

# Aberhafesp Community Council

Minutes of Aberhafesp Community Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre

1. **Welcome**
2. **Apologies**
3. **Declaration of Interest**
4. **Minutes of previous meeting**
5. **Matters arising**
6. **Financial Update**
7. **Planning - Ref: 18/0383/FUL Erection of a single-story extension and enlargement of domestic curtilage. Arosfa Bwlch y Ffridd**
8. **Quoiting Bed Bwlch y Ffridd**
9. **County Councillor update**
10. **Other Issues**

**Present:** Cllrs. N Hamer (Chair), R Amy, A Pryce, G Green, A Nutting, County Cllr. H Hulme, R Hamer (clerk)

**Also Present:** Stephanie Arrowsmith, Ann Griffiths, Roy Ryland

1. **Welcome** - The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** - Cllrs. J Hopkins, R Jones
3. **Declaration of Interest** - C Cllr Hulme wish to note that if the subject of the village green at Hillcrest came up she would leave the meeting until the discussion had finished. As the case was on going.
4. **Minutes** - Minutes of previous meeting had been sent out to each councillor prior to the meeting. Proposed Cllr. G Green, Seconded Cllr. A Pryce, all in agreement minutes to be adopted. Chairman signed accordingly.
5. **Matters arising - Beechcroft** - No Decision - No movement on this since end of Jan 18.  
**Rhydlydan Mill** - No Decision - No movement since 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 18.  
**Cwm Farm Manure and Feedstore** - No Decision - No movement since 12<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> June.  
**Rectory blocked drain** - No update.  
**Rhiw Banc blocked drains** - No update.  
**Cefn Llydan blocked drains** - No update.  
**Oakdene Bwlch y Ffridd** - Dip in road - No update  
**Bwlch y Ffridd Sign moved** - No update.  
**Cwm Farm Ref: 18/0526/REM** - Clerk had received an email from planning consultant apologising for the mistake and that they had resubmitted the plans with the correct building. This has been updated on the PCC planning website. Highways have commented that they recommend enforcement action be taken against the applicant due to HGV passing bays not constructed as per the original approved plans.  
**Institute Land Bwlch y Ffridd** - Notice has gone into the Aberhafesp newsletter, on to Community Council website and on to noticeboards.
6. **Financial Update** - Clerk gave out the updated analysis of accounts the only change from last month was the interest received of 18p. Total of both accounts combined is £3579.21.  
The next meeting Nov/Dec there will be an estimated budget ready to decide on the amount of precept required for the next financial year.  
Clerk had received a request for a donation from Citizen Advice Powys in Newtown. It was noted that in the year prior to March 2018 they have given advice to 37 people in the Rhiwcynon ward. A

donation of £50 was proposed by Cllr. R Amy, Seconded by Cllr. A Nutting, all in agreement. Cheque for £50 signed.

7. **Ref: 18/0383/FUL Erection of single-story extension and enlargement of domestic curtilage Arosfa Bwlch y Ffridd** – Councillors had no comments. All in favour. Proposed Cllr A Nutting, Seconded Cllr A Pryce. All in agreement. Clerk to inform planning department.
8. **Quoiting Bed Bwlch y Ffridd** – After much discussion it was decided to ask the estate agents – McCartneys, Morris Marshal and Roger Parry, what interest there was to buying property in Bwlch y Ffridd, also to ask them to put a package together of prices and costs, without a cost to the Community Council as last time Norman R Lloyd charged £200 just to come out and look. Proposed by Cllr. A Nutting, Seconded by Cllr A Pryce, All in agreement.
9. **County Councillor Update** – Please see report attached. During this update Mr R Ryland asked C Cllr Hulme about NHS dentists and trying to get appointments with them. C Cllr Hulme to bring up at her next meeting.
10. **Other Issues** – Clerk had received an email from a resident of Bwlch y Ffridd Stephanie Arrowsmith, which was read out. Stephanie was concerned about garden waste, grass cuttings etc, being dumped in the woods on the lane towards Gregynog Hall above the Lodge House near to the brook, and also in the wood opposite Isfryn. She was concerned that the waste near to the brook may cause a damming environmental effect and may causes flooding to the houses, that the brook ran near to in Bwlch y Ffridd. She was also concerned that the collapsed carport next to the Lodge House may contain asbestos, which was a health and safety issue. Clerk to contact Gregynog Hall and John Smout the owner of the wood, to inform them of this. Roy Ryland also pointed out that there was grass cutting piled up near the brook opposite Oakdene, chair confirmed that he was one person that did this along with his neighbours, clerk to inform neighbours not to do this anymore and remove grass that is there at the moment.

Clerk had also received an email from Mrs Marilyn Bedworth asking if a neighbourhood watch scheme could be set up in Aberhafesp. Councillors thought that as the village of Aberhafesp was spread out, it would be hard to police and that it would be better if smaller groups of houses, that were close by, got together and looked out for each other. Clerk to reply to Marilyn Bedworth.

Clerk had also received an email from Mr Dave Huggins with regards to planning application 18/0466/FUL Erection of free-range egg production unit Parc Yr Esgob Farm Llanwnog. Mr Huggins had pointed out that he was concerned about the manure management plan of this application, as it was on 3 fields above Aberhafesp Community Centre, and the nitrate level pollution of the Nant-Rhyd-ros-lan. At this point Cllrs. N Hamer and G Green declared that they had an interest in the Community Centre as they are both on the committee. After much discussion and looking at the manure management plans it was decided that they wanted to make the following comments: There is no buffer zone in the field next to the Community Centre, and due to the topography of the land, water run-off from the field adjacent to the centre would enter the drains and then enter the brook. They hoped that the letter that Mr Dave Huggins had sent in about his concerns on the nitrate levels and wildlife in the area would be considered. They also wanted to know if any of the properties in the area had been contacted to see if they have a well on their land? Also, the Community Centre hold events, it would be off putting to people because of the smells and that this then attract flies. Proposed by Cllr. R Amy, Seconded by Cllr. A Nutting, all in agreement. Clerk to inform PCC planning.

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.47pm

## REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HEULWEN D HULME

OCTOBER 2018

### PROPERTY SEMINAR 20.09.18

2 Partnerships are in place – PREP (Powys Real Estates Partnership. ) is a partnership between Powys County Council and Arcadis. 10 year contract in place. Advisory role in supporting and managing the Authorities land, commercial, farming assets and depots. Not council housing estates this is covered by HOWPS (Heart of Wales Property Services)

### COUNTY HALL REFURBISHMENT

It is 30 since the building was built and it is currently undergoing a complete refurbishment. The total cost of the refurbishment is estimated to be in excess of £200K. Safety concerns have been identified and safety measures will be increased.

### HOMELESSNESS REVIEW

PCC continue to focus on managing people in crisis. It is often a very complexed and demands on a variety of services. There is a reliance on the private housing section and we also work very closely with Dept. of Work & Pensions. The authority has 58 units of temporary accommodation. In 2017 they re-housed 384 people. In Q1 of 2018 they have re-housed 114. 70% is in the Welshpool and Newtown areas. 30% rest of Powys. They have also recruited 3 tenancy support officers to help people manage homelessness and tenants in arrears.

At the Health Care and Housing Committee meeting yesterday there was a request to the Housing Service for the number of evictions undertaken by the Council last year. The Service has provided the following figures for the last 3 years:

2015/16 – 8

2016/17 – 12

2017/18 – 8

### LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE

Is a new initiative aimed at improving the fabric of our estates. More green spaces, play areas and garages. It is hoped this will prevent tenancy failures, reduce homelessness. It will look at what housing is preferred and will engage with tenants to take 'ownership' of their estates.

### ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES

Steady progress is being made with improving performance as the service responds to the specific recommendations from inspectors. The board was advised of increasing pressures in some areas such as delayed transfer of care and available domiciliary care provision. Adult service performance reporting remains under development with discussion still needed on some of the information needed yet to be completed, the board will want to see progress by the next meeting. The improvement board is keen to see financial and performance information broken down in key areas such as mental health and learning disabilities. Overall the Improvement and Assurance Board was pleased with the steady progress made by the service. The service will receive a Care Inspectorate Wales monitoring visit in December.

### CHILDREN SOCIAL SERVICES

The planned inspection by CIW will run over two sessions between October 1-19, will be an important assessment of progress made to-date. Once the inspection report is available it will form the basis of a new baseline for future improvement work for the service. Children services performance improvement remains a major concern for the board with the service still not hitting statutory visit targets for looked after children and child protection cases. The

Director assured the board that all visits will be up to date by the end of September and that performance would be maintained from then onwards. In general, the Board is aware that performance is considerably better than a year ago but workload and staffing pressures mean that the service remains under considerable pressure and that there is still a great deal to do.

#### POWYS COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL

PRIMARY CARE PRESENTATION 9.10.18 – There are 7 GP practices in North Powys and each practice operates under 3 different contracts. Essentials (mandatory) Additional (optional) Enhanced (optional). Generally the practices offer enhanced services but this is dependent upon the skills base within the practice and opportunity for personal development. GP recruitment is challenging and NHS Wales have introduced a GP Sustainability Framework. This covers premises, size of patient base and recruitment. Newtown is currently noted as High Risk whereas Llanfair, Montgomery is Low Risk. Our GP practices are changing and more emphasis is now on recruiting more qualified practitioners i.e. Pharmacy technicians, Health Care Support Worker, Urgent Care Practitioners. This then frees up the GP for more needy appointments.

LLANFAIR CAEREINION HEALTH HUB – WG funding has been obtained. PTHB have shortlisted 4 possible developers. Site selection and detailed design is now underway. The new building will accommodate the medical practice and a range of community and other primary care services. It has to be completed by March 2021.

NHS 111 – since the launch there has been no changes to service levels. The change over has been managed exceptionally well.

WINTER SERVICE PLAN – PTHB, WAST, SATH are working closely together. The plan to WG has been submitted and incorporates the planned changes at Telford Hospital.

TELFORD HOSPITAL – The planned closure of A & E at this hospital is scheduled to take effect from mid November and will be closed from 8pm – 8am. Staffing at this hospital remains critical and patient safety must be the priority. Wrexham Maelor Hospital may become an alternative option.

SATH – The Clinical Quality Commission have issued a Section 31 notice on the quality of care at both hospitals and PTHB are now tracking all Powys pregnant mums to ensure they receive the necessary care and safely.

HYWEL DDA HEALTH BOARD – Their consultation is now finished. 26.9.18 it was agreed to embark on a 20 year plan for services in Ceredigion and Carmarthen. Bronglais Hospital will remain with a reinforced and strengthened service. They have had a successful recruitment campaign from surgeons down to nursing staff.

FUTURE FIT – 17500 + replies to the consultation. It will take about 8 weeks to process the results. The Joint Clinical Commissioning Groups will meet in Feb 2019 to make the decision. Thereafter building work to reconfigure the site will commence 2020/21.

NEWTOWN VISION – Will look at how to deliver services differently from a Rural Regional Centre. Aimed at the Montgomeryshire area it will include health, Education and housing.

WELSH AMBULANCE SERVICE TRUST – There is now a 'HALO' Hospital Allocation Location Officer in place at the RSH to reduce the delayed transfer of care patients. In September there were 16 DTOC patients awaiting care packages/nursing home placement/community hospital placement.

#### SCHOOL TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME

The Council is planning a significant investment programme to improve school buildings in Newtown, as part of the second phase (Band B) of the Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools Programme. This is expected to include the following elements:

- Replacement building for Ysgol Cedewain
- Investment in primary provision in Newtown
- Development of designated Welsh-medium secondary provision

Initial planning work has started, which has included initial discussions with headteachers, Chairs of Governors and Newtown Town Council, and this will continue during the autumn term.

Discussions are also taking place with other organisations, including the Health Board, about possible linkages with other developments planned for Newtown