

Minutes of the meeting of the Llanbadarn Fawr Community Council held on Thursday 4th June 2015 at 7.00p.m.

Present: Tony Cooke, Mike Phillips, Phil Knill, Peter Green, Cllr. John Powell, Jenny Oglethorpe (Clerk).

Apologies: D.Huw Jeffreys, Derek Price.

Minutes:

Minutes of the meeting held 5th May 2015 were discussed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

Matters Arising:

- Discussed correct protocol of dealing with minutes, agreed that minutes will be sent to Chair for approval prior to being sent to all members. Inaccuracies or omissions should be dealt with under minutes at the next meeting.
- Update on position with website, MP due to undertake some training shortly, the website will then be updated. Agreed by all that administration passwords should be changed, clerk to be informed of new log ins. Email address for contact form on the website to be altered as currently sending to previous clerks email address.

Highway and PCC Matters:

- Public transport consultation is underway with consultation documents available on the Powys CC website and drop in sessions organised across the County.
- Powys CC was 0.6% above the recycling target for this year, target will increase by 6%. Powys is also ranked 4th nationally for Co2 emissions per head of population. Discussion took place around recyclable materials and drop in revenue that the council receives on recyclable products. Changes in items that can be recycled – new flyer will be published shortly. Enforcement project currently ongoing and tightening up further on those not disposing of waste correctly. The Council are looking at alternative solutions for garden waste as community collection sites suffer from cross contamination meaning that large amounts can not be recycled. Members requested that Cllr. JP expressed their gratitude to the refuse staff for carrying out such an outstanding job.
- Powys CC have currently undergone a Green Dragon Audit (Environmental Management Standards) and the auditors were highly impressed.
- Welsh Government have requested that PCC highways department submit a proposed design of the cycle-path from Crossgates to Llandrindod Wells. Welsh Government have requested that the design be with them by October for costing.
- Notification received that common area of land between the gardens of Penybryn and the railway line are due to be cleaned up.
- Police “walkabout” visit in April went well, one person caught speeding in the village, members discussed the problem of motorbikes speeding through the village during the summer months.

Village and Community Matters:

- Grass cutting – Chair received communication from PCC grounds maintenance foreman shortly after the last meeting that the roundabout area was due it's first free

of charge cut and that this would be carried out at the same time as other areas were cut. At time of meeting this cut had not been carried out and village is looking uncared for.

- Chair has also been involved in discussions with PCC over the definition of maintenance of the play areas and whether this includes grass cutting. Members understanding of the lease was ongoing maintenance of play equipment and not grass cutting, fencing and hedges. Leases discussed and checked – ambiguous wording. After further communication PCC have agreed to meet half the costs of cutting the grass of the play areas. Members discussed and agreed that PCC should be asked to meet 75% of cost. Proposed by MP, 2nd by PG. TC to approach PCC. Members feel disappointed that they weren't consulted and that they have let down the local residents. Clarification of points 3.1 and 3.2 of the leases to be requested in writing. Alternative grounds maintenance companies to be looked at for play areas this is to be discussed further at a future meeting.
- The new larger signs will be placed on the roundabout, once grass cutting is complete, also Midway Nurseries have offered to assist with planting their donated plants on the roundabout.
- The Grange and village hall is to be sold off by the church, for sale signs should be erected shortly.
- No update available on the post office / shop.
- Noted that the hedges on the properties opposite the school require cutting as the pathways are becoming very narrow and impassable.

Community Centre Updates

- No confirmation received from community centre treasurer regarding community council donation for the financial year 2014/15. Members requested that clerk email treasurer for confirmation that donation cheque and letter has been received.

Correspondence:

- Email received from Tan-y-Fron resident regarding the grass cutting - dealt with under village and community matters.
- Letter received from PCC offering to register the leases of the play areas as a gesture of good will, therefore only costing the community council the registration fee. Members agreed to accept this offer.

Finance:

- End of year accounts for 2014/15 where presented to the members, query regarding asset figure. Discussion confirmed assets made up of war bonds and community shelter.
- Cheques written for Clerks wages £ 120.00, Land Registry fees for play area leases £ 80.00.
- Current account : £ 3967.20 (as of 22.05.15)
- Savings account : £ 1630.79 (as of 27.03.15)

Planning:

- P2015 0247 – discussed, no objections raised.

Any other business:

Clerks six month trail period due to expire. Members discussed and it was proposed by PG and 2nd by MP that clerk should continue in post.

Meeting closed at 8.22pm

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd July 2015 7pm.