**PONTHIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**CYNGOR CYMUNED PONTHIR**

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting**

**11th November 2019**

**Held at Ponthir Baptist Church**

1. **Councillors Present:** CllrIain Glover (Chair),Cllr Stuart Bailey, Cllr Louise Ryan-Scales & Cllr Ian Danaher

**Members of Public Attending:** None

**Other Attendees:** None

**Clerk:** None (IG taking minutes)

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Morgan Barrell, Peter Matthews, Paul Davies & clerk Karen Kerslake.
2. **Declarations of Interest:**

None

1. **Minutes of the meeting 14th October 2019 –** Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr Stuart Bailey, seconded by Ian Danaher.

1. **To consider matters raised by the members of the public present** (N.B. Such matters will be reported upon by the Clerk at the next meeting, where appropriate) -

**None raised.**

1. **To receive a police report** – **None Received from Gwent Police –** Clerk on annual leave who now updates council with any relevant police matters each month.
2. **Matters arising from the Monthly Meeting held on 14th October 2019**.
   1. Bath Trip – Cllr Ryan Scales – Cllr Ryan-Scales updated council that all tickets were now sold (in fact we had one drop out today) however sales had gone very well especially after the leaflet drop undertake.
   2. Community Garden update – Cllr Bailey. – see item 13.
   3. Venue – future meetings now confirmed as being held at the Baptist Chapel until further notice.
   4. Signatory for bank changed – **Completed**
   5. TCBC Removal of Glass/Reinforcement of fence around play area – Torfaen have confirmed glass has been removed, but fence is a Community Council responsibility - **Completed**
3. **Finance and Accounts**

Balance of Direct Plus Account as at 30th September 2019 £24,785.03 – **Noted in absence of clerk and therefore bank statements no update available.**

a. **To Approve Payments Already Made - Approved**

£15.00 Paul Davies – leaflet printing.

b.. **To Approve Payments to be Made - Approved**

i. Groundscapes £510 for provision of 20 ft Christmas tree, dress with lights, erect and supply safety fence and carry out groundworks to secure tree. Tree to be erected on or before 1st December 2019.

c **To Note Standing Order/Direct Debit Payments**

* + 1. TCBC (Clerk’s Salary) on 20th November 2018
    2. SWALEC (Telephone Kiosk, Tram Lane) = £40.56 –

1. **To discuss forecast budget for 2020-2021**

See attached – forecast which was discussed and agreed by council subject to the additional provision of £8,000 for the improvements to the park (see item 13).

1. **To approve precept for 2020-2021**

Carried forward to the next meeting however likely to support an increase in line with the rate of inflation after discussion.

1. **Summer playscheme**

Cllr Glover advised that he had been made aware that the summer playscheme as provided for by the previous organizer was still unaffordable for a council the size of Ponthir. Clerk to explore alternative providers potentially just for the summer scheme alone at this stage.

12. **Drains on main road**

Council aware that the drains had been cleared and that additional repair work had also been undertaken outside the farm Shop in the village.

13. **Community Garden**

Cllr Bailey shared drawings of three proposals of different designs for the land – see attached. Further meeting taking place with Torfaen on Thursday 14th at 11am – Cllr Bailey to update at next meeting.

14. **To note correspondence received – Noted**

**The date of the next Monthly Meeting of the Council will be Monday 10th December 2019 at 7.00 pm at Ponthir Baptist Church.**

Meeting Closed at 7.45 pm

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