**Ponthir Community Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**8th March 2021**

**In accordance with;**

Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020

1. **Present:**  Cllr Paul Davies (Chair), Cllr Ian Danaher (Vice-Chair), Cllr Stuart Bailey, Cllr Lorraine Morgan. Cllr Morgan Barrell, Cllr Peter Matthews, Cllr Ryan-Scales
   1. Clerk: Karen Kerslake
2. **Apologies: None**
3. **Declarations of Interest**
   1. Cllr L Morgan declared an interest in one grant application.
4. **Matters Raised by Members of the Public**
   1. Member of the public has raised the issue of drainage throughout the area. To be discussed in this meeting.
5. **To approve the minutes of the previous meeting** – 8th February 2021
   1. Approved Cllr Danaher
   2. Seconded Cllr Morgan
6. **Matters Arising from Last Meeting**
   1. Flooding/Drains – all matters relayed to Torfaen County Borough Council – slow to respond and escalate matters within Torfaen. Complaints procedure for Torfaen CBC to be considered and also contact with MP, David Davies. This work will also include the state of local roads which are in disrepair.
   2. Local Development Plan – No update from TCBC, Clerk to escalate for a response.
   3. Christmas Lights – awaiting installation quote – Clerk to chase response
   4. Acorn – Add in planting scheme at the entrance to Candwr Park as resident who tends the area is moving – agreed by all present.
   5. Winter planting – No update as to why the plants appear so underdeveloped. Contractor did not have a reason.
   6. Cllr Bevan’s work – Cllr Bevan has been involved in work relating to the following;
      1. Presenting objections to the Llanfrechfa Grange Development at Council meeting of Torfaen CBC
      2. Relaying up to date information relating to Covid that impacts the community
      3. General elected member work which also includes his attendance at Planning Committee and similar council functions.
   7. Economic and Skills Strategy – No comment or recommendations
   8. Community Garden – Update – Cllrs Bailey and Danaher have met with a contractor onsite to look at options. Unfortunately, the contractor has decided not to take up the work due to company policy.

Cllr Danaher to contact for an alternative company recommendation.

Cllrs Bailey, Davies and Danaher to decide collectively if the work needed can be broken into small packages. Meeting to be arranged.

Cllr Morgan suggested that a small commemorative area be included dedicated to those in Ponthir and Llanfrechfa that have died through Covid or for those who have lost friends and relatives to the disease. Ideas to be explored.

1. **Finance and Accounts**
2. Balance of Direct Plus Account - Noted
3. Cheques/Online payments made - Noted
4. To Note Standing Order/Direct Debit Payments – Noted
5. **Budgets to end of Feb 2021**
   1. Noted
6. **Grant Applications Received from Village Hall (previously circulated via email)**
   1. Childrens Academy of Stage and Training – Approved £100
   2. Chords Caerllion – Approved £100
   3. Ponthir Yoga/Gentle Exercise – Approved £100
   4. Ponthir Mother and Toddlers Group – Approved £100
   5. Ponthir Tae Kwondo Club – Approved £100
   6. New Fosse Wine Society – Approved £50
7. **Website Redevelopment Update**

Cllr Barrell stated that the refresh of the Community Council website is going well.

Clerk to compile service information for the update and send to Cllr Barrell.

1. **Planning Permissions**

None received within the period

1. **Any other business**
   1. Reports of excessive dog fouling in the area via social media. Under investigation with Torfaen County Borough Council
   2. Change of wording to current procurement Standing Order – Cllr Bailey to send to Clerk
   3. All to send suggestions/items for the next newsletter to Cllr Davies.
2. **Correspondence**

Noted

**The date of the next Monthly Meeting 12th April 2021 (Virtual meeting)**

Meeting Closed at 8:10pm

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