

## **LLANTYSILIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

#### **PRESENT**

Chairman: In the absence of Cllr. Walton Cllr. J. G. Evans chaired the Meeting.

Councillors: A. Jones, R. Cragg, J. Pickett, P. Davies, R. Hughes, M. Smith, S. V. Evans, County Cllr. G. Timms and the Clerk.

#### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr. D. Walton and County Cllr. M. Miles.

#### **19/3566 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were none.

#### **19/3567 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

##### Llantysilio Mountain fire

Cllr. Timms informed the Council that the Evidence Gathering Meeting, which was originally scheduled to be held at the Llangollen Pavilion on 21<sup>st</sup> February, would now be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019. He expressed his disappointment that this meeting would not be open to the general public. Representatives from interested groups such as community councils, fire service, police, local businesses etc. would be invited to put a question to the Committee, this question to be submitted to the Committee no later than 12<sup>th</sup> February, with one representative from each group being allowed to put this question forward on the 20<sup>th</sup> March.

A meeting between the local graziers and Countryside Services is scheduled to be held in Pentredŵr on the 11<sup>th</sup> February.

##### Rise in Council Tax

Cllr. Timms informed the Council that the agreed rise in Council Tax for the coming year would be 6.35%. This excessive rise is due to cuts in services as well as the regular government cuts to local authorities. Services such as education, health, child-care etc, have to be maintained and at a rising cost.

##### Affordable Housing, Pentredŵr

Cllr. Timms agreed to liaise with the Clerk who will contact Arfon Hughes for an update.

##### Pentrefelin Footpath

Cllr. J. G. Evans asked why the County Council is taking so long in continuing with the Community Council's plan to put a footpath from Vale Crucis Abbey to the Abbey Dingle Nursing Home. Although the original plan had ultimately led to nothing, due to the necessity to implement a compulsory purchase order, in the interim a section of land has been offered, free of charge, to the County Council on the other side of the road.

Cllr. Timms said that, although the Council is grateful to the resident for offering to donate the land, putting the path on the opposite side of the road may not be a feasible alternative.

##### Speed limit on the Horseshoe Pass

A contractor has still to be found to undertake the work but the plan now is to place a 60 mph limit from the Pentredŵr junction to the Abbey Grange with 40 mph limit to the cattle-grid.

Cllr. Hughes expressed concern that this could lead to more traffic through Pentredŵr.

#### Illuminated sign at Pentrefelin

The Council expressed its concern that this sign is not only too bright but does not give a clear indication of the weather conditions on the Pass. It was felt that the Council should have been consulted prior to this sign being put in place.

#### Horseshoe Pass

Cllr. Hughes expressed concern that there weren't enough salt-bins on the Horseshoe Pass.

### **19/3568 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING**

The Minutes were approved as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr. R. Cragg.

Seconded by Cllr. Mrs M. Smith

### **19/3569 MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM**

18/3562b – roadside from Abbey Farm to Abbey Dingle in danger of collapsing.

County Cllr, Timms agreed to chase this up.

### **19/3570 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were no Applications

### **19/3571 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### a) Accounts for payment.

The Accounts were paid as on the schedule attached to these Minutes.

#### b) Monthly Budget

The Monthly Budget was duly approved.

#### c) Other financial matters

##### Tidy Towns

In response to a request from Tidy Towns it was agreed to make a donation of £100.00.

##### Hire Fee

It was resolved to continue to pay the hire-fee in advance. The Clerk will ascertain if there has been any increase.

Cllr. Davies gave apologies and left the meeting

### **19/3572 CEMETERY**

#### a) Test holes

Cllr. Mrs Smith has received a written report from Smith Grant Partnership which states that, having undertaken a thorough excavation of 5 trial pits by mini-digger there should be no reason to suppose that the ground at the uphill end of the cemetery will be significantly different. To this end Cllr. J. G. Evans said he would get a price to dig two trial holes.

#### b) Grit bins

Cllr. Hughes said he would continue looking for second hand grit bins.

#### c) Wooden rubbish containers

Cllr. Mrs Smith said that she would look into getting the rubbish containers repaired.

## **19/3573 COMMUNITY PROBLEMS**

- a) Cllr. Cllr. S. V. Evans said that the filbert tree has been cut down on Llantysilio Green. He asked if the Council could contact whoever owns the roadside fence at Pentrefelin as it is broken and unsightly. He also asked for an update re' Broadband.
- b) Cllr. Hughes asked if a broken roadside metal fence, which is fast becoming concealed by undergrowth, could be removed from Pentredŵr.

## **19/3574 COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Nothing to report.

## **19/35675CLERK'S REPORT**

### Bird boxes

Following the community event in March 2018 there are still 20 bird-boxes to be erected which are at present being stored by Countryside Services. Cllr. Cragg said he is willing to store them until the Community Council decides where they are to be sited.

## **19/3576URGENT MATTERS**

To elect a member to represent the Council at the forthcoming Evidence Gathering Meeting.

It was unanimously agreed that Cllr. Hughes should represent the Council.

The wording of the question to be asked to be decided by Cllr. Hughes and circulated to members for their approval in the coming week.

## **19/3577 CORRESPONDENCE**

Forwarded to members:-

- Operation London Bridge
- One Voice Wales – news bulletin
- Roadworks – Maes Uchain Lane to A542 Britannia Inn
- Planning 4 Communities – training events
- Planning Regulations – re' SuDs Statutory Guidance
- Welsh Government Policy for Town/Community Councils
- Draft Management Plan, World Heritage Site, Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal
- Llantysilio mountain fire – Evidence Gathering Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019
- Auditor General's Report

## **19/3578 MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Defibrillator.

**There being no other business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.**