**Ponthir Community Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Held on 12th December 2022**

PSCC, Ponthir

@ 7pm

1. **Present:**  Cllr I Danaher (Chair), Cllr L Morgan, Cllr S Bailey, Cllr L Ryan-Scales, Cllr P Matthews. **Also, present** D Leech, R Smith and E Davies-Mackintosh (TCBC) **Clerk:** Mrs C Danaher
2. **Apologies:** Cllr M Barrell, Cllr M Leighton and Cllr K Gauden (TCBC)
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None
4. **Matters Raised by Members of the Public:** None
5. **To approve the minutes of the previous meeting** – 14th November 2022

Proposed Cllr Morgan

Seconded Cllr Bailley

Minutes were signed and dated by Chair as an accurate record of the meeting.

1. **Matters Arising from Last Meeting**
   1. **Speeding signage in Ponthir** - TCBC have not *co*nfirmed their policy on broken speed signs, despite Clerk chasing twice. The Clerk has contacted Cllr K Gauden who will take up the matter with TCBC. D Leech to investigate as well.
   2. **Christmas Lights/Trees/Fair -** Favorable feedback from villagers on both lights and trees. **Action-** Clerk to obtain a new quote from Enerevo re specific lamp posts and lights to be discussed at January meeting. D Leech to seek possible assistance from TCBC re possible road closure when work is being completed. The Christmas Fair was a success and thank you to Cllr Mary Leighton for organizing it.
   3. **Hall Committee update –** Cllr Danaher gave a summary of the Special General Meeting held at the Hall on Tuesday December 6th. TVA oversaw all changes in collaboration with TCBC. All existing bookings are being honored. AGM date now set for Spring 2023 when accounts can be finalized. Cllr Morgan commented on the lack of female representation on the Board of Trustees. Of the nominations received for election, 21% were female.
   4. **General Contractor Update-** Contractor due to start on a general tidy up on Tuesday 13th December, weather permitting. Strimmer purchase has now been cancelled by Cllr Matthews.
   5. **Bath Trip –** Cllr Ryan – Scales said that the Bath coach trip was successful. The trip did, however, run at a slight loss this year, and we need to think carefully about running one again in the future.
   6. **Website Update –** WordPress updates ongoing by Cllr Danaher.
   7. **Bus Shelters–** All remainingbus shelterswill now be cleaned in early 2023. **Action-** Clerk to contact Newport Bus re timetables and new signs. Cllr Matthews asked to be copied in.
   8. **Budgets 2023-** Council agreed to purchase Coronation Coins for PonthirSchool. **Action-** Cllr Ryan-Scales to purchase on our behalf. The council agreed to keep the 2023/2024 Precept the same, not increasing it, due to the current economic climate. **Action-** Clerk to inform TCBC of this decision.
2. **Progress on Matters Outstanding with TCBC**
   1. Wellbeing – D Leech outlined shared aims to improve wellbeing in the village. Areas discussed were environment, flood risks, trees, and possible warm space in the village. R Smith and E Davies-Mackintosh outlined the work they have done in Blaenavon, with an aim to replicate in Ponthir. TCBC will arrange a formal questionnaire for all residents in early 2023, to gain views on what people would like.
3. **Finance and Accounts**

a. Balance of Direct Plus Account – Noted

b. Cheques/Online payments made - Noted

c. To Note Standing Order/Direct Debit Payments – Noted

1. **Planning Applications** None
2. **Any other business**
   1. Council publicity stickers - Council felt that they were not necessary at this time.
   2. Archive of Council records – A review of laptop storage needs to be undertaken to include emails and folders. **Action –** D Leech to assist and Clerk to obtain external hard drive if required.
   3. Ponthir Rainbows grant application - Council agreed to support with a grant of £100.
   4. VOIP Telephones (Voice Over Internet Protocol) – Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to Openreach, and residents will have a choice of landline or VOP when they come to Ponthir.
3. **Correspondence** 
   1. Noted
4. **The date of the next Meeting 9th January 2023. Venue PSCC at 7pm**
5. Meeting Closed at 9.10pm
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