**Ponthir Community Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Held on 13th June 2022**

PSCC, Ponthir

@ 7pm

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

Clerk: Karen Kerslake

**Members of the public present**

* 1. David Leech, TCBC
  2. Mr G Powell, Resident

1. **Apologies:** M. Leighton
2. **Declarations of Interest**
   1. L. Morgan – Village Hall discussion – membership of Torfaen Voluntary Association

1. **Matters Raised by Members of the Public**
   1. Gentleman has approached Cllr Morgan about dangers for the disabled crossing the road. Council agreed that this is something to pursue with Torfaen CBC and a request will be submitted following further investigation.
2. **To approve the minutes of the previous meeting** – 9th May 2022
   1. Proposed Cllr L. Morgan
   2. Seconded Cllr S. Bailey
3. **Matters Arising from Last Meeting**
   1. Speeding signage in Ponthir – Awaiting price of speed monitoring equipment from Torfaen Highways.
   2. Provision for future events
      1. August Bank Holiday – to be discussed between Chairman/PSCC at a later date.
      2. Christmas Lighting Event – 2nd December 2022, details to follow.
      3. Equipment – Inflatable screens – Further investigation required, but cost may be prohibited as a projector will need to be purchased. Further discussions are needed.
   3. Memorial Stone in Ponthir Church for remembrance - Ordered
   4. Benches – Agreement in principle with Torfaen now awaiting License decision from Torfaen Asset Management – Dave Leech to speak to Asset Management in TCBC.
   5. Survey for future Christmas Lights – Nothing to date from Enerveo. Clerk will continue to chase but a decision on more lights will need to be made in the July meeting.
   6. Ponthir School Parking – Difficulties and dangers being experienced by parents and children has been shared with Torfaen Highways. Awaiting a response. Cllr Gauden will be happy to support further.
   7. Hall Committee update – on Wednesday, 8th June 2022, members of the Village Hall Committee attempted to hold an EGM. Cllr Matthews who is the Community Council representative on the Hall Committee is hopeful that the ongoing situation will resolve over the next few weeks. Cllr Gauden will contact Torfaen Voluntary Organisation to ask for further support for the hall and committee to achieve their short-term objectives, to hold an AGM and ensure bookings are honoured.
   8. General Contractor – nothing from preferred contractor although quotations for work have been requested. Council will continue to search for an individual who can do a variety of work in the area.
   9. Newsletter – many residents have been complimentary about the latest newsletter. However, distribution has been problematic. Council agreed that Guides/Brownies and similar groups should be approached to deliver when the autumn edition is ready.
4. Engagement on Community Council’s Main Wellbeing Priorities
   1. Drain schedule – to be discussed with Chief Officer at the meeting scheduled for 16th June 2022.
   2. Trees at Oaklands – Meeting with Chief Officer scheduled for 16th June 2022 at 6pm, PSCC – all residents welcome.
   3. Wellbeing project – AbuHB - it is envisaged that Emma Mackintosh-Davies will attend with David Leech in future to discuss the project.
   4. Any other suggestions
5. **Code of Conduct**
   1. Clerk reminded all present of their obligations under the law.
6. **Advertising of Clerk’s Post**
   1. Clerk will prepare a job description and circulate to councillors. Current Clerk will leave in September/October.
7. **Website**
   1. Council’s social media presence is increasing and is proving a good tool to communicate with members of the community. The website, [www.ponthircommunitycouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ponthircommunitycouncil.gov.uk) needs updating as possibly an information source for residents. The look of the website needs to be considered. Clerk will look for a low cost solution.
8. **Finance and Accounts**
9. Balance of Direct Plus Account – Noted
10. Cheques/Online payments made - Noted
11. To Note Standing Order/Direct Debit Payments – Noted
12. Council agreed the annual return following internal audit - to be submitted to Wales Audit Office.
13. **Planning Applications**

No observations

1. **Any other business**
   1. Cllr Ryan-Scales has sourced coins and has ordered sufficient for the school children in Ponthir. However, they are slow to be delivered. Cllr Ryan-Scales will chase up if not received soon.
   2. Cllr Ryan-Scales has volunteered to look at the possibility of reintroducing the Christmas Bath trip which proved extremely popular prior to Covid.
2. **Correspondence** 
   1. Noted

**The date of the next Monthly Meeting 11th July 2022 at PSCC**

Meeting Closed at 9.15pm

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