

PEN-Y-CAE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the of the Pen-y-Cae Community Council Meeting held on Monday 22nd July 2019.

PRESENT

Chair – Cllr. P. Davies

Cllr. Mrs C. Davies
Cllr. Mrs. S. Jones
Cllr. Ms A. Phillips
Cllr. Mr J.C. Phillips
Cllr. K. Gilpin
Cllr. Mrs. J. Lowe

Cllr. Dr S.E. Evans
Cllr. Mrs. P. Matthews
Cllr. Mr. G. Edwards
Cllr. Mr. D.A Thomas

PCSO Neil Green for item number 4 on the agenda – Police Matters.

Denise Edwards from OWL Cymru for item number 9 on the agenda - To Welcome Denise Edwards from OWL Cymru regarding Neighbourhood Watch

Vikki Speakman and Ceri Hughes from the DWP for item number 10 on the agenda –To welcome Vikki Speakman of the DWP for a presentation on the PACE provision

(19)113 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr. Mrs J. Jones
Cllr. N. Claffey
Cllr. R. Salisbury

It was agreed to suspend standing orders for items number 4,9 and 10 on the agenda

(19)114 POLICE MATTERS Reported Crimes

24/06/2019 – 22/07/2019

Anti-social behaviour personal – 3
Anti-social behaviour nuisance - 4
Burglary – 1
Theft of a motor vehicle – 1
Criminal Damage – 2
Arson – 1 – possible hoax call
Drugs – 1
Domestics - 4

Resolved: Noted

PCSO Neil Green advised that a number of speed operations had been carried out in the community and due to the sample size the average speed of motorists seemed to be higher when carried out under higher visibility. The Chair added that visibility was key and that people may think twice about speeding in future if they could see that random speed operations were being carried out in the local area. PCSO Green was asked to forward the results on to Go Safe.

Matters Raised by Members

The Chair asked regarding the request for increased foot patrols in the area, PCSO Green advised that they had been increased and had been present at a number of them personally. PCSO Green had also been made aware of some incidents involving youths on the site of the MUGA and would be following up on the matter.

Cllr. C. Davies noted that complaints had been made regarding youths climbing and swinging on the frame of the youth shelter down at the MUGA and attempts to vandalise the structure, primarily in the evenings. PCSO Green advised that he would take a look in the evenings.

Cllr. G. Edwards asked if there would be any further investigation or prosecutions following the speed operation. PCSO Green advised that the decision was left with the officer who carried out the operation, as a minimum, a letter would be sent to the individual to advise of the speeding incident.

The Chair thanked PCSO Green for his help and the work carried out in the community, following this he left the meeting.

(19)115 TO WELCOME Vikki Speakman and Ceri Hughes of the DWP for a presentation on The PACE Programme

Vikki Speakman introduced herself and her colleague Ceri Hughes to members and explained that PACE stood for Parent and Childcare Employment. The Programme was set up to assist any communities that fell outside of the former Communities First postcoded areas. PACE could assist parents or guardians of children where childcare provided a barrier to employment through assisting with childcare, transport and training costs where necessary. Ms Speakman advised that their primary aim was to assist people back into employment and over the last 4 years they had helped over 40 people locally back into work.

Cllr. J. Phillips asked how individuals were signposted to the programme. Ms Speakman advised that referrals came primarily from the job centre, the family information service, women's aid and some local charities. Cllr. Phillips also asked if they had any literature to give out, Ms Speakman passed out some brochures to members.

Ms Speakman advised that they held a job club in Rhos every week in the library working alongside the Communities for Work Programme. Cllr. Phillips asked if such clubs could be run in Pen-y-Cae, Ms Speakman advised that they could look at setting one up if it was needed. Ms Speakman was asked to liaise with the Clerk and she would assist with any possible venues should a club be opened up in the village.

The Chair thanked Ms Speakman and Ms Hughes for their attendance and information on a programme which would prove very useful to many people in the local area, following this they left the meeting.

(19)116 TO WELCOME Denise Edwards from OWL Cymru regarding Neighbourhood Watch

Denise Edwards introduced herself to members and explained that OWL Cymru - Online Watch Link is the public's crime alert system which is in operation in North Wales. It is an essential crime prevention tool that provides quick, timely and relevant localised crime alerts, appeals for information and crime prevention messages. This proactive solution helps communities prevent and detect crime. It increases awareness providing direct communications from the Police and Community Safety Partners such as Neighbourhood Watch, Fire Service and Trading Standards. Ms Edwards explained that the programme sought to build resilience within communities by engaging residents to be more aware of activities and developing watch schemes where the need arises.

Cllr. C. Davies advised that she had been a neighbourhood watch co-ordinator some years ago and found that locally people lacked confidence in reporting directly to the Police so had found that she would be inundated with calls instead. Cllr. Davies was not sure that

this could work in Pen-y-Cae at present due to the increasing reduction in local police resources. Ms Edwards advised that if a watch was set up then there needed to be clearly defined roles and persons involved dividing responsibility equally.

Cllr. J. Phillips asked how we could get the message out to people in the community about such a programme. Ms Edwards advised that in the information packs given out to members there were forms that people could fill in to set up a formal watch scheme or if they did not want to commit to this, they could sign up online for the alerts system which would identify any activity in the local area.

It was suggested that OWL Cymru could have an information stand at the Christmas Market and that a link could be added to the website. It would also be advantageous if Ffion could pass on information to any vulnerable adults in the community and possible door step crime awareness sessions could be arranged.

The Chair thanked Ms Edwards for her presentation following this she left the meeting.

19)117DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr. J. Phillips wished to declare interest in item number 15 on the agenda – Planning Applications.

(19)118MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24th June 2019 copies having previously been circulated, were approved and adopted.

(19)119 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

1. Dog Bag Dispensers

The Clerk had received confirmation from Cefn Community Council that they would only require one unit as a trial until they could justify purchasing any more. Members agreed to put in a joint order with Cefn Community Council for a further 2 units and to purchase extra bags until an alternative supplier could be found. The Clerk would liaise with Cefn and arrange the order

Resolved: That the Clerk would progress the order as soon as possible.

2. Fly Tipping on Coed-y-Nant

No response had been received following the correspondence sent to the Chief Executive of Clwyd Alyn. Members agreed that the matter should be brought to the attention of the press. Cllr. K. Gilpin would liaise with the Clerk and could provide a contact for the Daily Post.

Resolved: That the Clerk would speak with the Daily Post and ask them to write a story on the fly tipping and the lack of response from the Housing Association.

3. Disabled Access on the Pant

The Clerk had further correspondence from Simon Roberts at WCBC to say that the reason for the delay was that the education department had not reached a decision about what would be installed. Members suggested that the Clerk should advise them that we would move to begin legal proceedings against WCBC as they had failed to provide a reasonable adjustment in the 12 months since the issue was initially reported.

Resolved: That the Clerk would inform Steve Bailey and Simon Roberts of the Council's intention to commence legal proceedings.

4. **Play Areas**

No response had been received from the Football Club regarding a commercial Waste collection as yet. Members agreed that the Clerk should seek costings from WCBC.

Resolved: That the Clerk find out the cost of a commercial waste collection with WCBC.

5. **Studio Pen-y-Cae**

Cllr. Thomas was awaiting a response from a colleague on the validity of the claims made in respect of examination centres.

Resolved: To await further information.

6. **Music Event**

The working party was due to meet at 7pm on the 25th July and would report back at the next meeting of full council.

Resolved: to await further updates.

7. **Planting of the War Memorial Garden**

It was agreed that there would not be sufficient time for bedding plants to be added to the war memorial garden at present and that winter bedding plants could be sourced in time for Remembrance Day. Regarding the planted area on Stryt Issa, the Chair would look at weed suppressant and possibly lavender plants to plant around the trees. Cllr. Thomas advised that he would look at Sutton's for pricing. Members agreed to place this for discussion on the September agenda.

Resolved: That the Clerk would agenda this for discussion in September.

8. **Interactive Speed Signs**

There had still been no information from Graham Lloyd on the cost of the interactive speed signs. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain some quotations from manufacturers and to contact our street lighting engineers and ask them for their costings for installation. It was agreed that 4 units in total would be purchased and that the Clerk could speak with Cefn Community Council regarding their recent scheme in the area.

Resolved: That the Clerk would obtain quotes for interactive speed signs and speak with Cefn Community Council regarding their recent installation.

(19)120 ISSUES RELATING TO OLDER PEOPLE

Ffion Morus, Community Agent had submitted her report to members prior to the meeting. Miss Morus gave details of her visits and training for the month. Ffion had planned a coffee morning to be held in the Community Centre on the 23rd July at 11am. Upon delivering the leaflets Ffion had noticed a previous client waiting for a bus, who she had referred to a positive steps programme as she lacked the confidence to leave the house alone. This was a positive outcome for the client who had now been enabled to get out and about with ease.

Resolved: To accept Ffion's report.

(19)121 STREET LIGHTING

New Light

Cllr. G. Edwards had held discussions with Allan Richardson of Snapfast over the possible installation of a solar light on Poplar Road. Mr Richardson advised that there was technology being developed at present which could be suitable in this location but as yet was not on the market. Cllr. Edwards discussed the possibility of using this location as a trial with snapfast and would await further information from them.

Resolved: to await further correspondence from Snapfast.

Upgrades

The contractor estimated that the upgrades would be completed by the end of July dependant on Scottish Power.

Resolved: to await further information.

(19)122 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications for the period.

Resolved: noted.

(19)123 TO DISCUSS Stage two of the MUGA development

The Clerk had been in touch with Funding Wales to see what they would be looking for as a minimum level of consultation for a project. The Clerk was advised that they were looking for the highest level of consultation possible and proof that the criteria for People in the Lead had been met. It was suggested that the Working Party should meet as soon as possible to get things in motion and work towards launching the consultation process. The Clerk would email members and arrange a date as soon as possible. It was also suggested that the Clerk ask One Voice Wales for assistance with the writing of the consultation.

Resolved: That the Clerk arrange a meeting of the working party as soon as possible.

(19)124 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had received a letter forwarded by Cefn Community Council from a resident who was extremely concerned about the speeding motorists along the Delph road. Cefn Community Council had asked if members would agree to write a letter in support of an application to reduce the speed limit along this stretch of road from 60 mph to 40mph. Members agreed that this would be most welcome and asked the Clerk to prepare a letter of support.

The Clerk had received an email from Gemma Rose at North Wales Wildlife Trust advising of some upcoming dates for weed spraying courses. It was agreed to send two members on the course and Cllrs. G. Edwards and J. Phillips put themselves forward for the training. The Clerk would confirm this with the Trust and arrange for the training to be booked in.

An email was received from Carol Coull, Tenant Participation Officer at WCBC advising of some upcoming elections for the service improvement groups. It was agreed to display this on the noticeboards.

(19)125 MISCELLANEOUS

Resolved: To note receipt of the following:

1. An email from WCBC advertising the play day on Llwyn Isaf
2. An email from WCBC advertising the annual tenant event in Bellevue Park
3. Promotional brochures from Viking Direct detailing offers on stationery.

(19)126 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

The following issues were raised under the above heading:

1. The Chair advised that the gullies were full in the drains from Yew Tree Farm up to the homestead and asked if this could be reported to Streetscene.
2. Cllr. A. Phillips asked if anything had come of the request for a bench on Plas Bennion. The Clerk had not a reply from the request to purchase any of the ones recently removed from the town centre. It was agreed that the Clerk would seek prices of benches from an external supplier.
3. Cllr. Thomas asked if there had been any update from the translator on the work being done on the website. The Clerk had received no response to emails or messages left. Members agreed to engage the services of one of the other translators recommended.
4. Cllr. Thomas noted that there would soon be an 'opt in' scheme introduced where residents would have to pay £25 for their green bins to be emptied.
5. Cllr. Thomas noted that the street sign on Plas Bennion had been vandalised and would need to be cleaned.
6. Cllr. J. Phillips asked if members present would support the placement of two extra litter bins on Trem-y-Gardden and Coed-y-Nant. Members were in agreement.
7. Cllr. J. Philips asked regarding the MUGA signage, Cllr. Gilpin had the signs and would arrange to have them installed ASAP.
8. Cllr. J. Lowe advised that there would be an environmental action day arranged in Groesfan for the 5th September and asked if the Clerk could advertise this on Facebook nearer the time.
9. Cllr. P. Matthews advised that she had moved house and would forward the Clerk her new address details.
10. Cllr. J. Lowe advised that she still had a hardback copy of the Sons of Pen-y-Cae book and would bring it to the next meeting.

(19)127 FINANCE

The Finance Committee met prior to the meeting at 6.30pm

Payments

The following payments were approved for June

102835 – Mediafields – community agent laptop	£325.00
102836– HMRC – Tax &NI	£1427.69
102837 – NJ Landscaping – War Memorial Garden maintenance	£2000.00
102838 – One Voice Wales - training	£60.00
102839 – North Wales – poppy appeal	£300.00
102840– TSO Hosting – domain renewal	£7.19
102841 – NWWT – Spraying course deposit	£160.00
102842 – NWWT – Spraying course deposit	£160.00
Bank Transfer – Salary, postage	£1254.42
Bank Transfer – Salary & mileage	£1077.23