**Ponthir Community Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**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 Ryan-Scales
   1. Clerk: Karen Kerslake
2. **Apologies:** Cllr Peter Matthews
3. **Declarations of Interest**
   1. None

1. **Matters Raised by Members of the Public**
   1. Contact from a member of the public in relation to activity in accordance with Wellbeing of Future Generation project work. Clerk to contact resident regarding funding opportunity, Heritage Fund. Cllr Morgan to forward link.
2. **To approve the minutes of the previous meeting** – 8th March 2021
   1. Approved Cllr Morgan
   2. Seconded Cllr Danaher
3. **Crime and Anti-social Behaviour Report** – content noted
4. **Matters Arising from Last Meeting**
   1. Flooding/Drains/Potholes – Information on repairs to potholes at the entrance to Stokes Court has been noted. Chair has replied to Torfaen County Borough Council to confirm that the repair is not of good quality. Drains in the area are still blocked. They have been cleared in School Close recently by residents and subsequently by Torfaen CBC. Cllr Danaher is awaiting a phone call to discuss the problems in this location further. Clerk will continue to report all and any blocked drains to Torfaen and compile evidence of blockages.
   2. Local Development Plan – awaiting response from Torfaen CBC
   3. Christmas Lights Quotation Received – to be rescheduled for a fuller discussion. Clerk to establish lead times for supply and installation.
   4. Community Garden – Update – Cllr Danaher has been in touch with a local firm and is awaiting a quotation.
   5. Planting Scheme – To include entrance to Candwr Park as resident who has looked after it to date is moving. – completed
   6. Magazine articles – Cllr Davies to forward magazine articles to Clerk.
   7. Dog fouling update – Clerk reported little progress in enforcement. Clearer marking on litter bins may assist.
   8. Change of wording to Procurement Standing Order – Cllr Bailey is to rewrite the Order.
5. **Finance and Accounts**
6. Balance of Direct Plus Account – Noted
7. Bank reconciliation – Noted and agreed
8. Cheques/Online payments made - Noted
9. To Note Standing Order/Direct Debit Payments – Noted
10. **Planning Permissions**

No objections noted.

1. **Any other business**
   1. Cllr Davies informed the meeting that he would be standing down as Chair and as a councillor from close of the meeting. Vacancy to be discussed at the next meeting.
   2. Magazine articles
      1. Dog fouling – dangers of not picking up in the community
      2. Brownies – advertise for new membership
      3. Other articles welcome
   3. Clerk to investigate feasibility of a duckpond in the locality.
   4. Clerk to follow up on disconnection of supply in telephone box in Llanfrechfa. This will incur a cost which is unknown at the moment.
   5. Post box has been painted however, it has been reported as being the wrong colour. Cllr Davies will contact the contractor to discuss.
   6. Treasurer of PDSC has contacted the council around a proposed community event in July. Clerk to speak to Treasurer to find out more.
2. **Correspondence** 
   1. Noted

**The date of the next Monthly Meeting and Annual General Meeting 10th May 2021 (Virtual meeting)**

Meeting Closed at 8:16pm

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