

PEN-Y-CAE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

COVID-19 – ZOOM

Minutes of the Penycae Community Council Meeting held on Monday 28th February 2022

PRESENT

Chair – Cllr. Dr S. Evans

Cllr. J. Lowe
Cllr. J.C. Phillips
Cllr. C. Davies
Cllr. A. Phillips
Cllr. K. Gilpin
Cllr. R. Hughes

Cllr. A Tynan
Cllr. J. Jones
Cllr. H. Davies
Cllr. K. Phillips

(22)28 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr. P. Matthews
Cllr. P. Davies
Cllr. G. Edwards

(22)29 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllrs. J Phillips, A Tynan, K. Gilpin, A Phillips and J Lowe declared interest in item number 8 on the agenda – *To Discuss Grants and Donations.*

(22)30 MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 31st January 2022 copies having previously been circulated, were approved and adopted subject to the following corrections

- (22) 21- Tax Base
- (22) 22 – to note that the charges were per annum

(22)31 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

1. Transfer of Deed of Dedication

The working party for the War Memorial Garden and Planted Areas had met and discussed plans for the land. It was agreed that if a wildlife garden was planned, with open access at all times, there may be no need to press ahead with transferring the deed of dedication. The Clerk had written to Fields in Trust to see if they would allow such a proposal on the land and was awaiting a response. It was agreed that the Clerk should press ahead with applications for funding in the meantime.

Resolved: That the Clerk would look into funding applications.

2. DE-Fib

The Clerk had still not heard back regarding the application for the funding for the De-Fibs. It was agreed that The Clerk would chase this up.

Resolved: to await further communication from AVOW.

3. CCTV

The Clerk was still awaiting further contact from the contractor regarding a site meeting.

Resolved: To await further communication from the contractor.

4. Street Signs

There had still been no response from WCBC regarding the Street Signage. It was suggested that both Cllrs J. Phillips and J. Lowe could also contact Steve Jones and see if they could get a response. The Clerk would chase the matter up once more and CC Darren Williams into the correspondence.

Resolved: That the Clerk and Cllrs J. Phillips and J Lowe would chase WCBC for a response again.

5. Planters

Both Schools in the village had expressed their thanks for donations of the planters and Cllr. K. Gilpin was in the process of arranging to have them delivered.

Resolved: noted.

6. Photo Competition

The meeting for the photo competition had taken place and the judges had decided on the winning entries. A cover photo had been selected and members were asked if they would agree to fund a prize of up to £50. Members agreed to this. The Clerk would look at formats and pricing.

Resolved: to await further development

7. Bus Stops.

There had still been no response from Andrew Mytton regarding the cleaning of the bus stops in the village.

Resolved: That the Clerk would chase for a response again.

8. Fly Tipping – Coed y Nant

Clwyd Alyn had responded to say that they could arrange for someone to meet on site and the Clerk had asked Cllrs. J. Lowe and J Phillips for their availability. It was agreed that the Clerk should arrange the meeting and attend and that Cllrs Lowe and J. Phillips would attend if they could.

Resolved: to await the outcome of the meeting.

9. Dog Fouling

The Clerk had written to Joanne Rogers at WCBC requesting extra patrols from the enforcement team but to date had not received a response. The Clerk would chase the matter again and would also ask for a schedule of dates and times when they had visited.

Resolved : That the Clerk would chase for a response again.

(22)32 POLICE MATTERS

Matters Raised by Members

Cllr. J. Phillips had received confirmation that the Police would fund £250 towards the bike marking event and the shortfall would be £80. Members agreed to cover the shortfall. Cllr. J. Lowe asked if the schools could be notified of the event to ensure that as many of the local children as possible could benefit from the initiative.

Cllr. K. Gilpin noted that speed checks had been carried out on Poplar Road and Afoneitha Road again.

Resolved: noted.

(22)33 ISSUES RELATING TO OLDER PEOPLE

Diane's report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. Diane had given details of the various issues she had been dealing with and of the referrals she had received and of her activities for the month.

Cllr J. Phillips asked the Clerk to follow up an email from Purdy to Diane as he had been informed that Diane had not yet made contact.

Resolved: noted

(22)34 STREETLIGHTING

New Light Request Bronallt

The light had been installed and was working well.

Resolved: noted

Faults

Scottish Power had sent communication regarding the light at Mill Lane advising that they had visited and inspected but that further investigation was needed. They had exempted the light from the OFGEM conditions and would revisit as soon as practical. It was suggested that a solar light could be installed in this location instead as a way of getting around the issues experienced historically with this particular light. The Clerk advised that she would speak with the contractor and find out if it was suitable and confirm a price for this.

The Light in Bridge Street was proving to be a more problematic issue however as there was difficulty with its location. It was an underground connection and as it was located on private property, we would need landowner's permission to excavate and the road would need to be closed. It was agreed to arrange a site meeting with the contractors to look at viable options for this.

There had been no update from WCBC regarding the light in Stryt Issa. The Clerk was asked to chase this again.

Resolved: That the Clerk would liaise with the contractor regarding the issues with the faulty lights.

(22)35 TO DISCUSS Donations and Grants

The Finance Sub-Committee had met prior to the meeting and had considered the list of applications received. The committee recommended that the following grants be made available.

£100 to each of the Churches towards the maintenance of the cemeteries (St Thomas' Salem Chapel and Groes Chapel)

Given to Shine – foodbank - £50
Rhos Community Café – foodbank - £50
Offa Community Council Royal Welch Fusiliers tribute fund £50
Cross Foxes outdoor hub improvements £50
1251 (Berwyn) Squadron - RAF Air Cadets - £50
Penycae Community Group – litter picking equipment - £50

£500 had been allocated in the budget for Grants and Donations and the Chair asked for the £100 Chair's purse be made available also bringing the total available for grants and donations to £600.

It was also suggested that a separate donation of £1000 be made to the community centre towards the repair works being done at present. Members were all in agreement.

Members agreed to the recommendations from the finance subcommittee.

Resolved: That the grants be allocated as above.

(22)36 TO DISCUSS The proposed Bench on Hall Street

The Clerk had delivered consultation letters to all of the surrounding properties and had only received 3 responses. 1 in favour and 2 against. The reasons against included anti-social behaviour. It was agreed on this basis that no bench would be placed in this location.

Resolved: noted.

(22)37 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

An email from Rachael Carter – Local Places for Nature Officer offering an opportunity to meet and discuss grant funding for projects in the community promoting biodiversity and natural spaces. It was suggested that the Clerk arrange a date to meet and open out the invite to any member who is also available to attend.

An email from Shane Hughes at Keep Wales Tidy regarding the Spring Clean Cymru - 25th March - 10th April it was suggested that a larger scale litter pick could be arranged over 4 key areas in the village on the 2nd April. Areas suggested were the Rec, Pant, the Football Club and down Hall Street.

Information on the Welsh Government Apprenticeship Scheme opening on 28th March - The Welsh Government is advertising up to 50 apprenticeship opportunities in March. This year they are offering three different pathways, all leading to an NVQ level 3 qualification.

- Business Administration apprenticeships
- Digital Data and Technology
- Finance Professions Apprenticeship

It was agreed to share this information with the local high schools and on social media/website.

An email from the Boundaries Commission for Wales regarding a Public Hearing in Wrexham on 23 February, where people may make representations on the Commission's Initial Proposals for Wales's new parliamentary constituencies, as well as discussing the representations received during the Initial Consultation Period. The Public Hearing took

place at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, Wrexham, LL13 7YH, between 8am and 8pm on 23 February. The Clerk had shared this information with members prior to the meeting. An email was received from a resident sharing her concerns over speeding cars on Afoneitha Road. The Clerk and Cllr. J. Phillips had made contact with PCSO Purdy Jones and asked for some speed checks to be undertaken in this area.

An email from Impact China regarding merchandise for the Queen's Jubilee. The Clerk was asked to find out if the schools were providing anything for the local children and then find out about costings for mugs etc.

An email from Rachael Penman at WCBC regarding a consultation - Walking and cycling in Wrexham - have your say. The Clerk was asked to put in a Community Council response highlighting the route from Plas Bennion to Llangollen Road and the route from Penycae to Ruabon used by the School children.

An email from a resident in Hall Street requesting the removal of the bins and the bench opposite the old Black Horse as the anti-social behaviour had escalated in this location and was causing him a great deal of distress. It was agreed that this bench was well utilised during the day by elderly people and to remove the bench may simply just move the issues elsewhere. It was agreed that the Clerk should suggest a meeting with the PCSO and Cllr. J. Lowe to see if a more permanent solution could be offered in terms of alleviating the antisocial behaviour.

(22)38 MISCELLANEOUS

Resolved: To note receipt of the following:

1. A link to a survey titled Helpu i lunio dyfodol Cymru! / Help build the future of Wales - about the future of regional development in Wales. Survey link - <https://survey.oecd.org/index.php?r=survey/index&sid=741948&lang=en>
2. An assessment of Wellbeing for Wrexham's PSB.
3. Dwr Cymru Welsh Water's Draft Water Resources Management Plan 2024 - Pre Consultation

(22)39 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr. J. Phillips had forwarded some correspondence regarding the Bridlepath at Tainant to the Clerk to be sent to the Planning Inspectorate asking them to contact WCBC and issue a notice of determination on the application. Some additional documentation had been requested from WCBC by the Planning Inspectorate and to date they had not been received. Cllr. J. Phillips asked the Clerk to chase up this information to be passed on as soon as possible.

Cllr. J. Phillips noted that at the most recent committee meeting for We Are The Cae festival it was agreed that a definitive list of volunteers would be needed for the event and asked all members present if they would be available to work on this date. Members asked if a list of jobs could be sought and what times they would be needed and then people could make a decision.

(22)40 FINANCE

Payments

The following payments were approved for January

103005– One Voice Wales – Membership	£388.00
103006– HMRC – Tax & NI	£1634.70
103007 – EDF – Unmetred Supply	£779.91
103008 – MEGA Electrical – install of Christmas lights	£3780.00

Bank Transfer – Salary, postage
Bank Transfer – Salary

£1330.30
£543.51