**Ponthir Community Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**14th June 2021**

**In accordance with;**

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

Held at PDCC, Ponthir at 7pm

1. **Present:**  Cllr Ian Danaher (Chair), Cllr L Morgan (Vice Chair). Cllr Morgan Barrell, Cllr Ryan-Scales, Cllr S Bailey

Clerk: Karen Kerslake

**Members of the public present**

* 1. Mr T Rees

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

1. **Matters Raised by Members of the Public**
   1. Mr Rees raised issues relating to outside of the Council area, which unfortunately were determined as ultra vires
2. **To approve the minutes of the previous meeting** – 10th May 2021
   1. Proposed Cllr Barrell
   2. Seconded Cllr Bailey
3. **Matters Arising from Last Meeting**
   1. Flooding/Drains/Potholes/Trees – Cllr Danaher to contact Andrew Osborne of TCBC in relation to the trees in the area and the recent report received from P Grimes.
   2. Speeding in Ponthir – Torfaen Highways Department have confirmed that the average speed of vehicles is 24 mph through the village. This has followed a period of monitoring along the main road. Clerk to source price of speeding signage for both ends of the village.
   3. SWALEC – Complaint to SWALEC has been made but monthly price of the service has increased to £20.35 per month.
   4. Local Development Plan – nothing received from Torfaen
   5. Community Garden – Latest price from a local contractor was considered excessive. Clerk to contact TCBC and Cllr Barrell is to contact another local contractor, A Skyrme for a quote.
   6. Magazine articles – Agreed the timescales will be Autumn and Spring. Clerk to circulate what has already been done for the next meeting
   7. Christmas Lights –
      1. Council agreed to purchase connections for nine lights throughout the village and ten lights to be purchased.
      2. Clerk to write to M. Bowen about lights in Llanfrechfa village as LVA hasn’t responded to contact – there is the possibility of solar lights. Clerk will drop a letter in to Cllr Barrell who regularly passes M. Bowen’s address.
      3. New stock catalogue to be obtained. Ponthir Junior School will also be asked to consider designs for recommendation.
      4. Several designs to be considered and a variety of light designs to be ordered, possibly more bought than the nine connections to be determined.
      5. Storage needs to be progressed – Cllr Danaher to investigate a one-year lease as an option for an identified location.
   8. Wildlife Pond – Suggestions have been made to site the pond at the sports field. This will assist with drainage. TCBC to be contacted again for assistance - Clerk
   9. Cllr L Morgan to forward list of tasks including, maintenance of planting to Cllr Ryan-Scales who will approach the resident. These include,
      1. Annual planting and maintenance around the village of planters
      2. Painting of benches
      3. Cleaning of bus stops
      4. Cutting of grass around bench by Brechfa Farm and other areas.
   10. Vacancy – Clerk to invite the prospective councillor to the next meeting.
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. Council approved the annual internal audit report as recommended by the RFO/Clerk
9. **Planning Permissions**

No objections noted.

1. **Any other business**
   1. Proposal around more benches to be purchased cost of benches available and types – Clerk for next meeting.
   2. Cllr H Bevan to be sent dates of future meetings.
   3. Cllr Ryan-Scales to look at cost/organization of annual Bath trip.
2. **Correspondence** 
   1. Noted

**The date of the next Monthly Meeting and Annual General Meeting 12 July 2021 at PDCC**

Meeting Closed at 8:10pm

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