wakelam and Williams to review the requirement for additional seating and litter bins.

No delegated powers were given to Cllr Williams request to undertake soundproofing to the skate ramps during the summer recess. Cllr Wakelam will make enquires for rubbing coating.

83. Planning Applications

- a) To review and consider Planning Applications received.
 - i. Ref: 058504. Erection of single storey rear extension. 8 Green Meadow Rise, Penymynydd. **Supported on the condition that there are no objections or concerns from neighbouring properties.**
 - ii. Ref: 058526. Erection of first floor extension to rear. Rosewood, 31 Penymynydd Road, Penymynydd. **Supported on the condition that there are no objections or concerns from neighbouring properties.**
 - iii. Ref: 058453. Erection of extension to side and rear of dwelling. 20 Vounog Hill, Penyffordd. **Supported on the condition that there are no objections or concerns from neighbouring properties.**
 - iv. Ref: 058553. Display of V-stack sign. Land at Chester Road, Penymynydd. **Due to the council's strong objection to the development in which this relates, the Council also object to this planning application.**

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

- b) To receive Notifications of Planning Decisions made by Flintshire County Council.
 - i. Ref: 058305. Demolition of existing open porch and erection of extension to front of dwelling. 31 Ffordd Derwyn, Penyffordd. **Approved**

RESOLVED: the above be received and noted.

- c) To review Ongoing and Proposed Planning Applications.
 - i. Penyffordd Single Site School - ongoing, nothing further to report.
 - ii. Rhos Road (Retirement) – this application is likely to go to FCC Planning Committee on 18th July. Cllr Wight advised he has received an invitation to this meeting.
 - iii. Rhos Road (40) – ongoing, nothing further to report.
 - iv. Vounog Hill - ongoing, nothing further to report.
 - v. Dobshill (former Council Depot) – ongoing, nothing further to report.

RESOLVED: the above was received and noted.

84. Youth Club Building and Surrounding Site

It was reported that Cllr Wight has submitted an Expression of Interest (EOI), under the company name of Penyffordd Community Ltd (a non profit company). This company is independent from the Council. Members advised that the Community Council will now not be submitted and EOI.

RESOLVED: the above was received and noted. The Community Council will not be pursuing an EOI any further for the Youth Club building and surrounding site This will be included on the September agenda for Cllr Wight to report in detail on the EOI submitting by Penyffordd Community Ltd.

85. Noticeboards

The Clerk reported that Cllr Williams has advised the planning application for the new Penyffordd noticeboard has been prepared and will be submitted on his return.

Cllr Wakelam advised he has a replacement internal board for the noticeboard located outside of Jemoleys, however, the frame requires sealing due to water ingress. He will endeavour to undertake the repair by September.

RESOLVED: Cllr Williams will submit the planning application for the new Penyffordd noticeboard on his return. Cllr Wakelam will endeavour to undertake the repair work to the noticeboard located outside of Jemoleys before September.

86. Telephone Kiosk – Alyn Drive

Members recognised that the current state of the kiosk was not acceptable and authorised the Clerk to purchase the required BT 'red' paint and replacement Perspex. The Clerk advised from previous enquiries she would roughly estimate that it should not exceed £150.00. Cllr Wakelam agreed that he would be happy to undertake this work together with the assistance of Mr Davies.

Cllr Wakelam requested the Clerk to contact BT regarding the derelict kiosk in Penymynydd (opposite St Johns Church) as there is no longer a telephone in the kiosk and should now be removed. He also advised that some months ago a large pane of glass had been knocked out of the kiosk by the Millennium Clock to which he took home to prevent further damage, this needs to be collected by BT.

RESOLVED: the Council approved for the Clerk to order the materials required to undertake the repairs and restoration and Cllr Wakelam together with Mr Davies will undertake the work.

The Clerk will contact BT with regard to the removal of the derelict BT kiosk in Penymynydd and the pane of glass which needs to be collected from Cllr Wakelam.

87. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received, acknowledged and noted.

- PCSO Ellis provided an up to date Police Report.
- Cllr Williams sent an email to the Clerk with regard to the Saturday football club who re-formed last season & in their first season came runners up in the league and won the Presidents Cup and the Horice Wynne. A copy of the correspondence was provided to all members.

RESOLVED: a letter will be sent to the Football Club congratulating them on their successful year.

- Email received from a resident of Hawarden Road with regard to parking. Anthony Stanford FCC Highways has communicated with Cllr Williams and has proposed a site meeting within the coming months.
- An invitation from Flintshire Scouts District Committee - Flintshire District Scouts will be holding their AGM for 2017-18 at the Connah's Quay Civic Hall on Wednesday, 19th September, 2018, 7.00pm.
- FCC Match Funding Scheme – Improvements to Children's Play Areas 2018/19
- Welsh Government are holding a Workshop on the 17 July 2018: Practical insight for CTC s and PSBs on working together to help delivery of local well-being plans. 10:00am - 3:00pm Llandrindod Wells.
- FCC Summer Playscheme will be held at the Millstone Play Area from Monday 23rd July – Friday 17th August, 1.30pm – 3.30pm.
- Hope Community Council are looking to hold a bespoke Code of Conduct training course and wished to extend the training to neighbouring councils. The Clerk asked whether any members would be interested if the course was held? A number of members expressed they would be interested.

RESOLVED: Members would be interested in a bespoke Code of Conduct Training Course arranged through Hope Community Council.

88. Members Items (AOB)

- Cllr Wakelam asked the Clerk to contact BT to ascertain when the derelict phonebox in Penymynydd will be removed and also that a glass panel had come out of the phonebox in Penyffordd which he has taken home to prevent further damage.
- Cllr Walker raised concerns that actions are not being carried out, such as the newsletter not materialising, this had been an agenda item for some months.
- Cllr Hinds reported that she had been contacted by a resident wishing to hold a Scarecrow Competition through the summer holidays. She suggested that maybe the Council could contribute a prize. Cllr Wakelam suggested this could be a project for the Working Group.
- Cllr Priddin raised the matter of additional CCTV cameras (by the Youth Club/bus shelter) which had previously been discussed and requested this as an agenda item for September.

Chair..... 12th September 2018