

PEN-Y-CAE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Penycae Community Council Meeting held on Monday 24th October 2022

PRESENT

Chair – Cllr June Jones

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

Cllr. J. Roberts
Cllr. P Davies
Cllr. J.C. Phillips
Cllr. A. Phillips
Cllr. R. McLaren

PCSO Purdy Jones for item number 5 on the agenda – Police Matters
Carla Lovell – Community Agent for item number 6 on the agenda - Issues Relating to Older People

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr. A Tynan
Cllr. Dr S Evans

(22)134DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest from members present

(22)135MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th September copies having previously been circulated, were approved and adopted.

The chair asked members if they agreed to suspend Standing Orders and take matters out of sequence for items 5 – Police Matters and 6 Issues Relating to Older People. All members agreed.

(22)136POLICE MATTERS

The Clerk had circulated PCSO Jones' report to members prior to the meeting.
Updates included

- New format of reporting – detailing crime figures separately even though some of the crimes are linked to the same incident.
- Increasing posts on social media – PCSO Jones still does not have access to an account so needs to ask colleagues for assistance with this
- Op Bang to be undertaken 30/10/22 children's Halloween party and fire safety awareness
- Op Cinnamon – older peoples afternoon tea and safety awareness chat to be organised for February 23
- Speed ops carried out on Pant Hill and Plas Bennion. No speeding on Plas Bennion detected.
- Bike Marking event to be organised for January 23

Matters Raised by members

- Cllr. R Hughes – privet hedges on Stryt Issa causing visibility issue – Clerk to report to streetscene
- Cllr. P Davies – Target Hardening devices – could Community Agent possibly do some kind of survey to address what is actually needed
- Cllr. J. Phillips expressed thanks for the recent ops worked on by PCSO Jones and asked if the advertising for Op Bang could be circulated again. Cllr. J. Phillips gave

details of incidents that occurred at the Football Club and on the Railway line and asked PCSO Jones to patrol the area.

- Cllr. C. Davies passed on positive feedback from a resident regarding PCSO Jones assistance.

PCSO Jones was thanked for her assistance; following this she left the meeting

(22)137 ISSUES RELATING TO OLDER PEOPLE

The Chair welcomed Carla Lovell Community Agent to the meeting and invited introductions from members.

Updates from Carla

- Working hours Tuesday morning, Wednesday and Fridays full day but phones manned by Rainbow Centre 9-5 Monday to Friday so calls would always be picked up.
- Unsure of geography in lower areas of Penycae to target with leaflets – Clerk to organise members to assist with this.
- Request for assistance with organisations to contact regarding activities locally – Clerk to pass on list of contacts.
- Facebook page being created and leaflets being distributed
- Exploring funding options for lunch clubs etc
- Linking in with GP surgeries

Members gave Carla info on relevant agencies and services they thought would be useful to her.

Members thanked Carla for her work; following this she left the meeting.

(22)138 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

1. DE-Fib

Clearance work had commenced and painting was still to be arranged. Cllrs R Hughes, K. Gilpin to liaise and arrange.

Comments had been raised regarding the Bridle Path near location of phone box, there had been no update from WCBC regarding the matter. The Clerk would contact Sean Hanratty of WCBC for an update.

Cllr. R. Hughes asked if a dummy CCTV sticker be placed in location to deter vandalism of the phone box. The Clerk would find out if this was a possibility.

It was agreed that the broken panels in phone box not causing an issue with letting in rainwater but that they could be covered by stickers or Perspex if needed.

Resolved: That the painting of the phone box be arranged
That the Clerk ask for an update regarding the Bridle path
That the Clerk ascertain whether dummy CCTV stickers could be installed at the phone box

2. CCTV

The Clerk contacted the CCTV company and gave details on the areas identified for possible installation of CCTV equipment. The Contractor advised that a site visit may be needed and would be in touch to arrange.

Resolved: That the Clerk follow up and arrange the site visit if necessary.

3. **Local Places For Nature**

Clearance works had commenced at the site and the raised beds had now been constructed. Volunteers from the community and pupils at New Horizons in Penycae along with Shane Hughes of Keep Wales Tidy and members of the community council had taken part. Further works were to be booked in by Shane Hughes and the Clerk would update members at the next meeting.

Resolved: To await further communication from Shane Hughes at Keep Wales Tidy.

4. **We are the Cae Festival - licencing**

The RSPB advised that they did not carry out surveys prior to events as a matter of course but could advise on how to undertake this but there would be a cost involved. Cllr. H Davies asked the Clerk to find out regarding the costs.

Resolved: That the Clerk find out the costs involved for wildlife impact surveys.

5. **Food Bank Presentation**

Sally Evinson of the Wrexham Food Bank sent her apologies for not being able to arrange a zoom meeting. She advised that staffing issues were causing a delay on things and would be in touch with a date as soon as possible.

Resolved: To await a date for a zoom meeting.

6. **Dark Lane Bridle Path**

Gareth Matthews had still not provided an update on the clearance of the entrance to the Bridle Path. It was agreed that a site meeting be requested with Cllrs. J. Phillips and A. Tynan as soon as possible.

Resolved: That the Clerk request a site meeting with Cllrs. J. Phillips and A. Tynan

7. **Litter bin**

Craig Youens of WCBC had emailed to say that bin has been ordered and spare keys could be ordered. A date for installation would be given in due course.

Resolved: To await the installation of the bin.

8. **War Memorial**

Works had commenced at the site and had not been done to the required standard. An urgent meeting was needed to rectify the issues.

Resolved: That the Clerk and Cllr. P. Davies should meet the contractor on site to discuss.

9. **Skate Park Surface**

The Clerk still needed to provide Cllr. P Davies with the information regarding the material for the skate park surface.

Resolved: That the Clerk furnish Cllr. P. Davies with the information regarding the material.

10. **Fence Repairs – Pont-yr-Afon**

Clwyd Alyn attended a site visit and programmed in repair works for the fence for January 2023

Resolved: Noted.

11. **Christmas Parties**

PACT Funding from North Wales Police had been agreed for both over 65s and children's parties.

Resolved: That the organisation of the parties commence as soon as possible.

12. **Santa's Sleigh**

The transfer of sleigh to the storage unit and painting was in hand and being arranged by Cllrs A Tynan, K Gilpin, R. McLaren, J. Phillips and R Hughes. Cllr. Tynan asked for volunteers to assist with the painting and decoration of the sleigh.

Resolved: That members liaise with Cllr. Tynan to arrange the works involving the Sleigh.

13. **Gifting Scheme – over 75s.**

Calendar and diary sets as yet were not available in the Works. The Clerk would keep checking and possibly source elsewhere.

Resolved: To await further updates.

Cllr. K. Phillips left the meeting

(22)139 STREETLIGHTING

Speed Signs

A dispute had been raised with the manufacturer over the faulty signs. Their fault log did not agree with the Clerk's fault log and that of the Street Lighting Contractors. The Clerk had also contacted neighbouring Community Councils and checked for similar disputes, no issues had been reported.

Resolved: To await further contact from the manufacturer

Bridge Street Fault

A 'worst case scenario' quote had been provided by the Street Lighting Contractor. The excessive amount quoted was due to the works on retaining wall. It was agreed that council should explore asking landowner to remove hedge first. This would allow contractors to gain a clearer picture of the depths of the works needed.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact the landowner and ask him to remove the hedge

22)140PLANNING Applications

Application no P/2022/0855 – Removal of condition 10 of planning permission P/2018/0925 to allow improvements to driveway 50 Stryt Issa Penycae.

Resolved: that it would significantly reduce available off street car parking spaces for residents.

22)141TO DISCUSS Summer Carnival Event

Members agreed that, as the speakers invited to the meeting had not attended that the item be rescheduled to a later date.

Resolved: Noted.

22)142TO DISCUSS The Training Plan

The Training plan devised by the clerk and the finance committee focused on the four areas of competency identified by Welsh Government. Self-evaluation sheets had been provided to members to identify any further training needs. Training plan to be adopted and reviewed every council term. Any training needs identified during this time could be raised with the Clerk and the Chair and ratified by members.

Resolved: That the training plan be adopted and published.

22)143TO RECEIVE a Budget Update

Updated Budget figures had been provided to members.

Resolved: That the figures be accepted as a true record of the councils spend to date

(22)144GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Urdd National Eisteddfod– this would be kept on file and discussed in February

A copy of the consultation letter from WCBC advising of a proposed traffic regulation order on Afoneitha Road. Copies of the letters had been delivered to residents in the area.

An email from Welsh Government including The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft Annual Report February 2023 and Draft Annual Report - consultation questions.

Some changes had been made concerning remuneration to members and as such there was a consultation period until 1st December 2022 – via

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/P6TPAQ/>

(22)145MISCELLANEOUS

Resolved: To note receipt of the following:

1. An email from Ellie Wainwright, Biodiversity Officer at Flintshire County Council advising of the Bionet Awards 2022 – awards to celebrate the work being undertaken by local people, communities, organisations and businesses in North East Wales to conserve, protect and enhance biodiversity.
2. Figures from the Citizens advice bureau had been provided for July – September 2022
3. A poster advising of the Pedal Power Christmas Fundraiser 2022 – an event will be an evening of shopping with entertainment, a glass of fizz, a festive grazing board, and the chance to enter the annual prize draw. Tickets available from Groundwork North Wales.

(22)146 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr. J. Phillips asked members if they would agree in principle to begin discussions with WCBC regarding an allotment area – to be run by a community co-operative separate to the community council. Members agreed in principle to the proposal but requested more information.

Cllr. J. Phillips advised that road closure in Church Street Rhos had caused huge disruption to buses and asked the Clerk to contact Andrew Mytton at WCBC to find out what communication there had been with the bus service and members of the public prior to the closure.

(22)147 FINANCE

Payments

The following payments were approved for October

103077- C. Williams – WMG Maintenance	£360.00
103078– WCBC – election costs	£161.04
103079 – WCBC –election costs	£1788.13
103080 Accounting solutions - payroll	£42.43
103081–Member – Christmas tree items	£98.33
103082 –JRB Enterprises – dog bags	£191.28
103083– Colour supplies – phone box items	£38.32
103084 – Colour Supplies – Christmas lights	£39.96
Bank Transfer – Salary	£1350.54