**Peterston-super-Ely Community Council**

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

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 7.30pm, on 11th January 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)

**Apologies:**  County Cllr Rhodri Traherne, PCSO Kieron Byrne

Cllr Parry welcomed everyone to the meeting, wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the Councillors for their support and hard work over 2015.

**395 Police Matters**

PCSO Byrne had sent his apologies and had no crime to report. Cllr Pearson asked if the Clerk could check with PCSO Byrne whether he had any contact details posters yet.

*AP Clerk to contact PCSO Byrne and if possible distribute posters*

**396 County Council Matters**

Cllr Traherne had sent his apologies, and had no matters to report.

**397 Public Session**

There were no members of the public present.

**398 Matters arising from Public Session**

There were no members of the public present.

**399 To consider draft criteria for s137 grant assessment**

The Chair thanked Cllr Jaques and the Clerk for their work on this. Cllr Jaques led a discussion on the key points. Cllr Pearson suggested that the application deadlines be changed for a month earlier so that the Council have longer to consider each application, the Council agreed this was a good idea.

After a short discussion on the maximum amounts that should be available, Cllr Morgan suggested that the maximum amount wording be changed to guideline amount of £2,000 for any one individual application. This was agreed as sensible.

Cllr Petre proposed that other than the two changes above the criteria be approved as stated

and come in force for the new financial year. This was seconded by Cllr Moody –Jones and agreed by all.

*AP Clerk to make changes to criteria and publicise for the new financial year.*

**400 Update on pricing of speeding system from Cllr Budd**

Cllr Budd had investigated the speeding systems further and believed that there would be risks to this Council around maintenance costs and Health & Safety should they purchase the signs without the involvement of the VoG Council.

The Clerk informed the Council that she had spoken to the VoG Council and they were happy to help this Council in the project of purchasing these signs though were unable to assist financially. A very rough quote from the VoG suggested that for two signs similar to the small ones in Bonvilston and all the connection costs was £9k. The Council agreed that if these were to be purchased then these would be addition to the current signs that we have for a third of the year.

The Clerk ran through the impact on the budget of the costs of the signs and it was agreed that there was potential pots of budget that could be transferred to this project.

The Council asked the Clerk to contact the VoG and ask them for a formal quote for the project.

*AP Clerk to contact the VoG for formal quote.*

The Chair confirmed that once the current speed signs were removed the Speedwatch group would set up a monthly rota.

**401 To review and approve budget for FY16/17**

The Council confirmed they had all studied the draft budget, the Clerk ran through the key assumptions of the budget. Cllr Pearson raised the issue of whether there should be a budget for new fencing of the playing fields, as the fence from the gate opposite the Church was damaged; he estimated it would need about £2,000. After a short discussion it was agreed that this would not be part of the budget, but if during the FY 2016/17 additional monies were available this would be considered. After a number of questions relating to individual lines in the budget it was proposed by Cllr Budd to approve the budget as it stands. This was seconded by Cllr Morgan and agreed by all. Cllr Budd also wished to thank the Clerk for putting together such a clear and detailed budget.

The Council RESOLVED to accept the FY 2016/17 budget as presented.

**402 To agreed precept FY2016/17**

The precept in the budget was £13,000 a £2,000 increase on the prior year. The Clerk explained that this increase was required to allow the budget to include the speeding sign purchase, and a maximum sum for small grants for the community, as well as the likely increased costs in grass cutting etc. She also explained that a levy of £1 would provide the Council with £551 and so the increase for the individual was a few pounds only.

Cllr Morgan proposed the precept of £13,000 this was seconded by Cllr Petre and agreed by all.

The Council RESOLVED to propose a total precept of £13,000 for the FY 2016/17.

**403 To consider and decide on s137 grant application from PsE Primary School**

Cllr Moody-Jones wished to start the discussion by not supporting this application. He did not believe that the bird hide was a suitable project and that the outcomes could be achieved in a more straightforward and cheaper way. He also did not feel that this project would encourage community use as suggested. This view was agreed with by the majority of the Council.

Cllr Jaques as the Community Councillor Governor stated that the Governors had not been consulted on this application and that they were in the process of setting the priorities for the school at the moment. It was agreed by the Council to reject this application from the school but that Cllr Jaques should discuss options with the Governors and that another application should be encouraged.

**404 Update on the playing field lease by Cllr Morgan**

Cllr Morgan confirmed that he had collated the comments from both himself and Mr Chapman who had assisted in this matter on the draft lease.

*AP Clerk to speak to VoG Council with these comments and arrange changes to the lease as required.*

**405 To discuss then Welsh Government Bill and decision needed on the Consultation response**

The Chair pointed out some key features of the Bill. It was agreed by the Council that they had provided all their feedback during the previous consultation process on the Local Government White Paper, and so did not have any further comments.

**406 To discuss feedback on the VoG Corporate Strategy Plan**

The Council agreed they had no formal feedback on this process.

**407 To discuss the condition of the Churchyard graves in reference to flowers/momentoes left**

The Chair felt that there were now a large number of artificial flowers and momentoes that were being left for a long time on the graves and they were in danger of becoming very cluttered and interfering with neighbouring graves graves. The Clerk referred the Council back to the current guidelines on flowers and momentoes in the Churchyard regulations.

After a short discussion the Chair proposed that the Churchyard Subcommittee met to discuss this matter and also to look at the fees for the next financial year. In the meantime the Council agreed that a polite notice be erected on the shed to remind people of the regulations. The subcommittee agreed to meet on the 8th February after the next Council meeting.

**408 To discuss how to educate walkers/cyclists sin the village regarding being road safe**

This issue had been raised with the Chair and the Council agreed that the Clerk could investigate some posters to help remind villagers of the importance of being seen whilst out in the dark/dusk.

**409 To discuss the increase in dog fouling in the village**

The Chair had received a complaint about the increase in dog fouling in the village. The Council agreed they would publicise a reminder to people and keep an eye on the matter.

**410 To receive the minutes of the Council Meeting held on November 9th 2015**

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 Cadwalladr and seconded by Cllr Morgan that they be accepted. The Minutes were then signed as a true and accurate record by the Chair

**411 Matters Arising from these minutes**

Paragraph 383.2

Cllr Jaques believed that the remit of the MUGA Sub Committee was not clear and that they were not clear in the progress of the project.

*AP Clerk to arrange a subcommittee meeting with the MUGA project committee.*

Paragraph 385.3

The Chair felt that although attendance could have been greater, those that attended the turning on of the Christmas tree event seemed to really enjoy it.

Paragraph 385.5

The Clerk confirmed that the maximum of £315 was received for the Christmas CASH Grant; all of that money had been spent so there was none available to help towards the hall Christmas tree. It was agreed that the hall be considered for a grant next year.

Paragraph 389.4

The Chair wished to give thanks to Cllr and Mrs Budd for their Christmas drinks event they hosted for the Council, all agreed it was a lovely evening.

Paragraph 389.11

The Chair wished to thank Peterston Connect for planting the new trees in the playing fields.

Paragraph 390.1

The Clerk confirmed there was nothing new to report on the Station Yard planning application.

Paragraph 393.2

*AP Clerk to chase VoG Council on the issue of the narrow pavement on the Groesfaen Road.*

**412 Clerk’s Report**

The clerk’s report was reviewed, the majority of which had been discussed as part of the agenda.

Authority for expenditure

All expenditure was agreed and cheques were signed by two councillors

The Clerk wished to raise the additional item of the Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations in April, as she had received an email on this today. After a short discussion it was agreed that the Council would be supportive of any groups who wished to organise a celebration however did not feel they could organise anything at this point.

**413 Planning Matters**

The Council had no further comments on the planning applications.

Cllr Morgan wished to raise the general point that there seemed to be an increasing trend in planning applications for demolishing small existing buildings in order to build large new ones. He felt that this village needed a mix of housing including small houses for starter homes/ the elderly etc. The Council agreed with these points and would keep an eye on any applications of this nature.

Cllr Jaques provided an update on the planning applications submitted for the areas of Cardiff neighbouring to this village, the Council agreed that this was a very useful update.

**414 Correspondence**

These were reviewed and acknowledged. There was no further correspondence to add.

**415 Councillors Reports**

These were reviewed.

Cllr Moody-Jones confirmed that he had reported the uneven pavements going into Le Sor Hill and that these had now been marked by the VoG Council so hopefully would be repaired soon.

Cllr Jaques believed much of the damage caused to the pavements was due to vehicles parking on the pavements. The Council agreed to ask PCSO Byrne to come up to this area and speak to people dropping off /picking up from school about this.

*AP Clerk to contact PCSO Byrne*

Cllr Moody-Jones had also arranged a meeting on 21st January with Natural Resources Wales in order to inspect the trees in or about to fall into the river and will report back after the next meeting.

**416 Health & Safety matters**

There were no additional Health & Safety matters

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

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