

PONTHIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED PONTIR

Minutes of the Annual Meeting 13th May 2015

1. **Present:** Cllr. R. Davies (Chair), Cllr. S. Bailey, Cllr. D. Green, Cllr. Mrs. J. Bold, Leighton Adams, PC Sian Wigley
Clerk: Karen Price
Members of Public: Cllr. Jeff Rees (TCBC)
2. **Apologies:** Cllr. T. Roberts, Cllr. P. Matthews, Cllr. Huw Bevan (TCBC)
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None
4. **Election of Officers for 2015/2016**
 - a. **Chair** – It was proposed by Cllr. Davies and seconded by Cllr. Green that Cllr. S. Bailey be elected as Chair. Cllr. Bailey was duly elected as Chair for 2015/2016.
 - b. **Vice-Chair** – It was proposed by Cllr. Bailey and seconded by Cllr. Davies that Cllr. J. Bold be elected as Vice-Chair. Cllr. Bold was duly elected as Vice-Chair for 2015/2016.
Cllr. Bailey chaired the remainder of this meeting.
5. **Signing of Acceptance of Office Forms** – Cllrs. Bailey and Bold duly completed and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms.
6. Council noted that Mr Leighton Adams had been nominated and duly elected as a Ponthir Community Councillor. Cllr. Bailey welcomed Leighton to Ponthir Community Council and he duly completed and signed an Acceptance of Office Form.
7. **Annual Report from the Chair for 2014/2015** – Cllr. Davies thanked the Council for its support and for the Clerk's work over the past 12 months. The Community Council has had a busy year and the following were noted:
 - Judie Morgan had retired as a Community Councillor and Cllr. Davies thanked her for her commitment and service to the community over many years.
 - The new Community Council logo designed by a pupil of Ponthir School
 - TCBC's proposal of a meadowland at the entrance to Candwr Park was resolved.
 - The Gateway site is virtually complete with the planter installed and the wildflower bed sown. The Community Council will be looking to take over the maintenance of this area next year.
 - The continuation of the Community Newsletter.
 - The Community Council has set aside £12K for the play area, next to the village hall, to be improved. We are working with TCBC and although we would have liked progress to have been quicker than it has been TCBC are due to provide us with some options for the allocated budget within the next week.
 - Llanfrechfa will shortly have a new noticeboard and the telephone kiosk is due to be fitted out as a Community Library.

- The annual Christmas Tree Lighting Event has been well supported.
- Looking ahead the Community Council has many challenges ahead with the reorganisation of the County Borough Councils and the possibility of Community Councils being merged.

8. **Election of Representatives**

- Ponthir School Governors** – Cllr. Green was nominated as the Council’s representative. Proposed by Cllr. Bailey and seconded by Cllr. Bold.
- Torfaen County Association of Local Councils (TCALC) & Gwent Valleys Partnership Committee** – Cllr. Adams was nominated as the TCALC representative. Proposed by Cllr. Bailey and seconded by Cllr. Davies. The nomination for the Gwent Valleys Partnership Committee representative was deferred until the June Meeting.
- Torfaen Local Council Partnership Committee** – Cllr. Bailey was nominated. Proposed by Cllr. Green and seconded by Cllr Andrews.
- Afon Llwyd Greenway** – Cllrs. Bailey and Davies were nominated. Proposed by Cllr. Green and seconded by Cllr. Bold.
- Any Other Representations** – No other representations.

9. The Member’s Register of Interests was updated.

10. Council agreed the following dates for the Ordinary Council Meetings which would continue to be held in Ponthir District Sports Club:

10 th June 2015	13 th January 2016
8 th July 2015	10 th February 2016
12 th August 2015 (For urgent items of business that cannot wait until the September Meeting)	9 th March 2016
9 th September 2015	13 th April 2016
14 th October 2015	11 th May 2016 – AGM and Monthly Meeting
11 th November 2015	
9 th December 2015	

11. Cllr. Adams thanked the Community Council for its welcome and read out a personal statement. He stated that he has a keen interest in local education in the medium of Welsh, being a governor of Ysgol Bryn Onnen, and he is also interested in local sport having connections with clubs in Caerleon. Cllr. Adams stated that it was an honour to contribute towards public service within this community area.

Meeting closed at 7.20pm

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