

PONTHIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED PONTIR

Minutes of the Annual Meeting 11th May 2016

1. **Present:** Cllr. S. Bailey (Chair), Cllr. M. Barrell, Cllr. N. Dominy & Cllr. I. Glover.
Clerk: Karen Price
Members of Public: None

Clerk informed Council that the Internal Auditor had noted that a number of meetings had been cancelled during the past year as there had been insufficient councillors in attendance. Council approved the Auditor's recommendation that in future where no apologies have been received this should be recorded in the minutes for public information.

2. **Apologies for Absence - Councillors:** Cllr. Mrs J Bold and Cllr. P. Matthews.
Absent – Councillors: Cllr. L. Adams
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None
4. **Election of Officers for 2016/2017**
 - a. **Chair** – It was proposed by Cllr. Glover and seconded by Cllr. Dominy that Cllr. S. Bailey be elected as Chair. Cllr. Bailey was duly elected as Chair for 2016/2017.
 - b. **Vice-Chair** – It was proposed by Cllr. Glover and seconded by Cllr. Barrell that Cllr. J. Bold be elected as Vice-Chair. Cllr. Bold was duly elected as Vice-Chair for 2016/2017.
5. **Signing of Acceptance of Office Forms** – Cllr. Bailey duly completed and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form. (**Action: Cllr. Bold to sign a Declaration of Acceptance Form at the next Meeting**)
6. **Annual Report from the Chair for 2015/2016** – Cllr. Bailey stated that it had been a busy year for the Community Council and noted the following:
 - An £8k grant from the Bags of Help Scheme had been awarded to the Council to purchase a piece of play equipment for the Children's Play area next to the Village Hall.
 - It was pleasing to see an increasing number of resident volunteers coming forward to help with next week's Ponthir Village Clean up Event in preparation for the Gwent Best Village Competition.
 - Cllr. Bailey thanked the new councillors for coming forward last year to fill the vacant councillor positions.
 - The Council is continuing to develop with active Councillors making a positive difference to the community.
7. **Election of Representatives**
 - a. **Torfaen County Association of Local Councils (TCALC) & Gwent Valleys Partnership Committee** – It was proposed that Cllr. Adams continue as the TCALC representative. Proposed by Cllr. Bailey and seconded by Cllr. Glover. Representation for the Gwent Valleys Partnership Committee representative was left vacant.

- b. **Torfaen Local Council Partnership Committee** – Cllr. Glover was nominated. Proposed by Cllr. Bailey and seconded by Cllr. Dominy.
- c. **Afon Llwyd Greenway** – Cllr. Bailey was nominated. Proposed by Cllr. Dominy and seconded by Cllr. Barrell
- d. **Llanfrechfa Village Association** – Cllr. Dominy was nominated. Proposed by Cllr. Bailey and seconded by Cllr. Barrell.

Meeting closed at 7.10pm

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