

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING 7th December 2023 – PENYBONT COMMUNITY CENTRE at 7.00pm.

0823/01	Present: M Phillips, , P Knill, James Griffiths, J Le Mesurier, Cllr G Morgan Apologies: M Lawrence.
0823/02	Declarations of Interest: None
0823/03	Minutes of the Previous Meetings: The minutes of the Planning Meetings held on 2 nd November 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record. (JG/PK).
0823/04	Matters arising: from minutes of the previous meeting. None
0823/05	Village and Community Issues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Centre – Gm advised that the management committee were seeking a Treasurer. - School Governor Vacancy – the primary school advised of a Governor’s Vacancy and would like Community Council representation. Due to other commitments no Councillors could commit time to this. - The play areas were discussed – PCC housing officer advised that PCC residents had suggested seats at the play areas. It was agreed to progress this and to ask for PCC support to make improvements, including new play equipment subject to funding. The Clerk presented a simple £20,000 project outline but advised that updated costs would need to be gathered. Members also discussed the need for potential external funders.
0823/06	Finance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A bank reconciliation showed the following balances in hand which were noted and, with bank statements, agreed (PK/ML): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current Account £ 8,105.65 Savings Account £ 13,480.04 Management Accounts for the year to date were viewed and discussed Invoices approved for payment: Clerks salary Q3 due 648.96 Clerk salary back pay (q1-q3). 117.00 Penybont Community Centre room hire November 2023 £ 17.96 b) Applications for Community Funding – Wales Air Ambulance general funding – deferred to March 2024 c) 2023 Clerk’s pay review – the Clerk left the room while this was discussed. Cllrs considered NALC updated recommended pay scales. It was agreed to amend the Clerk’s pay to align with the 2023 pay scales and make a back dated payment to 01 /04/2023. (Clerk returned to meeting). d) Training Notes: Freedom of Information; Power to spend - Section 137 a briefing note was circulated and the key points discussed. e) 2023-25 appropriate sums S137 - noted that the maximum expenditure for the financial year 2024-25 will be £10.81 per elector. f) To consider and approve the budget and set a precept for 2024-25: Payments and receipts for the year to date and projected payments and income were noted. The current reserve amounts set aside for projects were reviewed and agreed to be maintained in full into 2024-25. It was noted that reserves would be adjusted to account for any project spend made in the current year. <p>A draft budget was discussed: Internal and External Audit Fees were increased as a full audit was due this year; Clerk’s salary was adjusted to reflect the increased hourly rate: Insurance budget was increased as insurance premium may increase to reflect increased value of community play equipment; Play equipment fund increased (partially offset by reduction in Crossgates Community Centre support award); a training budget to encourage and support</p>

	<p>volunteer participation was added.</p> <p>g) Members noted that the value of the tax base had reduced from £357.50 (2023-24) to £354.68 (2024-25). A total budget of £13,277.79 with £9,987.79 to be a precept request equalling £28.16 per household was agreed. JG/JLM</p> <p>(8.15 JLM apologised that family matters required that she leave the meeting – the Chairman thanked her for her attendance).</p>	
0823/07	<p>Planning Applications: No applications to consider. It was noted that work was underway to access the site behind houses opposite the service station. No updated planning information had been received but members noted that initial ground work had been undertaken at the site when permission was granted some years ago. GM advised that he had met with the most affected residents.</p>	
0823/08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence: A summary document was circulated and noted: • The Welsh Government consultation on a new Road Safety Strategy • Severn Wye Energy Advocacy hold weekly drop-ins at The Hive in Llandrindod town centre • Sustrans Cymru Webinar Youtube Webinar recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UmmA6V7PDDQ Presentations: https://we.tl/t-6BGzQnueDN • International Fraud Awareness Week 2023 – staying safe • Cymru Can – Future Generations Cymru Strategy 14/11/2023 launched Cymru Can, new seven-year strategy for a better today and tomorrow in Cymru. www.futuregenerations.wales • Consultation: Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report – February 2024 • Equality and Human Rights Casebook • Conference One Voice Wales will be holding its National Awards Conference on Wednesday 27th March 2024 • Consultation Senedd Cymru's Local Government and Housing Committee is consulting on the Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill. • Wales Climate Week • One Voice Wales Cost-of-Living Team, to look at the cost of living challenges being posed to Welsh communities. The programme runs until March 2026. • PCC – street lighting 	
0823/09	<p>Information and Powys County Council up-dates from the Local Member: GM advised – potential restructures of PCC to assist budgets; proportional representation for Council elections would be considered but required 2/3 of Councillors to agree before implementation; 20pmh limits to begin to be policed; PCC to develop and asset sales framework to be developed in the New Year; a meeting to discuss Confidentiality would take place in the New Year.</p>	
0823/10	<p>Member discussions and items on the Agenda to be raised at the next meeting: none</p>	
0823/11	<p>Exclusion of public and press due to the confidential nature of the following business items: None</p>	
0823/12	<p>Next Scheduled Ordinary Meeting to be held on 2nd February 2024. However, a January meeting to be called if required to deal with planning or any urgent matters.</p> <p>The Chairman wished every on a happy Christmas and best wishes for the holiday period were exchanged by all.</p>	
	<p>Meeting Closed 9.15 pm</p>	
SIGNED		DATE

