**Peterston-super-Ely Community Council**

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

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 7.30pm, on 19th October 2015 at the Church & Community Hall, Peterston-super-Ely**

**Present:** Councillors:Ian Pearson (Vice-Chair), Pat Cadwalladr, Bill Budd

 Ray Petre, David Moody-Jones, & Michael Morgan.

**Also Present:** Joanna Howell (Clerk to the Council)

**Apologies:** CllrJan Parry (Chairman), Cllr David Jaques, County Cllr Rhodri Traherne and PCSO Steven Thomas

In the absence of the chair, Cllr Ian Pearson (vice chair) would be acting as Chair. Cllr Pearson welcomed everyone to the meeting including those members of the public present.

**362 Police Matters**

PCSO Thomas was not present and had reported that there were no crimes reported since the September meeting.

The Chair asked if the new PCSO who will start in January, could come to a meeting soon to introduce himself.

*AP – Clerk to speak to PCSOs about attendance at a meeting.*

**363 County Council Matters**

Cllr Traherne had sent his apologies, but had previously spoken to the Chair about the Sycamore Cross Development which will be discussed later in the agenda.

**364 Public Session**

Both members of the public present wished to express their opposition to the Sycamore Cross development. They would like to enlist the support of other local groups and community councils in order to oppose the development. They were particularly concerned about the degradation of the countryside and the amount of additional traffic that would result from the development.

**365 Matters arising from Public Session**

At the point the Council agreed to discuss the Sycamore Cross development now rather than at the planning part of the agenda.

There was a detailed discussion with much concern about traffic and access issues. Cllr Morgan proposed that this Council supports the letter of opposition submitted by St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council and also specifically raise our concerns over traffic and access. This was seconded by Cllr Cadwalladr and agreed by all.

It was RESOLVED to oppose the Sycamore Cross development application.

*AP Clerk to submit comments to the VoG and also advertise development to other local Councils and on Website/Facebook*

**366 Update on MUGA project**

The Clerk updated the Council on a meeting that she had attended with the MUGA committee, Sports Wales and the VoG Voluntary Services.

**367 Update on the reshaping services project post Vale Council meeting**

The official notes from this meeting had been previously circulated. Cllr Pearson explained that the key conclusion was that the Community Councils needed to be informed about which services were going to be cut so that they could have a proper public consultation on what services the precept should be used to pay for.

**368 Update on situation re speeding project and playing fields lease from Cllr Morgan**

Cllr Morgan confirmed he was still working on the final wording of the playing fields lease with the VoG. There was a short discussion on whether given the reshaping agenda the VoG should once again be approached to request obtaining the freehold of the playing fields. Cllr Morgan advised that the lease be signed first as this would not prevent the Community Council then asking for the freehold at a later date.

Cllr Morgan went on to say that the flashing speeding signs in the village were really effective at slowing down the majority of drivers and that the Community Council should try and negotiate them permanently. He also brought the Councils attention to the new small speeding signs on the A48 at Bonvilston.

Cllr Budd explained he was still looking in to sources of speeding signs that the Community Council could itself purchase.

 *AP Clerk to speak to CC Rhodri Traherne re speeding signs*

**369 Discussion on possibilities for grant applications for Rural Community Development Fund and Groundworks scheme**

It was agreed that the MUGA Project Committee were the best people to apply for both these grants. Cllr Moody-Jones confirmed he would suggest the Wild Flower project grant to Peterston Connect at their next meeting.

**370 Update on discussion with the school re Christmas performance and Grant**

The Chair confirmed that Cllr Parry had met with the headmaster of the school and he was going to consider projects for a possible s137 grant. He went on to confirm that there would be a Christmas performance at the school for local people on the afternoon of the 11th December.

**371 Decision needed on how to spend Village of the Year monies**

The three suggested options for the £300 were a playground picnic table, a new bench around the tree in the playing fields and a wild flower garden. After a short discussion it was proposed by Cllr Pearson to replace the bench around the tree in the playing fields, this was seconded by Cllr Morgan and agreed by all. Cllr Petre went on to explain he had a good example in his garden. Cllr Pearson agreed to speak to some of the local volunteers regarding the bench.

 It was RESOLVED that the £300 prize money would be reserved for the cost of a new bench around the tree.

**372 Consideration needed on the amount of meetings held by Community Council**

 After a short discussion Cllr Pearson proposed that the Community Council should now meet monthly other than in December and August. This was seconded by Cllr Budd and agreed by all. Cllr Moody-Jones suggested that nearer the time it should be discussed on whether the June meeting should involve a walk around the village in order to review the Council assets.

 It was RESOLVED that the Community Council would now meet monthly other than in December and August.

**372 To receive the minutes of the Council Meeting held on September 14th 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 Budd and seconded by Cllr Moody-Jones that they be accepted. The Minutes were then signed as a true and accurate record by the Chairman.

**373 Matters Arising from these minutes**

Paragraph 355

After a short discussion it was agreed that instead of keeping the small cup in the hall, it would be kept by Cllr Jan Parry as Chair of the Community Council. Instead a framed photo of the large cup could be hung in the hall.

*AP Clerk to contact Cllr Parry and Ian Dixon regarding this*

Paragraph 357.2

 *AP Clerk to request extra cutting of the playing fields*

 Paragraph 357.6

 *AP Clerk to arrange new person to empty playground bin*

**374 Clerk’s Report**

The clerk’s report was reviewed.

Permission to use Playing Fields for wedding reception

After a short discussion the Council agreed that they were happy to provide permission for a voluntary donation of in the region of £50 and also providing only plastic glasses were used and all rubbish was removed.

*AP Clerk to contact applicant*

Japanese Knotweed

Given the recent correspondence with both the VoG and Natural Resources Wales, the Council agreed that there appeared to be no more they could do in trying to reinforce the landowner to clear the Knotweed.

Authority for expenditure

All expenditure was agreed and cheques were signed by two councillors

**375 Planning Matters**

See paragraph 365 for decision on Sycamore Cross Application.

 The Council had no further comments on the planning applications.

**376 Correspondence**

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

**377 Councillors Reports**

These were reviewed.

Cllr Pearson wished to raise the matter of the trees that had been donated to the Council for the playing fields. Cllr Moody-Jones was confident that Peterston Connect would be happy to plant them for the Council but would check with them. The Council agreed that they would fund any ties/protection needed for the trees.

*AP Cllr Parry to liaise with Peterston Connect*

Cllr Cadwalladr reported that the salt in the Grit bin on Wyndham Park had solidified and so needed replacing. Cllr Petre agreed to check the ones by him and report back if any other salt bins needed their salt replacing.

*AP All to check any Grit bins near their property and to report back any problems*

Approx. 3 weeks ago Cllr Cadwalladr had also had reported to her a blockage of the footpath behind Le Sor Hill by a Hay bale.

*AP Cllr Cadwalladr to confirm whether pathway still blocked.*

**361 Health & Safety matters**

The Clerk reported that the picnic tables in the playground needed repairing /replacing.

*AP Cllr Pearson to look at them and report back.*

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

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