

Cyngor Cymuned Banwy Community Council

Minutes of the meeting of Banwy Community Council held at Banwy Community Centre on Tuesday 12thth February 2019, 7.30 p.m.

Present – Cllr. D. Smyth (Chair), Cllr. B. Smith, Cllr. J. Jones, Cllr. L. Smith, Cllr. G. Jenkinson, Cllr. P. Edwards, Cllr. D. Williams, Cllr. R. Jones

Apologies – The clerk

Declaration of Interest (001) – Cllr. P. Edwards, planning application 19/0070/HH

Minutes of the last meeting (002)– Cllr. Edwards referred to the recent deaths of two of Foel's oldest residents. The Clerk was asked to send a sympathy card on the Council's behalf to the Council's translator Mrs Mary Steele, whose mother, Mrs. Eluned Hughes, was one of those who had died. It was agreed to add this to January's minutes and sign them in March.

Llangadfan Cemetery Appeal (003)- The Chairman welcomed Alun Jones (Secretary) and Lyn Williams (Treasurer) to the meeting. Alun Jones gave the council a summary of the history and financial position of the cemetery. He then explained the work that is required to maintain the exterior wall of the cemetery which is a health and safety issue . Cllr. Smyth proposed £600.00 and Cllr. J. Jones didn't feel that this was enough.

Cllr. P Edwards proposed the Community Council make a donation of £1,000 towards the costs. This was seconded by Cllr. J. Jones.

Cllr. B . Smith pointed out that this was in excess of the amount agreed and included in the budget which was £600. The chairman pointed out that the budgeted amount had been discussed and agreed at the December and January meetings. Cllr. B. Smith proposed that a payment of £600 be made and that a further donation could be discussed in December 2019 when the budget for 2020/21 would be set.

A vote took place on the proposal by Cllr. Edwards which was carried with three votes for, two against, and three abstentions. The chairman and Cllr. Smith expressed disappointment that the council had chosen to ignore the agreed amount in the budget and asked it to be minuted that they were strongly against this course of action.

Matters Arising (004) – Consolidated Charities Bank Account - Cllr. B. Smith agreed to contact the HSBC to discuss what action is required.

Correspondence Received (005)– A letter had been received from Llanfair Town council regarding the possible closure of the library. This was to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

County Councillor's Report (006) - Nil

Chairman's Report (007)– The Chairman attended the One Voice Wales meeting in Berriew which had been well attended. He reported that they had had no success in getting a representative of Powys County Council to come to a meeting. Results from the consultation on Community and town councils had been published and there were three likely outcomes which would affect community councils, they will be required to produce an annual report, training for councillors will be mandatory and the more competent community councils will be allowed to raise more for community benefits. A letter of complaint had been sent to P.C.C Planning regarding the non-publication of responses from the public. At the Chairman's suggestion Council agreed that the Clerk be asked to send a similar complaint to Powys CC.

Representatives' Report (008)–

Montytrax – Nothing to report.

School Governors – The consultation report had been published and was to be discussed by a meeting of the full council on the 21st February for a decision to be made by cabinet on 5th March. The new head of the high school is making his presence known in a very positive way.

Hall Committee – Nothing to report

Finance(009) -

Payments – The Council authorised the payment of C Pritchard's Monthly Salary - £185.02 by BACS

Primary School Review (010)- The results of the consultation had been published and councillors had been sent a link to the report, but they can request paper copy if required. The Chairman commented on the mention of Safe Routes

to Schools, and also that the report was to go to a full meeting of Powys County Council on the 21st February before a decision by the cabinet.

Powys Eisteddfod (011) - It was agreed to offer £360, which had been included in the budget, towards prizes for the Welsh learners .

Notice Board (012)- Cllr. L. Smith had received a quote for an aluminium noticeboard costing £348.38 excluding fitting. After discussions regarding the requirements Cllr. L. Smith agreed to look into this further and obtain a second quotation.

Foel Bus Shelter (013) - Cllr. D.Williams had spoken to a contractor regarding the materials that would be best suited for the job. He agreed to obtain a quote for the next meeting.

Internal Audit, Letter of Engagement (014)- The Chairman read out a letter of engagement received from the internal auditor . It was agreed to accept the engagement.

Highways (015)- Cllr.P.Edwards brought up the problem of dog fouling on the road behind Ysgol Banwy. It was suggested that the Clerk should draw up a letter to the surrounding residents asking any dog owners to clear up after their dogs and to report anyone contravening this. It was also suggested a letter be sent to P.C.C. asking for a bin to be placed on the road. Cllr.L.Smith reported that the blocked culvert had still not been attended to. Cllr.P.Edwards said that the salt bins needed replenishing . The Chairman pointed out that there was a system for reporting this, but the exact location of the bin was required. Cllr.G.Jenkinson agreed to report these. Cllr. J. Jones reported damage to the carriageway of the U2085 between its junction with the B4395 and the U2088.

Planning (016)- The council supported the planning application 19/0070//HH

Cllr.L.Smith mentioned a planning application which had not been notified to the County Council. The Chairman confirmed that 19/0153/FUL had not been notified to the Clerk because Powys CC had coded it as Llanerfyl in error, and it had been sent to Llanerfyl Community Council for comment. He had instructed the Clerk to complain to Powys CC to get the application re-coded, sent to Banwy for comment and secure an extension to the consultation period to allow the Council to discuss the proposal at the March meeting. Failing this, it would be necessary to convene a special meeting. Council noted that neighbouring Llangadfan properties had not been notified either.

Member Points of Information (017)– The Chairman and Cllr. B.Smith both expressed their disappointment that the Community Council had chosen to ignore what had been agreed during the budget discussions regarding the Llangadfan Cemetery appeal. Neither of them felt they could continue as Community Councillors in the face of such a cavalier attitude to the financial management and governance by some councillors. Both stated their intention to send letters of resignation to the Clerk.

To confirm the next meeting of Banwy Community Council will be held on Tuesday 12th March 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting concluded at 22.15 p.m.

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