

MERTHYR CYNOG

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 16 September 2013 In Merthyr Cynog Community Hall, Upper Chapel at 8.00 pm

Present

Mr A Lewis (Chair), Mr J Davies, Mr K Parry, Mrs H Price, Mrs S Prosser, Mr K Williams

1. **Apologies**

Mr J Price

2. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 08 July 2013 were signed as a correct record.

3. **Matters Arising**

Website:

Clerk advised that the £500 grant had been received with the August 2013 Precept payment. Clerk had looked at many different options to develop this website and quotes were received from three different companies. It was agreed that Clerk and Verity Jones would develop this website and contact Mr J Davies for further advice/help during this process.

Broadband:

Mr J Davies reported that the Broadband line at Merthyr Cynog is very poor and needs greatly improving. Clerk will contact appropriate companies to investigate this. Councillors also suggested it would be beneficial to the community to have a broadband point installed in the Village Hall. As currently without any mobile reception in the area contact could then be made via blackberry's, emails etc. (e.g. children waiting to be collected) Clerk to contact Village Hall to see if this would be possible and cost involved etc.

CAP Reform:

Mr K Williams suggested that the Community Council write a letter responding to the consultation of the CAP reforms. The letter should include how the reforms would have a significant impact on the Community, a large number of holdings have hill rights and under the suggested scheme would lose a large proportion of their income, impacting on the Community. Clerk will write a letter and email to Mr J Davies to check over before sending.

4. **Correspondence**

Police re: Rave. Reply received from Dyfed Powys Police, Clerk had spoken to Temporary Inspector in Brecon Matt Scrase who offered to come to our next meeting. Councillors advised that they would like the opportunity to talk to him and hear new proposals should a rave happen again - Clerk will contact Mr Scrase and arrange.

Brecon Advice Centre – Annual Report and Accounts 2012/2013 - Noted

Shelter Cymru – Annual Report and Accounts – NOTED

Open Access Mapping Team review of Maps – Councillors already aware. Mr J Davies raised the point of the Village Green in Merthyr Cynog. Councillors feel it needs to be registered as a Village Green. Clerk to find out if it is registered, if not how to go about it and if it is the responsibility of the Council to maintain.

South Wales Programme Feedback – copy of letter sent from Kirsty Williams and Roger Williams – Agreed shared the same concerns and raised the same issues as our Community Council had addressed

Powys County Council – Rural Housing Enabler – introduction letter. Clerk was asked to find out more about her work and how it could benefit us and the possibility of attending a meeting in the future.

Banking Details – Maintaining Customer Information form received from NATWEST, Councillors who are signatories completed and the Clerk will return in pre-paid envelope.

The Cynog Honddu Fundraising Group – Quiz on 27th September. Numerous other events on the same night so unable to raise a team

Powys Community Nectar Tree Scheme – Clerk to ask for further information and an application pack.

Powys SLCC – Clerk stated that membership may be useful so will look into it in time for next meeting.

5. Roads, Bridges and Highways

Mr J Price when sending apologies reported that the Potholes on the back road between Rhydyberry and Pontfaen were getting worse. This is an on-going problem that does need to get sorted before more damage occurs.

Mr J Davies and Mr A Lewis requested that a sign be placed on the Cwmfforch turn stating that it is not suitable for HGV's. Satellite Navigation systems are taking large lorry's that way which is very unsuitable.

Clerk will contact Powys Highways to report the above.

6. Finance

The Clerk reported that BDO audit had completed and we had received an invoice. A cheque was written for £72.00 made payable to the BDO - Clerk will post

Planning and Environment.

Planning application received for amended design at Coedtreff, Lower Chapel and the conversion of a former Byre and pigsty at Hendre, Merthyr Cynog.

Councillors had no comments to make.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting (unless otherwise decided) will be held at 7.30 on Monday 11th November 2013.

Signed..... Dated.....