

**PONTHIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED PONTHIR**

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting
10th December 2018**

1. **Councillors Present:** Stuart Bailey (Chair), Morgan Barrell, Iain Glover, Louise Ryan-Scales.
Representatives Attending: PCSO Peter Walker
Members of Public Attending: None.
Clerk: Karen Price
 2. **Apologies:** Cllrs. Paul Davies, Ian Danaher and Peter Matthews.
 3. **Declarations of Interest:** None
 4. **Matters Raised by Members of the Public Present** - None
 5. **Police Report** – PCSO Walker reported the following:
 - a. A report of an e-mail scam received.
 - b. A report of a civil dispute.
 - c. A report of a missing elderly resident.
 - d. A Concern for Safety report – ambulance called.Cllr. Ryan-Scales voiced her concerns on finding empty drug packets by the children's play area adjacent to the Village Hall and two young girls smoking at a bus stop late at night.
- 7.05pm PCSO Peter Walker left the meeting.**
6. The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 12th November 2018 were approved and duly signed. Proposed by Cllr. Ryan-Scales and seconded by Cllr. Bailey.
 7. **Matters Arising from the Monthly Meeting held on 12th November 2018**
 - a. **Maintenance of Trees in School Close and those adjacent to the Children's Play Area** – Council noted that residents have contacted Cllr. Anthony Hunt, TCBC, directly and are awaiting a response.
 - b. **Newport Transport Bus Service** – Council awaiting a response from Cllr. Hunt, TCBC.
 - d. **Christmas Shopping Trip to Bath on Saturday 8th December 2018** – Cllr. Ryan-Scales confirmed that 51 people had attended the trip. There was a loss of £55. Council noted the letter of thanks received from Mr & Mrs Sheppard to the council for organizing the trip and the positive feedback received from other participants. Points to be noted for future similar events:
 - i. The flyers generated a lot of interest
 - ii. Bus left Ponthir at 8.10am and Bath at 4.45pm, arriving back in Ponthir at 6pm
 - iii. It was too long a day for elderly residents and those with mobility issues.
 - iv. To promote this type of trip in September and book the trip for an earlier date
 - v. To check the type of seating on the bus when booking (**Action: Diarise for July meeting to discuss 2019 Trip**)
 - e. **Community Improvements** - (**Action: Cllrs. Glover & Bailey to cut back overhanging brambles by the village bench on Caerleon Road adjacent to Brechfa Cottage.**)

- f. **Precept 2019-2020** – Clerk confirmed that the letter from TCBC had been received today and that the decision made at November’s meeting would now be forwarded to TCBC.
 - g. **Ponthir District Sports Club Grant Application** – Cllr Ryan-Scales handed the Clerk a completed and signed dispensation form. **(Action: Clerk to forward all dispensation forms to TCBC and will await a decision)**
 - h. **Ponthir Baptist Church Carol Service on 6th December 2018** – Cllr. Bailey thanked Cllr. Ryan-Scales for attending.
8. **Finance and Accounts**
- a. Balance of Direct Plus Account as at 30th November 2018 = £15,082.32
 - b. Council noted the income received from the Bath Bus Trip.
 - c. **Approval of Cheques Already Paid**
 - i. Ponthir Village Hall (Ponthir School Xmas Fayre) = £85.00
 - ii. K Price (Reimbursement of Expenditure re Bulbs for Xmas Lights) = £486.00
 - iii. Wales Audit Office (External Audit Fee) = £192.30
 - iv. Groundscapes (Christmas Tree) = £430.00

Council approved the above cheques.
 - d. **To Note Standing Order/Direct Debit Payments**
 - i. TCBC (Clerk’s Salary) on 20th December 2018
 - ii. Barclaycard (Stationery £3.50, Toner £36.98 & Christmas Light Fittings £358.80) = £399.28

Council noted the above payments.
9. **Planning Applications:**
- a. 18/P/0786/FUL - Erection of new boarding cattery at All Creatures Great & Small, Church Farm, Church Road, Llanfrechfa – **No Observations**
 - b. 18/P/0763/FUL - Proposed new three-bedroomed dwelling and associated access and car parking at Lynwood, Station Road, Ponthir – **No Observations**
10. **Grant Request** - Council considered a grant request from Torfaen Social Services to contribute towards a trip to a pantomime for carers and their families. It was noted that this included a family in the Ponthir Community Area. Council approved a donation of £200.00 (Local Government Act 1972 Section 137) pending confirmation that the trip was going ahead. Proposed Cllr. Bailey and seconded Cllr. Glover. **(Action: Clerk to check that the trip was going ahead before issuing cheque)**
11. **Correspondence Received**
- a. Understanding Welsh Places – OVW
 - b. Free Conference - Building a Co-operation between Wales and the Basque Country – OVW
 - c. Trustees’ Week: 12-16 November 2018 – TVA
 - d. One Voice Wales National Awards Conference 2019
 - e. Review of the Electoral Arrangements for the County Borough of Torfaen
 - f. Business in the Community Cymru - Start a Conversation: Make a difference - TVA
 - g. Tree Charter Day – OVW
 - h. Torfaen Youth Service Funding ‘It takes G.U.T.S’ (Give Us The Sterling) – OVW
 - i. Councils need to think and act differently to sustain services in rural Wales – OVW

- j. Implications of TCBC's Dog Control Order on Ponthir Sports Fields – Ponthir District Sports Club
- k. Torfaen Vision and Objectives stakeholder engagement – TCBC
- l. Intergenerational Event in Newport 20-12-2018 – TCBC
- m. Invitation to attend Winter Art 2018 Exhibition – Torfaen Museum Trust
- n. Social Dining Clubs Funding available – TCBC
- o. Invitation for Chair to attend Cwmbran CC Xmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
- p. Torfaen Play Sufficiency Assessment - Elected Members and Town and Community Council Workshop
- q. Promoting children's right to play in Wales – Play Wales
- r. Invitation for Chair to attend an Evening with the Lord Lieutenant of Gwent, Brigadier Robert Aitken CBE
- s. Torfaen Armed Forces Covenant Forum - 21 November 2018
- t. Ageing Well in Wales Update – OVW
- u. Croesyceiliog & Llanyrafon Community Council Grant Award Presentation Evening
- v. Free Health Speaker – Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
- w. A Message from Carers Wales – OVW
- x. Remembrance Service Ponthir Baptist Church – Jill Williams
- y. Remembrance Service Ponthir Baptist Church – M Bradley
- z. Invitation to attend a meeting of Torfaen Museum Trust
- aa. Section 137 Discretionary Expenditure Limit for 2019-20
- bb. The Gwent High Sheriffs' Community Fund - Open to applications
- cc. The Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent
- dd. Use of Welsh Language Survey - OVW

Content Noted.

Item 11 x & y - Council regretted not being in attendance for the Remembrance Day Service in Ponthir Baptist Church. **(Action: Clerk to include in the Council's Diary of Procedures for September)**

12. The next Meeting of the Council will be the **Monthly Meeting on Monday 14th January 2019 at 7.00pm at Ponthir District Sports Club**

13. Council noted that the Community Council's office will be closed from 5pm on 21st December 2018 and reopen on 9th January 2019.

Meeting Closed at 7.28pm

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