

BRONLLYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CWMUNEDED BRONLLYS
A MEETING WAS HELD AT
ROYSTON HALL, BRONLLYS ON
3rd SEPTEMBER, 2014

Present: Cllr Mrs. S. Richards Cllr Mrs. Y. Hepton
 Cllr Mr. C. Williams Cllr Mrs. L. Hughes
 Cllr Ms. M. Blackwell Cllr Steve Davies
 Mrs. Denise Abberley-Williams – Clerk

In Attd.: Approximately 20 members of the public (attendance list available on request)

Apologies: Cllr Mr. H. Lewis Cllr Ms. A. Lloyd

Cllr Richards (Chair) opened the meeting by thanking members of the public for their attendance.

Cllr Richards reported that Mr. Peter Lloyd has offered his resignation as a Community Councillor. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr. Lloyd thanking him for all his hard work whilst on the Community Council.

Action By: Clerk

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd July, 2014 were read, agreed and confirmed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

317/2013 Footpath No. 9 – Cllr Richards reported that the footpath is now blocked and unwalkable. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Ben Humphreys, Rights of Way Officer regarding this.

Action By: Clerk

383/2013 War Memorial, Bronllys Churchyard – It was reported that nothing further has been heard since the submission of a pre-application grant form.

361/2013 Play Area, Neuadd Terrace – Cllr Davies reported that a new gate and new swing have been installed in the play area but there is no additional funding available. It was suggested that the PTA at the school could apply for a Big Lottery Grant for the provision of replacement play equipment.

364/2013 State of Bollards and Cycle Route, Bronllys – Cllr Davies reported that this work has not yet been carried out but is on the list to be done.

365/2013 Servicing of Gas Heaters, Royston Hall – It was reported that the work on the flat roof is in hand and is due to be completed in the near future.

367/2013 Parking Llyswen School – It was reported that three quotes have been received for the work to be carried out and this is being taken forward by the school. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Chief Executive of Powys County Council with a copy to Barry Thomas, Head of the Cabinet and John Powell, Portfolio Holder expressing the Community Council's concerns regarding the current situation with the parking.

Action By: Clerk

370/2013 Verge on Church Lane, Llyswen – It was reported that this work has now been carried out.

375/2014 Speeding of Vehicles, Llys Meillion – As Cllr A. Lloyd was not present there was nothing further to report.

378/2014 Footpath No. 1 Llyswen – The Clerk reported that she had had a reply from the Rights of Way Officer to say that once the drainage work opposite the Bridgend Inn is completed the work on Footpath No. 1 will commence.

380/2014 Health and Safety Policies, Royston Hall – On hold.

381/2014 Cutting Up of Road by Heavy Goods Vehicles – The Clerk reported that she has heard nothing further regarding this.

382/2014 Blocked Drain Pontywal Lane – It was reported that this work has now been completed.

385/2014 Ivy on Vicarage Wall, Llyswen – It was reported that this work has now been completed.

386/2014 Planting of Flowers/Bedding Plants, Llyswen – It was reported that this has now been completed.

387/2014 Grass Between Monument and Garage, Llyswen – Cllr Hepton reported that the Operations Manager of the garage has mowed the piece of grass between the garage and monument. Cllr Hepton also spoke to them regarding the parking at the rear of the garage for local residents. The gate will be unlocked at 6.00 a.m. every morning and will be locked at 10.00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to park at no cost but need to be aware that the gate will be locked between the hours of 10.00 p.m. and 6.00 a.m. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the owners of the garage thanking them for their help.

Action By: Clerk

388/2014 Grass Cutting, Bronllys – The Clerk reported that she had not received a reply from Jan Credland regarding reducing the amount of cuts from every 2 weeks to every 3 weeks.

ROYSTON HALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Jen Watts, representing the Coffee Morning reported that they would like permission to set up a management committee as if this was the case they would be able to access grants easier for the work that is needed on the hall. Cllr Richards explained to those present that a meeting had been held between representatives from the coffee morning, herself and Councillor Lewis and Powys Agency for Voluntary Organisations to discuss the setting up of such a committee. In summary, if a management committee were to be set up, according to PAVO, the Community Council would relinquish management of the hall and a committee of representatives from all users of the hall (minimum of 6 people), including a Community Council representative would then take over the management of the hall. Once a constitution is set up there are much greater opportunities for grant funding.

Further to this meeting advice has been sought from One Voice Wales (the Community Council's legal body) and a response had been received by the Clerk the morning of the meeting.

Unfortunately, since the meeting with PAVO the state of the hall has deteriorated and a surveyor (appointed by the coffee morning) carried out a survey of the hall. The full report has not yet been received but the surveyor suspects that there is dry rot throughout the front of the hall which will mean that both the kitchen and the anti room will need to be gutted for this work to be completed.

Councillor Davies reported that he had also spoken with Jenni Thomas, Regeneration Manager for Powys County Council who is happy to meet with members of the Community Council to discuss a way forward.

It was agreed that no decision could be taken at this meeting as Community Councillors need to read the advice given by One Voices Wales.

It was agreed that a meeting be arranged between Community Councillors and Jenni Thomas as soon as is possible which will then be followed by an extraordinary meeting of the Community Council to make a decision on the future of the hall.

CORRESPONDENCE

Planning Application P/2014/0598 – Erection of a barn extension at Parc-y-Brain, Bronllys – This planning application was considered by Community Councillors and no objections raised. This was proposed by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Blackwell.

Letters of thanks were received from Brecon and District Disabled Club and Hay and District Dial A Ride for the donations received from the Community Council.

ACCOUNTS

Unpaid Accounts (For Approval)

British Gas	£ 63.49
J.T. Credland (July)	£502.68
SWALEC	£ 96.35

Janet Lewis (July and August)	£ 80.00
Denise Abberley-Williams (July)	£143.05
Denise Abberley-Williams (August)	£138.08
HMRC (July and August)	£ 66.80

The accounts were agreed for payment by Cllr Blackwell and Cllr Hughes

Paid Accounts (For Information)

Llyswen School (Donation)	£200.00
H.M. Land Registry	£ 14.00
Welsh Water – Royston Hall	£ 72.07
J.T. Credland (June)	£454.68
Hay & District Dial A Ride	£ 50.00
Brecon & District Disabled Club	£ 50.00

Income Received

Hire of Royston Hall	£120.00
Burial Fees	£150.00

Bank Balances As Per Latest Statements

Current Account	£1,551.73
Reserve Account	£ 463.26
Bonus Saver	£ 406.33

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

As Cllr Lloyd was not present no discussion was held on Christmas activities.

As there are 2 vacancies for the Bronllys Ward it was agreed that the Clerk start the process of recruitment.

Action By: Clerk

Cllr Williams reported that the churchyard wall needs attention in the near future.

Cllr Hughes reported that she is currently part of the Powys Wellbeing Group looking at the Bronllys Hospital site. Powys Local Health Board have no funds to do anything with the site and the group have been asked to draw up a report to Bob Hudson, Chief Executive with the idea of keeping it as a hospital. Cllr Hughes agreed to forward to the report in order that it can be put onto the website.

Action By: Cllr Hughes

Cllr Davies apologised for not attending meetings due to personal circumstances.

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Cllr Davies reported that there is a community infrastructure levy available via the planning department and agreed to look into this.

Action By: Cllr Davies

Cllr Williams enquired as to whether there was any update on the planning application for Beacons Edge. Cllr Davies said that there was nothing to report at this stage.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th October, 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in Llyswen Public Hall.

BRONLLYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CWMUNDED BRONLLYS
Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting Held at the Royston Hall, Bronllys
On Monday 22nd September, 2014

Present

Cllr Mr. H. Lewis	Cllr Mrs. S. Richards
Cllr Ms. A. Lloyd	Cllr Mr. C. Williams
Cllr Ms. M. Blackwell	Cllr Steve Davies
Mrs. Denise Abberley-Williams – Clerk	

Apologies

Cllr Mrs. Y. Hepton	Cllr Mrs. L. Hughes
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Planning Application VAR/2014/0052 – This planning application was discussed and the outcome was that that Councillors strongly objected to the change as they felt it should remain as affordable housing for local people and that local people should be encouraged to stay in the area. The Clerk will write to the Planning Department to this effect.

Action By: Clerk

Royton Hall – Cllr Lewis explained the current situation with the Royston Hall, i.e. that major work needs to be undertaken in order for it to be up to a standard whereby the kitchen can be used again and whether a management committee separate to the community council should be set up. A discussion ensued and a vote was taken on whether a management committee is the way forward. It was agreed to pursue this option as there would be more access to funding. Powys have agreed to draw up a constitution for such a committee and Cllr Davies agreed to contact Jenni Thomas, from Powys County Council to set this in motion.

Action By: Cllr Davies