

BRONLLYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CWMUNEDED BRONLLYS
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WAS HELD AT
LLYSWEN AND BOUGHROOD COMMUNITY HALL ON
11th MAY, 2015

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

The meeting commenced with the election of Chairperson. Cllr Mrs. S. Richards was proposed for Chairperson by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Blackwell. Cllr Mrs. Y. Hepton was proposed for Vice Chair by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Williams. Cllr Richards took the Chair and thanked Cllr Lewis, the Clerk and Community Councillors for all their hard work during the past year.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st April, 2015 were read, agreed and confirmed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Blackwell and seconded by Cllr Lloyd.

MATTERS ARISING

375/2014 Speeding of Vehicles, Llys Meillion – Cllr Powell reported that she will contact PCSO Jason Hawkins before the next meeting and said that there had been an increase in police presence at both ends of the village recently.

Action By: Cllr Powell

389/2014 Royston Hall Management Committee – Cllr Richards reported that progress is very slow. The Management Committee now need the Community Council to draw up a formal agreement with regard to the lease as if they do not have this documentation they will have difficulty obtaining grants. Following discussion it was agreed that the Community Council put in writing that they agree in principle to leasing the hall for a peppercorn rent and that this will be followed up with a legal document.

Action By: Clerk

393/2014 Powys Wellbeing Group – Cllr Hughes reported that on the 14th April the group met with the Powys County Council cabinet to provide a presentation on the project. The members of the Council were all in agreement with the project and offered assistance where possible. On the 22nd April the group met with Bruce Whittier from Powys Trust Board to discuss estate issues relating to

the development of the site. Mr. Whittier stated that the Trust Board were in agreement with a development, and a discussion commenced relating to a set up of a Charity Investment Company to move this project forward. The group were requested to supply details to Powys Trust Board of how the charity would work plus names of committee members who would be appointed to run the charity. The wellbeing group will now be holding a workshop on the 22nd May at Talgarth Town Hall with invited persons and members of the Wellbeing group. This should establish a small committee to run the charity and details will then be forwarded back to Bruce Whittier for approval by the Powys Trust Board. It was also agreed that the Powys County Council, Powys Trust Board and the Wellbeing group would work together to move this project forward. The Wellbeing group have also completed a newsletter with details of progression and this will be placed on the Community Council website.

393/2015 Footpath Talgarth Road – Cllr Davies reported that he had not yet taken photographs of the footway but will do so and forward them onto the Clerk.

Action By: Cllr Davies

397/2015 Defibrillator for Llyswen – The defibrillator has arrived and the Llyswen Hall Management Committee will arrange for it to be fitted and arrange wiring of same.

400/2015 Dog Waste Bins, Shrubbery Lane – Cllr Davies agreed to approach Welsh Water to see if any progress can be made.

Action By: Cllr Davies

401/2015 Walled Garden, Mansion House – The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from Gemma Bufton, Planning Officer to indicate that planning services have no control over the part removal of the wall and as it is not being used in connection with a new access there is to be considered to be no planning control breach and the case has been closed. Following discussion the Community Councillors were unhappy with this outcome and wished to get further advice. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk write to Chris Davies, MP for Brecon and Radnor with regard to this matter.

Action By: Clerk

403/2015 Rose Cottage, Bronllys – Cllr Davies reported that he has not yet met with Julie Lloyd regarding the hedge at Rose Cottage but is due to meet with her in the next few days and will discuss this then.

Action By: Cllr Davies

404/2015 Llyswen and Boughrood Community Hall – Following discussion it was reported that as Glasbury Community Council have donated £300.00 towards the hall and Bronllys Community Council have purchased a defibrillator it was felt that if they require any specific equipment this could be considered in the future. This was agreed by all.

405/2015 Naming of New Development at Court Farm, Bronllys – The Clerk reported that the name Court Meadow had been put forward to Powys County Council.

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406/2015 Closure of Pontywal Lane – Cllr Davies reported that it is a police matter if a road is closed and that anyone who is affected by a closure can contact the police.

407/2015 Clerks Salary – At this point the Clerk and Cllr Williams left the room. It was proposed by Cllr Hepton and seconded by Cllr Powell that the Clerk be paid at the standard rate of £6.91 per hour with a one-off payment of £100.00. It was agreed that this would be reviewed at the Annual General Meeting every year.

408/2015 Demolition of Barns at Court Farm – Both the Clerk and Cllr Davies reported that they had received no reply from the Planning Department with regard to the demolition of the barns at Court Farm. Cllr Lewis expressed concern that things are moving forward without any planning permission and it would appear that planning regulations have been breached as the barns have been demolished without planning permission being granted. It was also reported that local residents had expressed concern regarding the lack of safety as it is alleged that the asbestos in the roof of the barns was not removed according to safety regulations.

Planning Application – P/2015/0394 – Modification to approved highways design to improve access and safety at Bronllys Court, Bronllys.

This planning application was discussed in conjunction with the above item. The Community Councillors expressed concern that this planning application was posted to the Clerk on the 30th April, received on the 5th May and discussed on the 11th May, 2015 which is within the remit of the 21 days in which to comment but that the work had actually commenced before comments could be forwarded.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Senior Planning Officer with copies to Carl Sergeant, Kirsty Williams and Chris Davies as follows:

1. The Community Councillors feel that it is a worthless exercise sending out planning applications for comments when the work has actually commenced.
2. The barns at the development were demolished on the 1st April and the Community Council feel that planning regulations have been breached as they were demolished without planning permission.
3. The fact that a lack of safety was evident when demolishing the barns as it is alleged that asbestos in the roof of the barns was not removed according to safety regulations.

Action By: Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE

Planning Application P/2015/0313 – Change of Use of Camping Area to a 6 pitch touring caravan site together with all associated works at West Lodge, Bronllys.

There were no objections expressed and the planning application was approved.

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ACCOUNTS

Unpaid Accounts (For Approval)

Denise Abberley-Williams (April)	£133.60
HMRC (April)	£ 33.40
Janet Lewis (April)	£ 40.00
AON Ltd. (Insurance)	£1,632.87

The accounts were proposed by Cllr Blackwell and seconded by Cllr Powell.

Bank Balances As Per Latest Statements

Current Account	£1,958.69
Reserve Account	£ 463.50
Bonus Saver Account	£ 408.16

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Williams agreed to see Carl Selby regarding repairing the flat roof at Royston Hall.

Action by: Cllr Williams

Cllr Powell agreed to bring documentation to the next meeting with regard to grants for War Memorials.

Action by: Cllr Powell

Cllr Williams reported that the pot holes by the garage in Bronllys are getting bigger and wider. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Julie Lloyd regarding this.

Action by: Clerk

It was agreed that the information regarding the Food Bank in Brecon that was E Mailed to Councillors be put on the Council's Face Book page.

Cllr Lloyd asked if the Community Council could do a support letter in regard to the primary school modernisation plans for the Gwernyfed catchment area which involves Clyro, Hay, Bronllys and Talgarth. In the plan is that Llangorse and Llyswen will get a new school but Llyswen are waiting on the church regarding funding as it is a Church in Wales school. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Helen Rees from the Diocesan saying that if they could help with financing a new school this would be a fantastic opportunity for the village of Llyswen.

Action by: Clerk

It was reported that the piece of land in Church Lane was initially cut last year by Powys County Council but that they will not be carrying this out again. Cllr Hepton agreed to speak to a local resident with regard to cutting the piece of land. With regard to the verges on Church Lane Cllr Davies agreed to contact Julie Lloyd regarding this.

Action by: Cllr Hepton/Cllr Davies

The Clerk reported that the electricity account is currently in credit to the amount of approximately £400. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the supplier to have the money credited back into the Community Council's account.

Action by: Clerk

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd June, 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the Royston Hall, Bronllys.