**Peterston-super-Ely Community Council**

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

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 7.30pm, on 8th February 2016 at the Church & Community Hall, Peterston-super-Ely**

**Present:** Councillors:CllrJan Parry (Chairman), Ian Pearson (Vice-Chair), Cllrs David Jaques, Pat Cadwalladr, Bill Budd, Ray Petre, David Moody-Jones, & Michael Morgan.

**Also Present:** Joanna Howell (Clerk to the Council), County Cllr Rhodri Traherne, PCSO Kieron Byrne, Mrs A Phillips (Member of MUGA Sub Committee)

**Apologies:**  None

Cllr Parry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**417 Police Matters**

PCSO Byrne had no crime to report. He explained the recent change of staffing and that he would attend as many CC meetings as possible. He was still waiting for the posters with his contact details on but would distribute them once he had received them. PCSO Byrne had visited the school the previous week and met with the head and deputy head, in order to speak about the ongoing parking issues. Cllr Jaques agreed to raise these issues at the next Governor’s meeting.

The Chair informed PCSO Byrne that the Speedwatch group would start doing sessions again once the Speed signs had moved villages. Also in the next Speedwatch session Cllr Petre and Mr S Davies would be trained.

**418 County Council Matters**

Cllr Traherne had a number of matters to report on.

Police – Cllr Traherne had met with Alan Michael (South Wales Police & Crime Commissioner) and reported that PCSO’s were very rarely attending Community Council meetings in the Vale. This was going to be looked into and if it hadn’t been resolved by April/May Cllr Traherne would speak to him again.

Merger – Cllr Traherne had nothing new to report on the proposed merger with Cardiff CC, the issue appears to have now been ‘parked’ until after May’s assembly elections. However it is very likely to happen after the elections.

VoG Council Budget – The Council were planning a 4% reduction in revenue however the budget managed a 2% reduction, although smaller this is still significant. The Council are under cost pressures that are not under their control. For example changes in legislation around the National Living wage etc. Also the new Social Services legislation which although deemed to be cost neutral will definitely result in extra costs. Cllr Traherne also clarified that there were no totally ring-fenced budgets.

Reshaping Agenda – The Council appear to be ruling out outsourcing to the private sector. Cllr Traherne feels that outsourcing of certain services e.g. catering, if done in the proper way could bring in large costs savings without effecting services. In terms of the effect on the CC, Cllr Traherne advised that this Council wait to see what services are cut before agreeing to take on extra services.

Cardiff LDP – This has now been approved, and there is a raft of housing planned for the nearby Cardiff/VoG Border. Cllr Traherne will raise with the Council that this will definitely affect the quality of life for those living in the area in terms of the increase in traffic.

Social Services and Well Being Act – Not all the regulations for this act have been reported to the Council yet, but they are working on those that have with staff training etc. Cllr Traherne is certain that the ‘looked after’ children will not suffer with this transition. There is also an additional new bill coming in though the Council will not have to be compliant with this till 2019.

Five Mile Lane – The improvements to this road to Barry are going to go ahead, with the building of an additional road. The VoG Council have approved the issue of compulsory purchase orders if required and Cllr Traherne believes work would start fairly shortly.

Car Parking Charges - There report regarding this was meant to have been issued today to the VoG Councillors however it had not yet been issued so Cllr Traherne could not currently provide an update.

Planning Department –Cllr Traherne wished to inform everyone that the planning department is currently under massive pressure due to the number of large developments it is currently dealing with and also due to increased consultation requirements.

Corporate Assessment – Cllr Traherne stated that the VoG Council are currently undergoing a Corporate Assessment by the Welsh Audit office.

The Chair thanked Cllr Traherne for his update and asked the Councillors if they had any questions.

Cllr Moody-Jones reported that Cnepyn Lane was being resurfaced.

Cllr Jaques wished to raise the issue of the Sycamore Cross housing development and whether this Council would be able to pitch for some of the s106 monies. Cllr Traherne understood that the developer was currently negotiating the terms of the affordable housing, and certainly suggested looking at the s106 protocol around this.

As there were no further questions Cllr Traherne left the meeting.

**419 Public Session**

There were no members of the public present.

**420 Matters arising from Public Session**

There were no members of the public present.

**421 To consider the speed signs for the village – discussion on public consultation**

The Clerk updated the Council on her communication with the VoG regarding these. Cllr Budd proposed that this discussion be delayed for two meetings, whilst he went back to the manufacturers to get more details on pricing, maintenance and legal responsibility. This was agreed as a sensible suggestion by the Council.

The Chair informed the Council about an email she had received re Speedwatch.

*AP Clerk to forward on email to rest of Council.*

**422 Formalisation of this Council’s support of the MUGA**

The Chair welcomed Mrs Phillips to the meeting and explained to the Council that there had been a MUGA Sub Committee the previous Thursday. Cllr Parry wished to explain that she felt that the Expression of Interest (EOI) that Mrs Phillips had submitted to the Welsh Government was excellent and had obviously resulted from a lot of hard work. However she did have a concern that as the EOI had the Council’s name on it, the Council had to be comfortable with its contents.

 Cllr Jaques wanted to ensure that the MUGA Sub Committee met more often. He also proposed the following RESOLUTION to the Council:-

* This Community Council formally supports the MUGA project
* This Community Council agrees that the MUGA Subcommittee will meet regularly and formally report back progress of the project to the wider Council
* This Community Council consents to its name being used on grant and planning applications as required, provided these are previously reviewed by at least the Sub Committee.

The resolution was seconded by Cllr Petre and agreed by all.

Mrs Phillips wished to ensure that where possible sufficient time is built into the grant/planning timetable for review by the Sub Committee/Council. She went on to explain the process and timelines regarding this Welsh Government grant.

*AP Clerk to plan next subcommittee meeting and a project planning meeting for the MUGA project.*

Cllr Jaques also questioned what the brief of the MUGA Subcommittee was. He believed that the subcommittee must discuss in detail the maintenance and management issues arising with the MUGA. They should move the project forward regarding these matters and then bring to the wider Council the preferred options for formal approval. This was agreed by all the Council as a sensible way forward.

Cllr Jaques referred the Council to the letter that had been received today from Mrs Adams, Mrs Phillips & Mr Chapman (members of the MUGA Sub Committee). As well as provided some more information on the project, it asked for

* Agreement that Grants & Planning could be in the Council’s name ( agreed in Resolution above)
* Agreement that future maintenance costs of the MUGA would be the responsibility of the Council
* Agreement that insurance for the facility would be the responsibility of the Council, as in the playground.

Cllr Jaques felt that agreement on maintenance and planning could not be made until the Sub Committee had discussed this in a lot more detail especially as the final design and operating principles of the MUGA had not yet been finalised. He also pointed out that The Tennis Club still had a sublease on their club even when the playing fields lease transferred to this Council from the VoG.

The letter also talked about the possibility of ring fencing the monies received from the Wind Turbine owners for the MUGA maintenance. The Council did not feel it was appropriate to ring fence monies on behalf of later Councils.

*AP Clerk to respond to letter with above points.*

**423 Discussion on involvement of Fields in Trust regarding the playing fields**

The Clerk explained that she had received correspondence from the Fields in Trust organisation in relation to the playing fields. Cllr Morgan believed it would be a good idea to have a discussion with them, if it meant a preserved the fields permanently.

*AP Clerk to arrange meeting*

**424 Update on the MUGA project from the subcommittee meeting held on 4th February 2016**

 This agenda item was covered in 422

**425 Update from Cllr Pearson on the potential replacement of the wooden posts at the riverbank**

 Cllr Pearson confirmed he had received a quote for £2,785 +VAT to remove and replace 115 posts, he had also asked for the equivalent quote for replacing the posts with rocks. There was a short discussion on the need for the posts and it was agreed to look at this matter at the next meeting once the alternative quote had been received.

**426 To receive the minutes of the Council Meeting held on January 11th 2016**

The minutes of the meeting had been previously circulated by the Clerk and were accepted unanimously as a true and accurate record. It was proposed by Cllr Budd and seconded by Cllr Moody-Jones that they be accepted. The Minutes were then signed as a true and accurate record by the Chair

**427 Matters Arising from these minutes**

Paragraph 403- Grant application from the School

*AP Cllr Jaques to raise at the next Governors meeting*

Paragraph 408 – Safety of cyclists/walkers in the dark

 *AP Clerk to enquire with PCSO Byrne if he can get any safety posters*

**428 Clerk’s Report**

The clerk’s report was reviewed.

Local Government Bill – After a short discussion there was not any additional points that the Council wanted to raise.

OVW Membership – After a short discussion it was proposed by Cllr Jaques and seconded by Cllr Pearson that this Council renew its membership with OVW. This was agreed by all.

Authority for expenditure

All expenditure was agreed and cheques were signed by two councillors

**429 Planning Matters**

 The Council had no further comments on the planning applications.

 **430 Correspondence**

These were reviewed and acknowledged.

There had also been a request for a grit bin at the bottom of Ael-y Bryn, in order to ensure the safety of school children crossing the road there and walking up to the school. As well as a grit bin at the top of Le Sor Hill as this was very icy. The Council agreed that the Clerk could look into purchasing these.

 *AP Clerk to speak to VoG re purchasing these grit bins.*

**431 Councillors Reports**

These were reviewed.

The Chair wished to thank Cllr Moody-Jones for the fantastic job he was doing in linking with National Resources Wales.

**416 Health & Safety matters**

Cllr Jaques wished to raise the matter of the fence at the tennis club, the fence had collapsed in places and some of the posts have snapped.

*AP Clerk to speak to Mr D Chapman, chair of the Tennis Club on this matter*.

Cllr Pearson proposed that this Council replace the fence of the playing fields that runs from the wide access gate to the railway, as this was now in a poor state. Cllr Budd & Cllr Pearson to investigate the costs of this fence.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

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