

BRONLLYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CWMUNEDED BRONLLYS
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WAS HELD AT THE
ROYSTON HALL, BRONLLYS ON
10th MAY, 2017

Present: Cllr Mr. H. Lewis Cllr Ms. A. Lloyd
Cllr Mr. C. Williams Cllr Mrs. L. Hughes
Cllr Mrs. S. Lewis Cllr Mrs. K. Laurie-Parry
Mrs. Denise Abberley-Williams – Clerk

In Attendance: Mrs. L. Emerson Mrs. J. Watts

Cllr Lewis welcomed Cllr Laurie-Parry to the meeting.

The meeting commenced with the election of Chairperson. Cllr Mr. H. Lewis was proposed for Chairperson by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Mrs. S. Lewis. Cllr Mrs. S. Lewis was proposed for Vice Chair by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Lloyd.

Cllr A. Lloyd was proposed by Cllr Hughes and seconded by Cllr Williams to be School Governor for Llyswen and Cllr Laurie-Parry will be the School Governor for Bronllys.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Williams declared an interest in the Clerk's payscale.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th April, 2017 were read, agreed and confirmed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Lloyd.

MATTERS ARISING

389/2014 Royston Hall Management Committee – A few queries were clarified on the draft document. The Clerk will amend the document and forward it to the Chair of the Management Committee for their comments.

Action By: Clerk

393/2014 Powys Wellbeing Group – Cllr Hughes reported that the recently opened Community Land Trust Company held its first Annual General Meeting at Bronllys Hospital on the 27th April, 2017 and a unanimous decision was taken by its members to vote in the existing members to form a new board. The 'new' board's first most important task is to appoint a full time Development Officer.

452/2017 Lighting by Honey Café, Bronllys – The Clerk reported that she had contacted Powys County Council to enquire when the light would be fitted. She had been told that a member of the public had written to the Chief Executive opposing the light. The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of this letter following a Freedom of Information Request. The letter was subsequently read out to the Community Councillors. The Community Councillors were extremely disappointed that the person in question had not approached them in the first instance to clarify the reasoning behind such a light being requested as there were several discrepancies in the letter. The Councillors wished to have the reasoning behind such a light being requested minuted as follows:

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- a. Following complaints from staff and members of the public regarding there being no light it was felt important for the health and safety of both staff and customers of the premises that a light be requested.
- b. If such a light was in place the speed limit signs would need to be moved past where the light was. There is an increasing problem with speeding at this point in the village and when lorries etc. are parked outside the garage cars are approaching this area at high speed and this could cause an accident.

Cllr Williams reported that Mr. John Hopkins has agreed to cut back the tree opposite the garage but it was felt that this will make no difference to the lighting outside the Honey Café.

It was agreed that the Clerk contact One Voice Wales for advice regarding this matter and Cllr H. Lewis agreed to approach the residents of Bronllys for their views regarding this matter.

Action By: Clerk/Cllr H. Lewis

453/2017 Primary Schools Llyswen and Talgarth – The Clerk reported that she had received a response from Kirsty Williams regarding the state of the path between Bronllys and Talgarth. Powys County Council agreed to evaluate and review the walking route between Talgarth and Bronllys to ensure a safe walking route to school. This review is now completed and it has been determined that the route meets relevant standards and that Powys County Council will not be undertaking work in widening the footway. The Councillors were disappointed with this response and it was agreed that the Clerk contact Kirsty Williams to arrange a site meeting with a member of the Highways Department.

Action By: Clerk

455/2017 Seat Near Anchorage Caravan Park – The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from Mr. Graham Howland stating that he wished to donate the full cost of the repair of the seat. The Clerk will write a letter of thanks to Mr. Howland.

Action By: Clerk

456/2017 Dog Fouling Signs – Cllr Williams reported that the dog fouling signs have now been erected. However, it was noted that dog fouling is continuing. Following discussion it was felt that a price be got for the special spray paint that can be used. Cllr Lewis agreed to get a price.

Action By: Cllr Lewis

457/2017 Llyswen Hall – Cllr Hughes reported that she had attended the meeting of the hall committee and they had agreed that the Community Council could hold three meetings a year there free of charge but that we would be charged for electricity. Cllr Hughes reported that the hall committee will be writing to the Clerk regarding this.

458/2017 Raised Ironworks Mintfield Lane – It was reported that more complaints have been received regarding the raised ironworks. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Powys County Council again regarding this. Cllr Laurie-Parry reported that the light B097 at Parc Y Berllan had been reported on several occasions as not working. The Clerk will contact Powys regarding this also.

460/2017 Brecon and District Disabled Club – The Clerk reported that she had received a letter of thanks following the £300 donation given by the Community Council.

461/2017 Llyswen Garage – Cllr Hughes reported that the garage have now instated a one way system in and out of the garage but the large sign is still blocking visibility. Cllr Laurie-Parry agreed to discuss this with Highways.

Action By: Cllr Laurie-Parry

462 Bus Stop Signs Bronllys – The Clerk reported that she had received no dates from Powys County Council for a site meeting. The Clerk will chase this.

Action By: Clerk

ACCOUNTS

Unpaid Accounts (For Approval)

Denise Abberley-Williams (April)	£148.52
HMRC (April)	£ 34.88
Janet Lewis (April)	£ 40.00

Income Received

A.V. Griffiths – Purchase of burial plot	£200.00
Mr. A.G. Howland – Donation for seat repair	£160.00

Bank Balances As Per Latest Statements

Current Account	£3,124.23
Reserve Account	£ 463.93
Bonus Saver Account	£ 408.59

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk reported that following the local elections there are three vacant seats on the Pontywal Ward of Bronllys Community Council. It was agreed that the Clerk put a notice up regarding co-option onto the Community Council.

Action By: Clerk

The clerk reported that following the first grass cut in the churchyard she had received two complaints. The Clerk had spoken to Mr. Credland regarding this. Following the second cut one of the members of the public who complained rang and said what an excellent job had been done on this occasion.

The Clerk reported that she had received the quote for the insurance renewal from Zurich as £1,241.88. It was proposed by Cllr H. Lewis and seconded by Cllr S. Lewis that we go ahead with this.

Action By: Clerk

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Cllr Williams reported that he had been approached by Mrs. Carole Phillips, a resident of Bronllys, to ask whether the Community Council would be prepared to write a letter in support of keeping the Welsh Medium School in Brecon. It was agreed that the Clerk write a letter of support.

Action By: Clerk

Cllr Williams reported that he had had a request from a member of the public who is concerned about the third phase of the LDP. Following discussion it was agreed that the Community Council are unable to do anything at this stage but can only comment on any planning applications that are made.

Cllr Lloyd once again brought up the state of the Griffin Inn in Llyswen. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Brains Brewery again about this.

Action By: Clerk

Cllr Lloyd reported that she had been looking at another Community Council's noticeboard and they offer grants for community groups in relation to activities that could benefit the local community. Following discussion it was felt that this was an excellent idea and the Clerk will arrange to put posters up on the noticeboards.

Action By: Clerk

Cllr Laurie-Parry reported that the residents of Watson Cottages in Bronllys would like their sign on the roadside reinstated. They have also asked if the bollard could also be reinstated in the middle of the road to help when crossing the busy road. The Clerk will contact Powys County Council regarding this.

Action By: Clerk

Cllr H. Lewis reported that he would like to do a litter pick in Bronllys. The Clerk will contact Powys County Council regarding any equipment they can help with and the collecting of rubbish following the litter pick.

Action By: Clerk

Cllr Laurie-Parry asked if the Community Council would have any objection to her sitting on the Tourism and Working Party Group that the owner of Llangoed Hall is setting up. This was agreed and Cllr Laurie-Parry will feedback to the Community Council.

Action By: Cllr Laurie-Parry

The Clerk and Cllr Williams left the meeting at this point while the Clerk's pay scale was discussed. The Clerk has underpaid herself over the last 12 months. It was minuted in June 2016 to pay Clerk at £8.72 per hour, however, Clerk has been paid £8.35 per hour. It was proposed by Cllr Lloyd and seconded by Cllr S. Lewis to continue at £8.72 per hour and back date to April 2016.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5th June, 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in Llyswen Public Hall.

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