

Cyngor Cymuned Banwy Community Council

Minutes of the meeting of Banwy Community Council held at Banwy Community Centre on Tuesday 8th January 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 – Cllr. M. Alexander

Declaration of Interest - Nil

Minutes of the last meeting – The Council authorised the Chairman to sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 11th December, as a correct record.

Matters Arising –

Defibrillator – The Clerk advised that she had registered with the big lottery funding for an online application form and had started to complete this. The Clerk would forward the detail to the Chairman to double check before submission.

School Review – The Clerk to place this as an agenda item for February meeting.

Foel bus shelter – Cllr. Jenkinson reported back on possible solutions to fix the floor. Cllr. Williams agreed to visit the bus shelter to see what option would be best and Cllr. Smyth would contact a local contact to get a second opinion.

Notice board at Cwpan Pinc – Cllr. Smith had been in contact with Mr. Mills who was happy for the notice board to be replaced providing it remains the same size. Cllr. Smith to measure and report back with a quote at February's meeting.

Correspondence Received – The Council noted an e-mail from Gloversure regarding a price increase.

The Council also noted an e-mail with regards to earlier correspondence from Powys County Council's Healthy, Active and Outdoor project. The Council had not been successful in being involved this time.

County Councillor's Report - Nil

Chairman's Report – The Chair told the Council that, for a number of personal reasons, he would be standing down as Chairman at the end of the year. He suggested that councillors discussed his replacement between now and the AGM in May and that the Clerk be informed of any nominations.

Representatives' Report –

Montytrax – There had been a successful walking event held on Sunday, walking parts from the bike event that has been held annually. Entries for this year's race were coming in well.

Next meeting is on January 29th in Llanfyllin with guest speaker Calum Carr.

LVMW – The next meeting is on January 9th, Cllr. B. Smith would be attending.

Finance

Payments –

C Pritchard Monthly Salary - £185.02

Canolfan Y Banw - £800.00

The Council authorised and issued the relevant payments.

Budget 2019/20 –

Building on initial discussions at their last meeting, the Council agreed a spending budget of £9,735. They agreed unanimously not to take up the £150 per head expenses allowance suggested in the recent IRP(Wales) report.

Because of the underspend against this year's budget and conscious of the auditors comments about over-generous reserves, the Council agreed to fund the planned expenditure with a sharply reduced precept (£5,735 compared with £8,650 this year). Budgetted reserves were reduced to £6,068.90 which is equivalent to the basic cost of running the council for a year (without any community benefit spending) with only a small margin on top.

Councillors also felt that the reduced precept would help their community a little in face of the threatened large increases in Council Tax and Police precept.

The Clerk was instructed to apply for the £5,735 precept by the due date of January 25th.

Planning

18/1151/HH – The Council strongly support this application and instructed the Clerk to advise PCC planning departments accordingly.

The Chair had to leave the meeting at this point and the Vice-Chair presided for the remaining items.

Bank Accounts – Cllr. B. Smith advised the Council that HSBC had been in touch regarding the Gartheibio Consildated Charities account. HSBC want the account closed due to inactivity. The Clerk advised she would try to get an extension and this item be placed on the agenda for February.

Highways & Footpaths –

Cllr. L. Smith reported a blocked culvert that is causing water to run down the road outside her .property, with freezing temperatures the road is becoming dangerous, Cllr. Smith has already reported this to PCC but the Clerk said she would forward to Cllr. M. Alexander.

Cllr. Jones had received a complaint of dog fouling on the back road to Ysgol Dyffryn Banw.

Member Points of Information - Nil

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

Meeting concluded at 21.45 p.m.

Signed.....Chair

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