**Peterston-super-Ely Community Council**

***Cyngor Cymuned a Llanbedr-y-Fro***

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 7.30pm, on 9th March 2015 at the Church & Community Hall, Peterston-super-Ely**

**Present:** Councillors:Jan Parry (Chairman), David Moody-Jones, Cllr Bill Budd, Pat Cadwalladr, Ian Pearson, Ray Petre and Michael Morgan

**Also Present:** Joanna Howell (Clerk to the Council) and Cllr Rhodri Traherne,

**Apologies** Cllr David Jaques and PCSO Steven Thomas

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**284 Police Matters**

PCSO Thomas had sent his apologies. He had previously informed the Clerk that since the January meeting there had been one crime, a burglary.

**285 County Council Matters**

Cllr Traherne was welcomed to the meeting by the Chair.

Cllr Traherne updated the Council on the following:-

*Budget* –The VoG Council budget for next year has been passed. It showed a 3.4% decrease in funding, which was less than feared. There will be a 3.9% increase in Council Tax. The budget seemed sound, with a use of reserves to the limit allowed by the auditors. Cllr Traherne does not believe that the reshaping services plan is radical enough though e.g. limited outsourcing of services. Cllr Traherne does not believe that the village will see a radical change in services in the short term.

*Mergers* – As expected the Welsh Government declined the possibility of a merger between the Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend Councils. Therefore making it very likely that a merger with Cardiff Council will take place at some point. Also Cllr Traherne explained that a Welsh Government White Paper had been issued regarding local government. Although not very clear in terms of Community Councils the paper proposes that they have to be of a sufficient size to be able to do more, so Borough Councils would be given powers to merge Community Councils. Cllr Traherne believes that this would take away much of the local touch that Community Councils have.

*Five Mile Lane* – There is currently a stalemate between the Welsh Government and the VoG Council regarding the works needed on five mile lane. The Welsh Government have refused to underwrite any overspend on the project and the VoG Council do not have the funds to do this. Until this issue is resolved the much needed works will not begin.

Pwll y Min Farm, Main Avenue - the concerns of the Wyndham Park Residents Association over the state of the derelict farm buildings at the bottom of Main Avenue had been passed on to the VoG Council and a site visit had taken place. There was little the Council could do however they would try and encourage the owners to improve the condition of the buildings/fencing via the current submitted planning application.

Cllr Parry asked Cllr Traherne if he could enquire into when the speed signs would be moved on from Pendoylan as they had been there for longer than the agreed four months and she believed they should now be moved to Hensol or Peterston. Cllr Traherne agreed to look into the matter

Cllr Pearson enquired of Cllr Traherne whether there was anything the Community Council could do regarding the signage at Sycamore Cross, however Cllr Traherne did not believe there was.

Cllr Parry asked whether the VoG Council would erect a sign from the main road through the village directing to the school as it was currently quite difficult to find. She agreed to speak to the school headmistress and then get back to Cllr Traherne.

*AP Cllr Parry to speak to Mrs Tara Lloyd re signage*

Cllr Cadwalladr asked Cllr Traherne if he could find out the process for applying for brown signs from the VoG, for the hall. Cllr Traherne agreed to investigate.

The Chair thanked Cllr Traherne for his time.

**286 Public Session**

There were no members of the public present.

**287 Matters arising from the Public Session.**

There were no members of the public present.

**288 Report back from Playing fields subcommittee re fees and regulations**

The Chair confirmed all Councillors had read the report and provided a brief summary, concluding that Community Groups would not be charged and there would be a minimum charge of £50 for private functions. She went on to say that the Clerk would be asking the football club for a list of fixtures/training dates and would take bookings for the fields. The Clerk confirmed she was still waiting for the draft lease from the VoG but would chase this up.

*AP Clerk to contact Phil Beaman re lease*

Cllr Morgan suggested that VE Day on 8th May would be an appropriate point to welcome the memorial field back to the village.

Cllr Pearson proposed that providing the lease is for the agreed 99 years at a peppercorn rent and upon circulation to the Councillors, the Council provide authority to the Playing Fields Sub Committee to agree, adjust and sign the lease as required. This was seconded by Cllr Petre and agreed by all.

It was RESOLVED that authority be provided to the Playing Fields Sub Committee, to agree, adjust and sign the lease as required.

Cllr Budd did want assurances over this Councils obligation to the Tennis Club upon transfer of the lease. Cllr Morgan explained that the Tennis Club lease still had a number of years running and so would be transferred on the same terms to the Community Council as it has to the VoG Council. The trustees of the Tennis Club would still be responsible for complying with the lease, if the Tennis Club was to fold the obligations for the land, but not as a tennis club, would then transfer to this Council. However he felt the purpose of getting a 99 year lease is to be able to invest in facilities on the land. He proposed that the Council sort out the main lease first and then work with the Tennis Club around what will happen to their lease. After a short discussion it was agreed that this was sensible.

**289. To consider leasing of playing fields for 99 years from VoG Council**

This has been covered in discussion in point 288.

**290 To consider the condition of the playground**

The Clerk confirmed the VoG had recently inspected the playground and the only point raised was on the condition of the turf on the mound.

*AP Cllr Parry to continue to chase the turf supplier*

Cllr Pearson had checked the matting and it did not appear to need extra sand.

*AP Clerk to check with Cllr Jaques if any other points he wished to raise regarding this.*

**291 To consider the output from the February PACT meeting including the setting up of a neighbourhood watch scheme – key points from meeting previously distributed.**

The Chair thanked those who attended the meeting and believed there had been a good turnout in terms of numbers and of variety of villages covered.

Since the meeting the Chair had received a complaint from a villager who whilst towing a horse box had been forced to move into the hedge due to an oncoming car and had nearly hit a cyclist who was undertaking her. She was then faced with a lot of verbal abuse from the cyclist. She therefore would like to ensure that the PCSO contacts the local cycling clubs to attempt to ask them to be careful cycling through the lanes.   
*AP Clerk to contact PCSO*

Cllr Budd felt there needed to be a lot more appropriate driving/cycling from both motorists and cyclists.

The Clerk confirmed that the neighbourhood watch leaflets had been dropped off and Cllrs Parry and Pearson agreed to read through and report back at the next meeting.

**292 To consider the positioning/access/signage/advertising of defibrillator**

Cllr Moody-Jones explained that he had tried to place the defibrillator in the main lobby of the hall but it had stuck out too far, Cllr Budd felt that it was unlikely to be accidently damaged where it was now.

Cllr Pearson suggested that the current signage was not obvious enough and agreed to produce new signage, which would be put up around the village and the location would be advertised in the parish magazine. Cllr Moody-Jones agreed to play the information video at a village market.

*AP – Cllr Pearson to produce and distribute posters.*

**293 To discuss and approve the draft grant application forms – previously circulated**

The Chair thanked the Clerk for her hard work on these. The Council confirmed they had all reviewed the forms. Cllr Pearson proposed the forms be accepted and this was seconded by Cllr Moody-Jones and agreed by all.

It was RESOLVED that the draft grant application form be approved as the new formal way to apply for grants from this Council.

*AP – Clerk to advertise existence of grants and form.*

**294 To discuss and approve C.A.S.H Grant application for the Hall works**

Cllrs Cadwalladr and Pearson declared and interest as members of the Hall management committee.

The Clerk explained that the Church and Community Hall Management Committee were looking to complete a large amount of works to improve the condition of the Hall; these seemed suitable for an application for a VoG C.A.S.H grant application.

After a short discussion, Cllr Budd proposed that the Grant application be made on behalf of the hall and Cllr Moody-Jones seconded, it was agreed by all.

It was RESOLVED that an application be made on behalf of the Church & Community Hall for a VoG C.A.S.H grant.

*AP – Clerk to work with Mr D Potter in putting together the application and to submit to the VoG Council*

**295 To discuss and approve grant application re Keith the postman**

The Chair explained that an afternoon tea and presentation had been arranged for Keith on 28th March in the hall. The majority of food etc. would be donated but the organisers had asked if a small grant could be made to cover any additional costs. The Council felt this was appropriate given that Keith had done a lot for the Community over many years.

Cllr Petre proposed a grant underwriting additional costs up to £100 would be offered, this was seconded by Cllr Budd and agreed by all.

It was RESOLVED that this Council underwrite additional costs for the event up to £100.

**296 To receive the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12th January 2015**

The minutes were reviewed, Cllr Pearson proposed their acceptance; this was seconded by Cllr Moody-Jones, agreed by all and signed by the Chairman.

**297 Matters Arising from these minutes**

Paragraph 278.1

Cllr Moody-Jones to insert monkshood warning poster in noticeboard once the noticeboard had dried out and could be more easily opened

Paragraph 279

The Clerk confirmed the filming had all gone ahead and would chase donation.

**298 Clerk’s Report**

Membership of OVW – It was agreed by all that this was a useful association to be members of and membership should be renewed.

Recycling Items – After a short discussion it was agreed that the shop be approached to see if they would like to sell the items as well as at the monthly markets.

*AP – Clerk to approach shop and also to make appropriate order.*

Increased rubbish – Cllr Pearson queried whether there could be an extra litter pick, Cllr Moody-Jones confirmed there was one on the 1st April, though it would concentrate on the centre of the village.

Finance- The Playstation balance was confirmed as £3,187.91.

All Community Council payments were approved and the cheques signed.

**299 Planning Matters**

All Planning applications were reviewed and there were no additional comments.

Cllr Moody-Jones queried how temporary the caravan at Croes y Parc chapel would be, and it was confirmed that it would be there until the hall work was completed which was due to start in May.

**300 Correspondence**

These were reviewed and acknowledged.

**301 Councillors Reports**

These were reviewed and acknowledged.

Cllr Parry added that there had been a number of non-recyclable items found in the recycling bag in the Churchyard.

*AP Clerk to place notice on shed.*

Cllr Moody-Jones added that he had reported two trees that had fallen into the river to NRW.

Cllr Petre had been informed of problems with buses being faulty and being replaced with non-marked cars which was obviously totally inappropriate.

*AP Clerk to report to VoG*

Cllr Pearson wished to inform the Council that between now and the next meeting, the soil, flowers etc. in the flower troughs would need to be replaced and therefore money would be needed for this. All agreed that this was in the budget and therefore acceptable.

**302 Health & Safety matters**

There were no issues of Health and Safety to discuss.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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