**Ponthir Community Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**10th May 2021**

**In accordance with;**

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

1. **Present:**  Cllr Ian Danaher (Vice-Chair), Cllr Stuart Bailey, Cllr Lorraine Morgan. Cllr Morgan Barrell, Cllr Ryan-Scales, Cllr Peter Matthews
   1. Clerk: Karen Kerslake

**Members of the public present**

* 1. Anthony Pead
  2. John Parfitt

1. **Apologies:** None
2. **Declarations of Interest**
   1. None

1. **Matters Raised by Members of the Public**
   1. None
2. **To approve the minutes of the previous meeting** – 12th April 2021
   1. Approved Cllr Ryan-Scales
   2. Seconded Cllr Barrell
3. **Matters Arising from Last Meeting**
   1. Flooding/Drains/Potholes – Clerk to chase Cllr Huw Bevan
   2. SWALEC – Quotation for disconnection of the direct supply to the telephone box in Llanfrechfa unacceptable – Clerk to ask for a reduction in costs and if this is not forthcoming, to raise a complaint.
   3. Local Development Plan – Nothing in response from TCBC. Clerk to escalate within TCBC
   4. Community Garden – Update – Cllr Danaher – No update from proposed supplier at present
   5. Update re PDSS summer plans – Meeting arranged for Tuesday, 11th May 2021 to discuss - Cllr Danaher and Clerk to feed back to council members. 7th June first Boules match at the clubhouse, Chair is invited to pitch the first boules in the first match. Information around the pitch to recognize the contribution of the Community Council.
   6. Magazine articles – More articles to be sourced. Cllr L Morgan – High Sheriff Article and Cllr Ryan-Scales – Brownies. Updates also to be requested on activity at the PDSS Clubhouse for newsletter. Cllr Danaher will provide info about businesses at the farm shop. Latest grant recipients to be included in the newsletter – Clerk.
   7. Change of wording to Procurement Standing Order – accepted. Clerk to update website.
   8. Christmas Lights – Clerk to find out how many lights may be needed in total. This will include the Llanfrechfa area if possible and this will be dependent on the contractor to fit connections for the lights in the area. Storage for the lights needs to be sourced – Cllr Danaher to ask at Farm Shop units to determine if any is available.
   9. Wildlife Pond – Update Cllrs Bailey/Danaher/L Morgan – Cllrs gave an update on a discussion that took place on the proposed site at the entrance to Candwr Park with a representative from Torfaen County Borough Council. A number of questions need answers before anything further is considered and consultation with the community takes place.
      1. Is the area suitable – can the site be developed due to pipes etc., that may lie underneath. – Clerk to investigate
      2. Council members to visit other similar developments – Clerk to source with TCBC
      3. Ongoing maintenance of the area to be discussed.
4. **Finance and Accounts**
5. Balance of Direct Plus Account – Noted
6. Cheques/Online payments made - Noted
7. To Note Standing Order/Direct Debit Payments – Noted
8. Mr S Ball to be approached to undertake the internal audit for 2020/21
9. **Planning Permissions**

No objections noted.

1. **Any other business**
   1. Clerk is to arrange summer bedding planting with contractor.
   2. All to send L Morgan areas for maintenance in the community. Community. Regular contractor to be sourced to maintain and improve these areas.
   3. Residents in Llanfrechfa are now satisfied with the colour of the phone box.
   4. Vacancy exists – Clerk to advertise statutory notices and vacancy
   5. Request from Clerk to buy a new printer – agreed.
   6. AGM has now been deferred to 14th June 2021. Venue to be arranged.
2. **Correspondence** 
   1. Noted

**The date of the next Monthly Meeting and Annual General Meeting 14th June 2021**

Meeting Closed at 8:35pm

This document is available on our website [www.ponthircommunitycouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ponthircommunitycouncil.gov.uk)

A copy of this document could be made available in Welsh. Please contact us on the telephone number or e-mail below.

Mae dogfen yma yn ar gael mewn gwefan ni [www.ponthircommunitycouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ponthircommunitycouncil.gov.uk) Mae copi or ddogfen hon ar gael yn Gymraeg.

Cysylltwch a ni ar y rhif ffôn neu drwy e-bost isod.

Telephone/ Ffôn: 07899 640709 E-Mail/ E-bost: [clerk@ponthircommunitycouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ponthircommunitycouncil.gov.uk)