**Ponthir Community Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Held on 12th September 2022**

PSCC, Ponthir

@ 7pm

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

Clerk: Karen Kerslake

1. **Apologies:** M. Leighton

**Council held a period of silence to acknowledge the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**

1. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr L Morgan – Lamb Lane development

1. **Matters Raised by Members of the Public**

Road traffic noise in Station Road – complaint – no vehicles identified

Average speed check camera installation on Caerleon Road – Referred to Highways Department TCBC.

1. **To approve the minutes of the previous meeting** – 11th July 2022
   1. Amendment to minutes – Remove Cllr Ryan-Scales name from the list of those attending
   2. Proposed Cllr S. Bailey
   3. Seconded Cllr P. Matthews
2. **Matters Arising from Last Meeting**
   1. Speeding signage in Ponthir – awaiting instructions from Welsh Government to Torfaen CBC re 20mph speed limit
   2. Benches – C. Mellen has given a quotation for siting the benches. An amount of £1,250 was agreed for the work.
   3. Christmas Lights – Clerk cannot contact the engineer from Enerveo around a new quotation. Clerk will submit an order to Enerveo for the installation of the lights as per last year and contact Enerveo again around the quotation relating to Llanfrechfa lights.

Christmas tree at Llanfrechfa Church to be purchased again this year. – Clerk to contact M. Bowen

* 1. Ponthir School Parking – John Parfitt, PSCC, has replied to Torfaen Highways following their suggestion to put some signage in place to prohibit parking on the school road. He has asked why the whole area cannot be included in parking enforcement similar to other areas in Torfaen. Current parking situation is a danger to pupils. No response as yet. Cllr Danaher to update new head of Ponthir school.
  2. Hall Committee update – Committee is making progress and a new manager is to be appointed in the coming weeks. An AGM will take place in the near future, with a date to be advised.
  3. General Contractor – Cllr Matthews awaiting price for a strimmer. Cllr Matthews/Bailey to produce a risk assessment for use.
  4. Clerk’s post – Council welcomed Clare Danaher as the new Clerk to Ponthir Community Council.
  5. Jubilee Coins for school pupils - These have been paid for and distributed.
  6. Bath trip – Cllr Ryan-Scales has asked for three quotations, but has only received one. Council agreed the only quotation received should be taken forward and the trip will take place on 26th November 2022, details to follow.
  7. Website rebuild – Cllr Barrell will source some companies to rebuild the website and in the interim, will remove the schools policy on the current website which is now out of date.
  8. Additional crossing in Ponthir – as per (a)
  9. Planters in village – Council agreed that C. Mellen purchase new planters and replace throughout the community. Planters should be eco-friendly and sustainable. New gardening group may provide planting in future – Cllr Danaher to speak to C. Mellen re planters. Clerk to speak to N. Parfitt who is forming the gardening group. Social media post is to be made to encourage residents to adopt a planter, once replaced.

1. **Progress on Matters Outstanding with TCBC**
   1. Wellbeing – D. Leech having regular meetings with ABuHB team. Work is progressing and a new co-ordinator for the area is in place. Community contact will be made in the near future and residents will be asked about their priorities in the community – what matters to them. Council were asked to determine their priorities by the next review which is in December 2022. – Clerk to progress with Councillors and ABuHB Coordinator
   2. Oaklands – Planning application has been submitted for the tree cutting and trimming work at Oaklands. Awaiting outcome of the Planning Committee – Torfaen County Borough Council.
   3. Drainage works (plan) – Not discussed.
2. **Cllr Gauden**

Cllr Gauden expressed his thanks to the community for the amount of contact he has received since taking office. He intends to hold street surgeries for residents and plans are being developed to enable this activity to take place. Cllr Gauden has visited the PSCC Community Café on numerous occasions and is now a member of the Village Hall Committee.

Cllr Gauden suggested that there may be an opportunity for Santa to visit Ponthir on the occasion of the lights switch-on in December. This activity is taking place in other areas of Torfaen. Clerk to progress.

1. **Finance and Accounts**
2. Balance of Direct Plus Account – Noted
3. Cheques/Online payments made - Noted
4. To Note Standing Order/Direct Debit Payments – Noted
5. **Planning Applications**
   1. Cllr Morgan gave an overview of the planning application most recently submitted for Delerwyn House. Cllr Morgan explained that residents have complained of boggy gardens since the trees were taken down some years ago with the drainage causing problems in the area for residents. The road is extremely narrow with parking forcing residents to walk on the road on occasions and the proposed access to the development is unsuitable as it is on a sharp blind spot.

Council have not been notified as to the details of the latest proposals around this development. Clerk will contact Torfaen Planning to ask why Council has been omitted from the correspondence distribution and object to the plans on the basis of the unsuitability of the site.

1. **Any other business**
   1. None
2. **Correspondence** 
   1. Noted

**The date of the next Monthly Meeting 10th October 2022 at PSCC**

Meeting Closed at 9.00pm

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