

Ceiriog Uchaf Community Council / Cyngor Cymuned

Minutes of meeting held on Tues 13 December 2016 7.30pm

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

Present : Cllrs GM Jones (Chair), EW Morris, JW Thomas, I Richards, K.L.Benning, E. Owens, plus Cllr B Roberts(WCBC)

Apologies: Cllr F.Evans-Swogger

Declaration of Interest

Minutes of last meeting : Prop. By Cllr I.Richards & sec. by Cllr. J.W.Thomas

Matters Arising :

029 Police Report - The clerk has received an e-mail from PCSO 2961 Dean Sawyer (dean.sawyer@nthwales.pnn.police.uk tel. 0845 6071001 mob. 07896 172204) informing the community council that under the new local policy management plan, they would only attend meetings in January, April, July & October, starting Jan 2017. They will be sending Crime & ASB figures on the 1st of every month. They will be also be available via 'phone, e-mails or surgeries at Café Wylfa. There was no crime reported.

030 Finance :

Balance on 3 Oct in current bank balance £7945.67. Received Precept on 2nd Dec £666.67. Cheque 568 in favour of J.Swogger £9.55 issued 5 May, cashed 16 Nov. Cheque 575 in favour of G. Leigh-Ford £500 is missing in post & has been stopped. Permission granted to issue new cheque. Precept payment request has been received from W.C.B.C. Tax base for year 2017-18 is 157 Properties. The clerk has prepared a statement which estimates spending of £2900 .In light of the balance on the account, it was decided to leave the precept request of £2000. Proposed by Cllr. K.L.Benning, Seconded by Cllr E.Morris.

031 Llanarmon Youth Club – G. Jones, I Richards & JW Thomas attended a meeting organised by Llanarmon Youth Club on 25 Nov. The meeting was well attended & indeed some volunteers came forward. Jane Claybrook took the minutes & it was decided to form a committee, to develop a plan ahead of the meeting on Fri 13 January 2017. The Chairman wishes to see further figures & Cllr Benning suggested that the clerk writes to request further information.

032 Public Conveniences

The clerk has received no response to his email to Denise Garland. Cllr Roberts WCBC will endeavour to chase her up. Cllr JW Thomas wanted to see them preserved, as at some point in the future, they would no doubt become compulsory. In the meantime it was felt that some repairs should be made to the roof & guttering to avoid further deterioration. Cllr E.Owens will provide an estimate.

033 Church Yard Inspection – The annual churchyard inspection has not been made but will be carried out in finer weather, before the AGM.

034 Road Signs – a request has been received from the Chirk & Ceirog Valley Partnership to approve designs for proposed new road signs. These designs were approved. Prop. KL Benning, Sec. E.Owens. This approval does NOT relate to any payment for the said signs.

035 Reports from Committees – there were no reports

036 A.O.B –

School Consultation – Ysgol Cunddelw in Glyn Ceiriog has 61 Welsh speaking students & 37 English. It is proposed to move English speakers to Pontfadog which currently has 18 pupils but room for 58. Cllr E Owens said that the future of Llanarmon school is guaranteed, as they have 23 pupils & it is 6 miles from G.C. Kirsty Williams, Cabinet Secretary for Education in Wales, is against closing rural Welsh medium schools. The aim for Welsh 2020 is to have 1 million Welsh Speakers.

Bus Service – Cllr Barbara Roberts informed the meeting that Tanat Valley would be taking on the existing time-table in the valley from 23 Dec & new tenders sought from 1st April. Cllr E Owens enquired whether it was necessary to run big buses on the narrow roads to Llanarmon. Surely a smaller one would meet requirements?

Community Council Website – Cllr Benning had received an enquiry from a local resident but when he looked at the website, it was badly out of date. In the absence of Cllr. F Swogger-Evans it was noted that the website should be updated a.s.a.p.

Bins at Llwythder Isaf – Cllr EM Jones noted that the bins had been in a terrible

resolved. Cllr E Owens had received complaints that, as the bins were overflowing, the bin men would not touch them. Cllr B Roberts WCBC has previously brought up the mess caused by bin lorries in the valley. Cllr Benning thought that the service had deteriorated since the introduction of the new system. Cllr Richards noted that non-residents were using the roadside containers & number plates should be taken & reported. This situation would continue to be monitored.

Meeting closed 8.52pm

Next Meeting Tues 10 January 2017 7.30pm