

PEN-Y-CAE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

COVID-19

Minutes of the of the Pen-y-Cae Community Council Meeting held by ZOOM on Monday 28th September 2020.

PRESENT

Chair – Cllr. A. Phillips

Cllr. C. Davies
Cllr. P. Matthews
Cllr. J. Lowe
Cllr. K. Gilpin
Cllr. A Tynan

Cllr. Dr S.E. Evans
Cllr. S. Jones
Cllr K. Phillips
Cllr. J.C. Phillips
Cllr. H. Davies

Rachael Hughes, Community Agent for item number 6 on the agenda – *Issues relating to older people*

(20)87 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr. J. Jones
Cllr. G. Edwards

(20)88 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest from members present.

The Chair asked members for their agreement to suspend standing orders to take matters out of sequence for item number 6 on the agenda – Issues relating to older people. All members were in favour of this.

(20)89 ISSUES RELATING TO OLDER PEOPLE

The Chair welcomed Rachael Hughes to the meeting and invited her to introduce herself to members.

Rachael gave details of her activities for the period as detailed in her report that had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

So far Rachael had been in post for three weeks and had made a start on completing the online training modules given to her by WCBC. Rachael had also made contact with the clients handed over from Ffion and had made a plan to keep in regular contact by phone with them. Rachael had received referrals from external organisations and had given advice and signposting information to the clients. Rachael advised that she had written to the GP surgeries and other local organisations that she had identified as possible sources for referrals in future.

Matters raised by members

The Chair thanked Rachael for her comprehensive report and noted that it must have been an extremely busy time for her.

Cllr. J. Phillips thanked Rachael for her report and asked if she had received any referrals from external organisations. Rachael confirmed that she had one from a PCSO. Cllr. J. Phillips also asked if she had linked in with the housing office at WCBC. Rachael advised that in response to her introductory letter she had been contacted by the estate office and under normal circumstances would have been invited in for a meeting, however the officers

advised that they would send any referrals directly to her and had kept her contact details on file.

Cllr. S. Jones wished Rachael a warm welcome and advised that Ffion had, despite several attempts at establishing contact with the GP surgeries had been met with resistance from the staff and asked Rachael if she had encountered any such difficulty. Rachael advised that she had spoken with Beech Avenue Surgery and been in contact with care homes and would be following this up in due course.

Cllr. J. Lowe asked that as the current situation with Covid was increasing could Rachael call the practice managers and perhaps reinforce the need for established contact with community agents and the support that they could offer the practice during these unprecedented times. Rachael agreed and would follow up her letters with a call. All members had wished Rachael a warm welcome aboard and thanked her for her informative report following this she left the meeting.

Resolved: noted

Phone issue

The Clerk informed members that the phone provided for the Community Agent did not work at her residence and the signal was so poor that she could not hold conversations with people. It was suggested that the Clerk should find a sim only deal with a network provider which would work in both areas and cancel the current contract.

Resolved: That the Clerk would cancel the current contract and find a suitable alternative.

(20)90 MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th September 2020 copies having previously been circulated, were approved and adopted

(20)91 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

1. Interactive Speed Signs

Two of the signs had been installed, one on Plas Bennion and one on Stryt Issa. Cllr. J. Phillips advised that the signs were showing the actual speed rather than displaying the speed limit as originally planned. The Clerk would follow up with the manufacturer to see if this could be altered.

Resolved: That the Clerk would liaise with the manufacturer to see if the display on the signs could be altered.

2. Maes-y-Nant Path

The path had not been cleared as yet so the Clerk would write to Sion Roberts and ask that this be followed up.

Resolved: That the Clerk would contact Sion Roberts at WCBC and ask for the path to be cleared.

3. Solar Light on Poplar Road

Allan Richardson from Snapfast had been in touch to advise that the solar lamp would be £480 if council wished to adopt the light. Mr Richardson confirmed that there would

be no installation cost for this particular lamp in question. Cllr. J. Phillips proposed that council adopted the lamp; all members were in favour of this.

Resolved: That the Clerk would write to Allan Richardson advising of the council's decision to adopt the lamp.

4. **Maintenance Contract for the leased area of the MUGA**

The Clerk had been asked to confirm once again the area required for grass cutting at the MUGA and had marked out the area on a map and sent this back to WCBC for confirmation. No decision had been received from Streetscene as to whether they could fit this into the schedule as yet. It was suggested that the Clerk should contact Nicky Ellis and ask for a site meeting with the supervisors involved with the grass cutting ASAP with Cllr. J. Phillips to move matters forward.

Resolved: That the Clerk would liaise with Nicky Ellis to arrange a site meeting ASAP.

5. **Speed survey on Church Street**

The Clerk had received an email from Graham Lloyd to advise that speed surveys would cost in the region of £88 per site however the contractor previously used by WCBC had since retired and in order for them to execute the surveys in a cost effective manner they would need to book in a group of sites. It was suggested that the Clerk should contact nearby councils to ask if they were considering speed surveys in order for a block booking to be made.

Resolved: That the Clerk would contact nearby community councils to see if they were considering speed surveys.

6. **Bench on Plas Bennion**

The Clerk confirmed that the previous order of the bench had been lost in the system and had confirmed a new order with Glasdon. A lead time of around 2 to 3 weeks had been given and was awaiting a confirmation email with a delivery date.

Resolved: To await delivery of the bench.

7. **Land at old BMX Track**

The Clerk was waiting for some information from the contaminated land officer at WCBC regarding the soil sampling work undertaken at the site. Cllr, J. Phillips advised that Sarah Collick at Local Places For Nature had said that she could make enquiries regarding this also and to contact her for an update.

Resolved: That the Clerk would follow up the enquiries regarding soil sampling

8. **Citizens Advice Bureau**

The CAB had not provided the reports for the lockdown period and members were keen to see how the service had been utilised during this time. As residents were unable to access the provision through face to face meetings, members were keen to find out how these barriers had been overcome.

Resolved: That the Clerk would once again ask for the figures for the lockdown period.

9. Youth Shelter

It had come to light that the Youth Shelter could not be gifted to the school or any other organisation where it could not be accessed by members of the public at any given time. Members agreed that the shelter in its current position was attracting antisocial behaviour however simply moving it to another location would potentially just move the problem elsewhere. It was agreed to defer the matter until an alternative solution could be reached.

Resolved: Noted.

(20)92 POLICE MATTERS

Meeting request

There had still been no further response to the request to a meeting with Sgt Dewberry. It was suggested that the Clerk should write to Inspector Mike Norbury and ask for his assistance in resolving the issue.

Resolved: That the Clerk would liaise with Mike Norbury regarding a potential meeting as soon as possible.

Matters Raised by Members

Cllr. J. Phillips advised that there were numerous issues being raised particularly on the Pant near the rugby club such as anti-social behaviour, vandalism, drugs etc and had requested that this area be patrolled more regularly by the PCSOs particularly at weekends. Cllr. C. Davies advised that there had been several posts on social media by the PCSOs posting photographs of themselves patrolling in neighbouring communities yet there did not seem to be any in Pen-y-Cae and wanted to know why Pen-y-Cae was not receiving fair representation.

Resolved: Noted

(20)93 TO DISCUSS Land at Former BMX Track - boundary issue

Since the meeting with the property owner at Pincroft no further enquiries had been made due to the lockdown, however members felt that the matter could once again be raised and that legal advice should be sought in respect of the boundary issue. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact One Voice Wales once again for advice. It was also suggested that Fields in Trust could offer some assistance in the matter.

Resolved: That the Clerk contact One Voice Wales and Fields in Trust for further advice.

(20)94 TO DISCUSS Remembrance Day Service

To date there had been no guidance received concerning Remembrance Day Services and parades. The Clerk had received confirmation from WCBC that the event would be covered under Regulation 14(A) of The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2020, as amended as an outdoor gathering. Regulation 14(1) permits outdoor gatherings for no more than 30 people. It would be difficult to police such an event and keep the numbers to the legal maximum; this would also prevent difficulties in having to potentially turn people away from the event and members felt that it would not be appropriate to exclude people from the service. It was suggested that a smaller, scaled

down event could take place where wreaths were placed by selected organisations but no service and no procession would take place. It was agreed to wait a further two weeks to see if any guidance had been offered by the government and to make a decision in due course.

Resolved: To await further government guidance.

(20)85 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. A483 Wrexham Bypass Junction 3 to 6 - Public Consultation Events – emailed out to members
2. EMAIL FROM David Roberts re request for new street Light
3. Email re remembrance parade – PC Mark Sayer
4. Email from Cllr. J. Phillips reporting lamp out on Coed-y-Nant – reported to WCBC
5. Email from Community champion at Morrison's - Supporting the Community
6. Colli Llais Colli Bywyd / Lost Voices Lost Lives
7. News Bulletin from OWV - This Edition: Face to Face Meetings, Clerks' New Pay Scales, Training, SCAMS
8. Brochures from VIKING re stationery offers
9. Email from Carol Coull – WCBC - Welsh Government WHQS Survey

(20)86 MISCELLANEOUS

Resolved: To note receipt of the following:

10. Email from OVW - Datganiad ysgrifenedig y Gweinidogion Cam 2 y rhaglen Amrywiaeth mewn Democratiaeth / Ministers written statement Phase 2 of the Diversity in Democracy programme
11. Email from Play Wales - Research: Making it possible to do play sufficiency | Ymchwil: Ei gwneud hi'n bosibl i gyflawni digonolrwydd chwarae
12. Email from KOMPAN - KOMPAN September Town & Parish Newsletter outdoor noticeboards/street furniture

(20)87 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr. A. Tynan asked if the photography competition could be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting

Cllr. J. Phillips asked if the Christmas gifting scheme for the elderly could be placed for discussion on the agenda at the next meeting

(20)88 FINANCE

Payments

The following payments were approved for September

102909– AJI Accounting - Payroll	£295.31
102910 – stones for War Memorial Garden	£125.99
Bank Transfer – Salary, postage	£1282.48

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£919.84
£280.00