**Ponthir Community Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**ovember 2021**

Held at PSCC, Ponthir at 6pm

1. **Present:**  Cllr Ian Danaher (Chair), Cllr Lorraine Morgan, Cllr P Matthews, Cllr Ryan-Scales, Cllr S Bailey, Cllr M. Leighton

Clerk: Karen Kerslake

**Members of the public present**

* 1. J. Parfitt, PSCC
  2. Carl Jenkins, Resident
  3. Stephen Vickers, TCBC

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

1. **Matters Raised by Members of the Public**
   1. Stephen Vickers, Chief Executive of Torfaen Borough Council attended the meeting to give an overview of future interaction between the Community Council and TCBC. A Director for Communities is to be appointed and will be introduced to councillors at a future date. Councillors pointed out the problems experienced by residents relating to drains, trees and speeding. Clerk will forward details to S. Vickers and he will personally look into the matters.
   2. Resident has contacted the Clerk in relation to the poppies supplied for Remembrance Sunday. Clerk has apologised on behalf of the council as the poppies were not put up in Lower Llanfrechfa. This was an oversight and will be rectified next year.
2. **To approve the minutes of the previous meeting** – 11th October 2021
   1. Proposed Cllr Bailey
   2. Seconded Cllr Ryan-Scales
3. **Matters Arising from Last Meeting**
   1. Complaint to Torfaen County Borough Council in relation to,
      1. Tree maintenance
      2. Drainage
      3. Communication on proposed Local Development Plan and the suggestion of 1200 houses at Llanfrechfa Grange. – Chief Executive of Torfaen to attend the next meeting, item to be discussed. – See 4 above
4. Speeding in Ponthir – AM Peter Fox raised the issue from his recent surgery in Ponthir – Clerk to reply and express a wish for Council and partners to work on the problem. Proposal on speed reducing measures by next meeting - Clerk
5. SWALEC – Disconnection of phone box in Lower Llanfrechfa completed.
6. Christmas Tree and winter fayre – Plans are underway for siting of the Christmas tree and lamp post lights are in situ. Both will be lit on 3rd December at the fayre. Clerk is to investigate further around possibility of lights in Lower Llanfrechfa next year.
7. Parking on Hafod Road – Update from TCBC is unlikely on this issue as there are no powers locally to deal with the nuisance which stems for a heightened need for parking in the area.
8. Benches in Ponthir – Clerk to order the benches by next meeting ready to be sited.
9. Wildlife Pond – PSCC have submitted a preliminary joint bid and are waiting to hear from Places for Nature.
10. Cleaning of bus stops and bin.- To begin week commencing 15th November
11. Memorial Stone in Ponthir Church for remembrance. Contact has been made with representatives of the Baptist Church Ponthir. Update at next meeting.
12. 5G Mast – Planning application refused – no further contact from TCBC or the company at the time of meeting. No comments from either on alternative locations proposed by Council and residents.
13. Winter planting – completed
14. Queen’s platinum Jubilee – discussion/ideas – deferred until January 2022
15. **Finance and Accounts**
16. Balance of Direct Plus Account – Noted
17. Cheques/Online payments made - Noted
18. To Note Standing Order/Direct Debit Payments – Noted
19. Accounts to Wales Audit Office – running behind with certificates of audit, hopefully, this will be received by the next meeting to conclude the 2020/21 accounting period.
20. **Planning Applications**
    1. Noted – no objections
21. **Any other business**
    1. A survey of suggested improvements around the area for disabled persons will be undertaken – Clerk to arrange with resident.
22. **Correspondence** 
    1. Noted

**The date of the next Monthly Meeting – 13th December 2021 at PSCC**

Meeting Closed at 9:00pm

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