

PONTHIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED PONTHIR

Minutes of the Annual Meeting 14th May 2018

1. **Councillors Present:** Stuart Bailey (Chair), Iain Glover, Peter Matthews, Louise Ryan-Scales, Ian Danaher, Paul Davies & Morgan Barrell
Clerk: Karen Price
Members of Public: None
2. **Apologies for Absence:** None
3. **Election of Chair for 2018/2019** - It was proposed by Cllr. Barrell and seconded by Cllr. Ryan-Scales that Cllr. Bailey be elected as Chair. Cllr. Bailey was duly elected as Chair for 2018/2019.
4. **Election of Vice-Chair for 2018/19** - It was proposed by Cllr. Bailey and seconded by Cllr. Davies that Cllr. Glover be elected as Vice-Chair. Cllr. Glover was duly elected as Vice-Chair for 2018/2019.
5. **Declarations of Interest** – None
6. **Annual Report from the Chair for 2017/2018** – Council noted the Chair’s Annual Report 2017/18 (**See Appendix 1**)
7. **Date of Monthly Council Meetings up to May 2019** – It was agreed that the monthly meetings would continue to be held on the second Monday of the month. (**Action: Clerk to post dates on website**)
8. **Election of Representatives**
 - a. **Llanfrechfa Village Association** – Cllrs. Davies and Danaher were nominated. Proposed by Cllr. Bailey and seconded by Cllr. Glover. (**Action: Clerk to contact the LVA to ensure representatives receive enough notice of meetings**)
 - b. **Ponthir Church in Wales School Governors** – Council agreed that Cllr. Ryan-Scales should continue as the Council’s representative.
 - c. **Torfaen County Association of Local Councils (TCALC)** – Council nominated Cllr. Bailey. Proposed by Cllr. Davies and seconded by Cllr. Danaher
 - d. **Gwent Valleys Partnership Committee** – Council nominated Cllr. Glover. Proposed by Cllr. Bailey and seconded by Cllr. Barrell
 - e. **Torfaen Local Council Partnership Committee** – Council nominated Cllr. Bailey. Proposed by Cllr. Glover and seconded by Cllr. Ryan-Scales.
 - f. **Any other Representatives - None**
Council approved the above nominations.

Meeting closed at 7.07pm

Appendix 1 – Chair’s Report 2017/18

Chair’s Annual Report 2017/18

2017/18 was a year of rebuilding for the council. The year started with just five councillors standing for election who were elected unopposed. In June this dropped to four following the resignation of Cllr. Nick Dominy leaving three vacancies

Several expressions of interest were received and in August Cllrs Louise Ryan-Scales, Ian Danaher and Paul Davies were co-opted onto the council. Having a full council has greatly improved the operation as meetings are now quorate.

Ponthir Community Council has tried to enhance the maintenance of the community. This includes the maintenance of all benches and planters (Cllr Paul Davies); the outsourcing of the planting out of the planters (Acorn Garden Services – though also my thanks to all the residents who keep them watered throughout the summer); an annual Village Clean-Up; and the recent refurbishment of the play area roundabout.

The council has maintained a strong working relationship with Torfaen County Borough Council and this has led to the repair of The Star bus shelter and agreement to empty a new Doggy bin to be installed in Stokes Drive.

PCC is starting to see a gradual change in emphasis within TCBC meaning that the Community Councils will have to take on greater responsibilities. This has been seen in previous years with the PCC investment in the play area and cleaning of bus shelters. PCC is now taking over responsibility for the purchasing of a new doggy bin and the update of timetables in the bus shelters, services that are no longer provided by TCBC but still required by residents of our Community.

Ponthir received positive feedback in the Gwent Best Kept Village competition and Ponthir Village Hall won Best Kept Village Hall

PCC held its annual Christmas Tree Lighting Event, which was well supported, though possibly not as good as previous events. It has provided valuable Lessons Learned that can be adopted in the future

A total of £1817 was distributed to voluntary organisations, all within the boundary of the council, offering support to our residents of all age ranges and interest groups. £100 was donated to Caerleon Comprehensive sponsoring two awards prizes for its annual Prize Giving.

Ponthir Community Council enters 2018/19 in a stable financial position with seven enthusiastic councillors all keen to further enhance the community

Stuart Bailey

Chair

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