

**BRONLLYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**CYNGOR CWMUNEDD BRONLLYS**  
**A MEETING WAS HELD AT THE ROYSTON HALL, BRONLLYS ON**  
**8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2014**

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

In Attendance: Mrs. Lydia Powell (For first part of meeting)

Apologies: Cllr Mr. P. Lloyd Cllr Miss N. Beazley

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 and the minutes of extraordinary meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 were read, agreed and confirmed as a correct record.

Cllr Ms. A. Lloyd welcomed Mrs. Lydia Powell from the Powys Wellbeing Action Group to the meeting. Mrs. Powell explained that following a petition against the closure of Bronllys Hospital the Powys Wellbeing Action Group had been formed. The current position is that the Local Health Board have produced a robust plan for the Bronllys Hospital site which is currently in the engagement process. As a result of this several meetings have been arranged with a public meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 from 6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. in Talgarth Town Hall. Mrs. Powell was thanked for attending the meeting to update the Community Council on the current position with regard to the Bronllys Hospital site.

**MATTERS ARISING**

317/2012 Footpath No. 9 – This remains ongoing.

320/2012 Splitter Island, Watson Cottages and 333/2012 Mini Roundabouts, Bronllys – The Clerk reported that she had received a reply from the Highways Department as follows. The count B0949 (Bronllys village) had an 85<sup>th</sup>ile speed of 25.7mph. This is significantly lower than the speed limit of 30mph and therefore there will be no further action at this location. With regard to the count B0948 (Watson Cottages) this had an 85<sup>th</sup>ile speed of 36.9mph, slightly higher than the ACPO threshold and the Highways Department have asked that the police carry out some enforcement regarding this.

338/2013 War Memorial, Bronllys Churchyard – Cllr Lewis agreed to look into obtaining a grant for upgrading the War Memorial. Mr. Chris Williams has expressed an interest in being involved with this and Cllr Lewis will liaise with Mr. Williams.

**Action By:** Cllr Lewis

343/2013 Bronllys Moat – This remains ongoing. The Clerk will chase the officer from CADW.

**Action By:** Clerk

[www.bronllysc.org](http://www.bronllysc.org)

347/2013 Health and Safety Audit Bronllys Churchyard – The Clerk reported that several of the gravestones have now been repaired by the respective families. It was agreed that the situation be reviewed when the weather improves in the Spring.

**Action By:** Councillors/Clerk

350/2013 Removal of Cherry Trees, Bronllys – The Clerk reported that she has received a reply from Dr. Emma Guy, Biodiversity Officer, Powys County Council to notify us that we were unsuccessful in our application for 15 fruit trees. With regard to the removal of the cherry trees in Bronllys it was noted that these have not yet been replaced and it was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr. Brian Price from Powys County Council regarding this.

**Action By:** Clerk

353/2013 Post Office Van – This is ongoing.

357/2013 Pot Holes, Bronllys – Cllr Davies agreed to contact Julie Lloyd regarding whether the permanent fixing has taken place.

**Action By:** Cllr Davies

361/2013 Play Area Neuadd Terrace – Cllr Davies reported that representatives from Powys County Council have agreed to go and have a look at the play area in Neuadd Terrace and will report their findings back to Cllr Davies.

**Action By:** Cllr Davies

364/2013 State of Bollards and Cycle Route, Bronllys – It was reported that this work has not been carried out. Cllr Davies agreed to contact Julie Lloyd regarding this.

**Action By:** Cllr Davies

365/2013 Servicing of Gas Heaters, Royston Hall – The Community Councillors are very aware of the need to update the heating in the Royston Hall and are currently actively looking at alternatives.

366/2013 Overgrown Hedge, Honeysuckle Cottage, Bronllys – This work has yet to be carried out. Cllr Blackwell agreed to chase this.

**Action By:** Cllr Blackwell

367/2013 Parking, Llyswen School – Cllr Davies reported that nothing further can be done regarding this at the present time due to the possible vote of no confidence in the Chairman of Powys County Council and a new cabinet being formed at a full meeting of the Council on the 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2014. Cllr Davies will update at the next meeting.

**Action By:** Cllr Davies

368/2013 Village Christmas Events 2013 - Cllr Hepton thanked the Community Council for the donation of £90 towards the transport for the Llyswen Over 60's Christmas luncheon. It was reported that the Christmas Sleigh had gone very well.

369/2013 Vacancy for Community Councillor – Unfortunately, Mr. Thomas Edwards has withdrawn his application due to the fact that he has moved out of the area. Also, with Mr. Chris Williams’ resignation there are two vacancies for the Bronllys Ward. It was agreed that the Clerk advertise for 2 Community Councillors.

**Action By:** Clerk

370/2013 Verge on Church Lane, Llyswen – Cllr Davies reported that there are problems with who actually owns the verge – Welsh Water or Powys County Council. The County Council have written to Welsh Water and this remains ongoing.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was received from Molly Beetham from Llyswen. She is currently Head Girl of Builth Wells High School and has asked for a donation towards her voluntary year of teaching in Thailand in 2014/15. Following discussion it was agreed that the Community Council could not support this venture as it was not of benefit to the community but to an individual. Cllr Richards reported that she may be able to gain a grant from either the Stanley Blythe Trust or the North Wier Trust and the Clerk will write to her with this information.

**Action By:** Clerk

A letter was received from Jen Watts on behalf of the Coffee Morning that is held in Royston Hall every Wednesday morning to ask whether the rent for the hall could be reduced and also if the heating in the hall could be improved. With regard to the rent of the hall it was agreed that they could have the hall rent free up until June when this would be reviewed but if they could give a donation towards the maintenance of the hall this would be gratefully accepted. With regard to the heating the Community Council are currently actively looking into alternatives. The Clerk to write to Jen Watts regarding the above.

**Action By:** Clerk

A letter was received from Powys County Council re.: Full: Proposed change of use of land to touring caravan park, conversion and extension of existing buildings to provide associated sanitary office, storage, garaging facilities and ancillary shop. An appeal has been made to the Planning Inspectorate in respect of this site. The appellant has requested the hearing procedure and the hearing will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 at a venue to be arranged.

A letter was received from Powys County Council requesting details of the precept required by Bronllys Community Council for the 2014/15 financial year. Cllr A. Lloyd proposed, Cllr Richards seconded and it was agreed by all present that the precept should remain at £12,000.

### **ACCOUNTS**

#### **Unpaid Accounts (For Approval)**

British Gas (Heaters – Royston Hall)

£ 84.00

One Voice Wales (2 places – Understanding the Law)	£ 60.00
Janet Lewis (November and December)	£ 80.00
Denise Abberley-Williams (November)	£ 241.90
Denise Abberley-Williams (December)	£ 155.22
HMRC (November)	£ 58.45
HMRC (December)	£ 33.40
Llyswen Over 60's Club	£ 90.00

#### **Paid Accounts (For Information)**

J.T. Credland (Grass Cutting – September & October)	£ 826.02
SWALEC (Royston Hall)	£ 163.17
British Gas (Servicing of Heaters)	£ 180.24
British Gas (Royston Hall)	£ 78.59

#### **Income Received**

Freedom of Information Request	£ 10.00
Hire of Royston Hall	£ 119.60

#### **Bank Balances As Per Latest Statements**

Current Account	£ 338.11
Reserve Account	£ 463.10
Bonus Saver	£403.91

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Bronllys Hospital site had already been discussed earlier and it was agreed that the Clerk put up the dates of the meetings on the noticeboards in Bronllys and Llyswen.

**Action By:** Clerk

Cllr Lloyd reported that a new version of the LDP has been published. Cllr Lewis agreed to put this information on the Website.

**Action By:** Cllr Lewis

The Clerk reported that she is finding it very difficult to find someone to open and close the hall when people/organisations have hired the hall. It was agreed that the councillors ask around to see if there is anybody who would be interested in holding a key for such situations.

**Action By:** All

Cllr Richards reported that the residents of Parc-Y-Berllan have raised the fact that the water running from No. 14 is now actually breaking up the road. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Highways Department regarding this.

**Action By:** Clerk

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in the Royston Hall, Bronllys.

