

Aberhafesp Community Council

Minutes of Aberhafesp Community Council meeting held on 14th November 2018 on the Community Centre.

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

Also present: John Owen, Duncan Davies, Liz Owen, Darren Owen, Lynn Swaine, Roger Swaine, Roy Ryland, Ifor Wigley, John Day, Sue Day, Rob Gallier, Patrick Fitzgerald

1. **Welcome** - The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** - Cllr. R Jones
3. **Declaration of Interest** - Cllr. A Nutting declared an interest in Cwm Farm planning application.
4. **Minutes** - Minutes of previous meeting had been sent out to each councillor prior to this meeting. Proposed by Cllr A Nutting, Seconded by Cllr R Amy, All in agreement minutes to be adopted. Chairman signed accordingly.
5. **Matters arising -Beechcroft** No decision, no movement since Feb. 18.
Rhydlydan Mill - No decision, no movement since 18th Sept 18.
Cwm Farm Manure store - Approved - **RESOLVED**
Cwm Farm Feedstore - No decision, no movement since 14th June 18.
Cwm Farm Photovoltaics - Approved - **RESOLVED**
Arosfa Bwlch y Ffridd - No decision, no movement since 18th Oct 18.
Llanwnog Muck spreading - No decision, no movement since 30th Oct 18.
Rectory - Blocked drain - **RESOLVED**
Rhiw Banc - Blocked drains - **RESOLVED**
Cefn Llydan Blocked drains - Clerk to get update from PCC
Oakdene Bwlch y Ffridd - Road collapsing where brook runs under the road. The design department of PCC are going to have a detailed look and decide what to do.
Bwlch y Ffridd sign - sign had been moved to under the 30mph sign. C. Cllr Hulme confirmed that it was as the landowner's request. Lynne Swaine advised that the pole that was now in its place was going to have the sign on, but it was obscured by the large trees and so was moved to the 30mph sign. **RESOLVED**
Garden waste in woods Bwlch y Ffridd - The landowner had been contacted, who had taken advice from Powys countryside Services. Four signs have now been erected asking

for residents not to dump their waste and advising them to contact PCC for advice.

RESOLVED

Garden waste in woods on lane to Gregynog Hall and Carport/Garage at The Lodge Gregynog Hall - Gregynog Hall had been contacted they had advised that they had spoken to the family that they believe to be dumping the garden waste. They are currently in contact with a company to remove the carport/ garage at the Lodge, and will advise on a date for this removal.

Neighbourhood Watch - Marilyn Bedworth had asked if a piece on this could be written for the next Aberhafesp newsletter. Clerk to contact PCSO Liann Richards to see if she could help with this.

6. **Financial Update** - The financial analysis was handed out to each councillor and then passed to the members of the public for them to look at. Combined total in account now £3118.15, the Cheque for £50 that was sent to Powys Citizens advice, has so far not been cashed.

It had been agreed at a previous meeting that PAYE could be paid electronically, clerk had been in contact with the bank and now had a form that needed authorisation by the councillors. A daily limit also needed to be agreed. It was proposed by Cllr. A Pryce that a limit of £400 should be set and seconded by Cllr J Hopkins. All councillors were in agreement. Form was filled out and signed by Cllrs. G Green and A Nutting.

Clerk also gave the councillors and estimated budget for next year 2019/20 it was discussed and then agreed that the precept would rise by 5%, which was approximately an extra £267.50. Proposed by Cllr G Green, seconded by Cllr. A Pryce. All in agreement.

7. **Correspondence** - A letter had been received from PCC with regards to expressions of interest invited for Healthy, Active and Outdoor Projects. Its aim was to improve and publicise the local public rights of way networks, and encourage local residents to be involved in path maintenance and improvements in the local area. It was decided that the letter would be place on the notice board for all to see.
8. **Planning - REF: 18/0539/FUL Extension of existing poultry unit at Cwm Farm.** There were currently 44 documents on this application, C Cllr. Hulme pointed out that as poultry farms were generally an area of concern the documents for planning application were now very detailed. A detailed letter from local resident Mr Dave Huggins was on PCC planning site expressing his concerns, environmental, brook and how many poultry farms there were in the area, not just in Aberhafesp, but also just outside and the accumulative effect. Chair Cllr N Hamer then pointed out a few issues: Failure to mention that the closest house within the village of Bwlch y Ffridd is approximately 768m, the same as Maesnant, which is mentioned and the applicants house which is over 800m. Design Access Statement states that there are no public footpaths but two run straight through the ranging area, which is fenced off using chicken wire and electric fencing. It states that all of the land that the chicken manure will be spread on is owned by the applicant, however Cllr. N Hamer believes that one field is owned by a neighbouring farm, and the applicant rents this from them. Maps of muck management spreading areas do not show buffer zones to property and watercourses, which would be easier to see, although it is mentioned in writing. Ponprynllwyd field has been earmarked for spreading, but this field is too steep and is close to houses and the brook. Two passing bays have been applied for, but these were part of the original planning application for the first chicken shed, but have not been done. Cllr N Hamer thought that the passing bays should be in place before any planning is looked at or granted. Field No SJ2121 3728 unable to locate where this field is for planned muck spreading, as it does not state that muck is being transported.

The applicant Mr Duncan Davies, then responded to some of the issues raised, the passing bays on the previous approved planning application, had not been constructed due to

various issues within PCC, the bays were eventually approved but were wrong and would not fit where they proposed to put them. PCC Highways agreed that they could be added and put through on this current planning application. Mr Davies took on board the need to construct the bays, if the application was approved, before the work commenced on the shed. Mr Davies also stated that his use of fertilizers would be reduced as he would be using the chicken muck. Trees have been planted but had not yet grown, not as suggested in Mr Dave Huggins letter. The manure store would hold enough for the two sheds to enable spreading of the manure at the correct times of year. The field that was unable to be located was at his fathers property and so would be transported out of the area. The shed would have scrubbers that would clean the air before it was let out. NRW had done all the work in considering the other poultry sheds in the area. The footpaths in the ranging area, gates would be placed so that the public footpaths could still be used. Mr Davies also informed the councillors of a project that he was involved in for other uses of chicken manure. EIP project funding of up to £40,000 for research into making muck into pellet form, this was currently in the early research stages of looking into drying the muck. It was proposed by Cllr R Amy and seconded by Cllr. A Nutting that the points raised would be send to Powys planning, but that they did not oppose the application. Clerk to write to PCC.

9. **Quoiting Beds** - Information had been received from estate agents Roger Parry, McCartneys and Morris Marshal. All 3 agents stated that the planning would be local needs. Cllr N Hamer then stated that the Community Council had not yet decided to sell the land and so would reply in due course.

Roy Ryland then read out a letter, see attached. Cllr N Hamer responded to the lack of notice by clarifying the notice was put up 3 clear days as per the statutory requirements, not 3 working days, but there is an issue in Bwlch y Ffridd with things disappearing off the noticeboard. Cllr, N Hamer then stated that the land is registered with Aberhafesp Community Council, under possessory title deed. The rest of the letter will be dealt with through community council solicitor. After people started to speak without going through the chair and speaking over each other. County Cllr Hulme stood and called the meeting to order and told that all comments were to be addressed through the chair.

Mr Swaine address the chair and spoke that he would make lockable noticeboards at no costs, but this was not relevant to the Quoiting beds, at this point the meeting went off agenda with members of the public speaking about things that were not relevant specifically to the Quoiting beds. It was then proposed by Cllr R Amy to delay decision on this until the next meeting, seconded by Cllr A Pryce, all in agreement.

10. **County Councillor Update** - See notice attached. C Cllr Hulme also mentioned that the lack of NHS dental appointments as mentioned in previous minutes is on the agenda for January 19.

11. **Other Issues** - Cllr Green asked if the Councillors would consider a donation to the Community Association coffee morning that was in aid on Lingen Davies Cancer fund, at this point both Cllr G Green and Cllr N Hamer declared an interest as they are both on the committee. It was proposed by Cllr G Green £50 donation which was seconded by Cllr J Hopkins, all in agreement. Cheque was raised and signed.

Mr Roger Swaine address the chair and stated that not all residents had received the newsletter. Cllr N Hamer stated that was not to do with the Community Council, but that he would bring it to the attention of the committee of the Community Centre. It was then asked if the agenda could be emailed to the residents of Bwlch y Ffridd. Cllr N Hamer

stated that we were meeting the obligations of the Community Council. Mr Swaine then asked if the Councillors were elected or co-opted? Cllr N Hamer replied that all councillors were brought on through the correct procedures. Mr Swaine then stated that he thought it was disrespectful of the councillors to sit with their back to the public. At this point C Cllr Hulme stood and stated that the public should be addressing the Chair and that he was facing them. In full council chambers this is how the councillors would sit with the members of the public at the back. Cllr R Amy then stated that in all the meetings that he had attended as a member of public and then as a councillor there had never been this many members of the public present, and this was the way that the meetings had always been held.

Warning sign bend in road obscured by hedge in Aberhafesp. Clerk to contact PCC.

Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm

Community Council Meeting 14th November 2018

The following are to be appended to the minutes of this meeting.

- 1) There has been insufficient notice of this meeting and as a result Bwlch y Ffridd residents are not being adequately represented. It is not adequate to put up a notice of a meeting 24 hours beforehand. The statutory requirement is 3 working days.**
- 2) Ownership of the Quoiting Field is not proven. Research is ongoing privately on this matter but no evidence of any research has ever been presented by the Community Council, and neither has there been any adequate notification of any proposals concerning this land for example at the time it was fenced off.**
- 3) If ownership cannot be proved and the correct documentation physically produced then no proposals can be considered. It is not tenable to be proceeding on the basis of 'word of mouth' as this leaves the CC open to legal challenge.**
- 4) If indeed the old Bwlch y Ffridd Local Recreation Association purchased the land or it was gifted then any proceeds from any sale of the said land should go entirely to Bwlch y Ffridd for the purposes of making improvements, for example, the making of the Institute in to proper village green and parking area. These funds cannot be re-distributed to whole of the parish of Aberhafesp.**
- 5) In all events the quoiting field is valuable green open space acting as a buffer between buildings and should not have been fenced off without formal agreement with the residents of Bwlch y Ffridd.**
- 6) The Bwlch y Ffridd Local Recreation Association is NOT automatically equivalent to the Community Council, and to imply that it is, may be open to legal challenge.**

RW. Rylands

Rock House Farm

Bwlch y Ffridd.

13.11.18

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HEULWEN HULME

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2018

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF COUNCIL OWNED RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES

BUPA Care Homes Partnerships have managed the homes for the last 20 years and the contract will expire at the end of May next year. BUPA have confirmed they will not be continuing beyond May 31, 2019.

The council put out an enquiry to the open market in the summer and received considerable response. PCC issued an invitation to tender on 10 October to attract potential business partners to submit an expression of interest in the management and operations of the council owned care homes for the next 3-5 years. The invitation to tender also refers to the Integrated Care Facility in Builth Wells, where we are working closely with Powys THB on the options for future management.

The closing date for interested parties will be October 30, with a short listing due to be completed in early November. This will allow for a fair and transparent tender process to take place, and will ensure good quality residential care providers have the opportunity and time to submit a tender.

SOCIAL MEDIA BRIEFING 31.10.2018

Social media is here to stay whether you are a fan of it or not. Facebook, Twitter, Blogging. But the important thing is to get it right.

1. Its here to stay so get familiar with it
2. Getting started and which one do you choose
3. Make it work for you – whether you want comments, buying or selling
4. Use good language not language
5. Make sure it is not fake news or gossip
6. Get it right not wrong – do your research to make sure its correct
7. Keep safe – Insurance companies are refusing to pay out on claims and break ins as you have publicised via social media that you are on holiday.
8. Keep within the law – avoid pre determination.
9. Make time for social media as it is interactive
10. Enjoy social media

CHILDRENS SERVICES

Key performance indicators for Children's Services, including statutory visits and supervision, remain stable but are still not at the required level. For example, timeliness of statutory visits should be close to 100 per cent performance whereas current performance is in the low 80 per cent range. In terms of supervision, whilst levels and quality have improved, again they have not yet reached good practice levels.

It is pleasing to note increasing examples of good practice, but this now needs to become the norm throughout the service with a strong focus on the needs of children and outcomes.

The board recognised that the authority had made significant progress in recent months adopting a strategic framework and permanence strategy, but much work remains to ensure that this intent delivers effectiveness within frontline service delivery.

The high level of looked after children and out of county placements are priority areas that need to be addressed. Although the position has improved the board recognised that there was a great deal more work to be done. The workforce is key to delivering the necessary improvements.

ADULT SERVICES

Most key performance indicators for Adult Services are performing strongly, and it is pleasing to note that quality assurance work identified high levels of good and excellent practice. This is an area that will be tested during the December monitoring visit and will help reassure the authority that its internal assessment work is robust.

The service is facing real pressures from demographic changes and delayed transfer of care, Powys is not unique, local authorities across Wales are facing similar situations but it is up to each authority to respond in their own way and address their own pressures.

BUDGET

The role of the board is to ensure that the budget plans put forward by the council recognise the pressures facing children and adult services, and that the services are delivered efficiently.

Any budget assessment should be realistic in terms of cost pressures to ensure that any proposal for social care improvement are deliverable. The assumptions currently made meet this test.

The board agreed that there continued to be progress on the improvement journey and there remained much work to do. There is a clear need to increase the pace of change and make sure that the policies, strategies and commitment given by the council were fully implemented.

BREXIT 7.11.18

PCC are making plans for a no Brexit deal. This includes 2 weekly meetings with WLGA who are collating information from the 22 authorities towards an overall policy for Wales but with variations applicable to the different CC. These includes talks with Agriculture, PTHB, Emergency Services, Fuel Distributors, Food Suppliers/Supermarkets, large companies in Powys (% of EU workers/exports/imports).

HOUSING STOCK

Since 2103 PCC have spent 47m on upgrades and refurbishments of the social housing stock. These include new kitchens, bathrooms, roofs and re-wiring. As part of the (WHQS) Welsh Housing Quality Standards PCC aim to provide safe, warm and damp free homes. The aim is to get all home to have an energy efficiency rating system greater than 65% + by 2020.

BWLCH Y FFRIDD REFUSE TRIANGLE

PCC –have now installed purple bag signs in English and welsh on the green bins at the triangle near to Bwlch Cae Haidd. It is essential that only purple bags are placed in the bin. **NO BLACK BINS BAGS.**