

# Aberhafesp Community Council

Minutes of Aberhafesp Community Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 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**
  - **Pre-Planning Consultation – Sunny View Caravan Park Bwlch y Ffridd (see notice attached)**
  - **Ref: 18/0526/REM Section 73 application to vary condition 2 of approved planning P/2016/0382 at Cwm Farm Bwlch y Ffridd**
8. **Institute Land Bwlch y Ffridd**
9. **County Councillor update**
10. **Other Issues**

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

**Also Present:** Mr Rob Gallier

1. **Welcome** - The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** - Cllr. R Jones
3. **Declaration of Interest** - None
4. **Minutes** - Minutes of the previous meeting had been sent out to each councillor prior to the meeting. Proposed Cllr A Nutting, Seconded Cllr R Amy, all in agreement minutes to be adopted. Chairman signed accordingly.
5. **Matters arising – Beechcroft** - No decision  
**Flood Disqwillfa Lane - RESOLVED**  
**Rhydlydan Mill** - Ecologist reported that they require dedicated bat loft and detailed lighting design scheme to consider any impact on the wildlife.  
**Cwm Farm Manure and feed store** - No decision.  
**Blocked drain Rectory** - Marks have been noted on road. C Cllr Hulme to update.  
**Blocked drains by Rhiw Banc** - C Cllr. Hulme to update.  
**Blocked drains by Cefn Llydan** - C Cllr Hulme to update.  
**T Junction sign Aberhafesp - RESOLVED**  
**Dip in road outside Oakdene Bwlch y Ffridd** - PCC have been out to inspect, but no update from that.
6. **Financial Update** - Clerk showed Cllrs the analysis of the accounts detailing that £1783 had been received for precept.  
**Cheques authorised and signed** - Clerk wages £369.05 and PAYE £92.20. Clerk requested that future payment of PAYE be paid electronically, this would then be shown on the analysis of accounts spreadsheets and the monthly statements from the bank. Proposed Cllr. J Hopkins, Seconded Cllr. G Green. All in agreement.  
**The Audit** had now been received back, one comment was that 'the notice of appointment of date for the exercise of electors rights' commenced before the council approved and signed the statement of accounts. Clerk did not realise this but now knows for next time.

Other matters that they felt should be addressed by the council but did not affect the audit opinion was: PCC took the election fees out of the precept but this was not noted in the accounts as expenditure. The precept figure should have been recorded as a gross figure and the election fee then as an expenditure.

They also noted that we hold a low level of general reserves approximately 15% of the annual precept for 2017/18 after allowing for reserves that are earmarked for specific purposes. The auditor thought that we should consider taking steps to increase the level of reserves in future years if we consider it necessary.

The cost of the audit this year is £225.75 plus VAT £45.15 total £270.90

Chairman Cllr N Hamer would also thanked Clerk R Hamer for her work on completing the audit.

7. **Planning - Pre Planning Consultation - Sunny View caravan Park Bwlch y Ffridd.** Cllrs studied the plans and decided that they did not wish to make any comments until the planning application came through PCC planning department. Clerk to inform Hughes Architects  
Clerk asked that as this was the second pre planning consultation with no comments did they wish to have a meeting to discuss each one or could the clerk send a no comment at this time automatically? It was decided that they did wish to have a meeting and that it would be decided if they wish to comment on each individual pre planning consultation. All in agreement.  
**REF: 18/0526/REM section 73 application to vary condition 2 of approved planning P/2016/0382 at Cwm Farm Bwlch y Ffridd.** After much discussion it was decided that although they agreed to the application it was noted that the plans were for a building that had not yet been through planning application. Clerk to inform PCC planning department.
8. **Institute Land Bwlch y Ffridd -** Chairman had met with McCartneys estate agents on Monday to get a price for selling the Institute land and the Quoiting beds.  
Institute land had a guide price of £10,000 by auction, potential value with planning permission £40,000 with an uplift of 30-40%  
Quoiting beds had a guide price of £10,000 - £20,000. Potential value with planning approximately £80,000. Any money raised would be deposited into a trust fund and released to community groups and projects. It was decided that the public should have a say on the Institute land as this was currently being used by residents and visitors for parking. If residents started parking outside their property this may cause highway issues. It was decided that local people should be able to make their opinion known as to what to do with the land. Clerk to put a note in the next Aberhafesp Newsletter asking for opinions of what should happen to the land. All opinions/comments to be received by end of the year. Proposed by Cllr G Green Seconded by Cllr A Nutting. All in agreement.  
It was noted that the Quoiting beds need tidying up. Clerk to put possible sale of Quoiting bed land on the agenda for the next meeting.
9. **County Councillor update -** A number of road repairs in the area, Garreglwyd bank, should be done and resurfaced by Christmas.  
**PCC** are to build a crematorium by 2025 with a £3 million investment, location of this is unknown at the moment.  
**NHS 111** will be the new number for out of hours GP instead of Shropdoc from 3<sup>rd</sup> October. There will be 2 options for either the GP or the advice line.  
**Adult and child social services** continue to make improvements, they will be assessed again in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October to see where they are against their improvement plan.  
**In the Welsh Government Public accountability measures** PCC came 6<sup>th</sup> out of 22 authorities:  
1<sup>st</sup> in terms of disability services  
1<sup>st</sup> in % of appeal  
2<sup>nd</sup> in school attendance  
19<sup>th</sup> Fly Tipping - failure to collect within 5 days  
20<sup>th</sup> Road repairs on B & C class roads

The community garden waste skips are coming to an end. PCC now propose delivering to residents at their request grass bins, which will be collected at an annual charge of £35 per household.

10. **Other Issues - Hillcrest Village Green Meeting** is on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October at Trefeglwys village hall.

**Aberhafesp Newsletter** - Clerk had received an email from Marilyn requesting something to put in the newsletter as she was struggling to get anything. Clerk suggested that the report that Jean Morgan had put together picking out information from the last 46 years of the community council be sent. All in agreement.

**Bwlch y Ffridd sign** has been removed and a smaller sign placed below the 30mph sign. A post has now appeared where the original sign was. C Cllr. Hulme to look into.

**Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm**