

# Aberhafesp Community Council

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Minutes of Aberhafesp Community Council AGM followed by ordinary meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020 via Zoom.

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**Present:** Cllrs. N Hamer (chair), A Nutting, G Green, R Amy, J Hopkins, C Cllr Hulme, Mrs R Hamer (clerk)

**Also present:** Mr D Moore, Mr A McVicar for point 12 Planning on agenda.

1. **Welcome** - The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that due to Covid we were unable to hold AGM in May. Chair asked that everyone be on mute unless speaking and noted that if the meeting ran over 40 minutes that we were all to sign back on using the same details.
2. **Apologies** - Cllr A Pryce.
3. **Election of chair and vice chair.** Current chair and vice would remain in position until AGM 2021.
4. **Minutes of previous AGM, 2019,** - This had already been adopted and signed at the ordinary meeting in June 2019.
5. **Chair Report** - Report was read out. Please see attached.
6. **Items for review** - Clerk had reviewed, Standing orders, Publication scheme and financial risk assessment. Only update was on financial risk assessment. Document security had now moved from very high risk to a medium risk since the purchase of a filing cabinet which was locked and in a locked cupboard and the community centre. Clerk to update website.
7. **Councillors Allowance opt out form** - Cllrs were asked to fill out forms if they did not wish to claim the £150 allowance and either email back or drop off at home for clerk. This ended the AGM and the ordinary meeting continued.
8. **Declaration of interest** - None
9. **The minutes of the previous meeting** had been sent to each councillor prior to the meeting. Proposed Cllr. Nutting, seconded Cllr. Green. All in agreement minutes to be adopted.
10. **Matters arising** - **Cwm Farm** - No update - pending decision.  
**Tan y Coed** - Approved - RESOLVED  
**Hillcrest pavement clearance** - Map of Hillcrest had been received which showed which parts of Hillcrest were adopted. Head of Highways PCC will outline what is to be done, but the

understanding is that the paths will be top coated. Highways were very surprised that this had not been done before adopted. It is not top priority to do and only the adopted parts are to be done.

**Aberhafesp/b signs** - PCC still waiting to hear back from Caersws CC.

**HGV's through Bwlch y Ffridd** - C Cllr Hulme had been in contact with both farm owners and asked them to contact the haulage company with regards to size of vehicles on road. The farms had met with highways criteria to get planning.

**Abandoned sewerage works Aberhafesp** - Clerk had been in contact with Hafren Dyfrdwy who advised PCC responsible. Clerk had then contact PCC who had asked for HOWPS, housing, to investigate as works are behind the old council houses.

**11. Financial update - Bank** - £3475.68 plus £30,000. Cheques that had been agreed had all been cashed except for £50 cheque for Mr L Jones.

**12. Planning 20/1106/FUL Gethin Waen** - Chair explained that he had received a number of letters of objections from residents with regards to this and then summarised them. The residents were then given the opportunity to speak: It was confirmed that the refuse lorry did collect from the junction of the lane and so assumed that the refuse from the campsite would also be left there to be collected. It was stated that the lane was generally in poor repair and that 6 years ago the road had subsided into the brook. The quality of the road would not take the increase in traffic to the campsite due to potholes and no passing places. The brook that runs through the site otters and crested newts has been seen, so an ecology report was needed. The site was further away from the applicants property and so would be hard to supervise. The 4 parking spaces does not meet the parking prevision, as each tent could possibly sleep 6 people. Access through the applicants farmyard would be better to be able to supervise site. The change of use gives early consent and easier to make a bigger future development.

**At this point Zoom turned off and everyone had to sign back on. Cllr Hopkins was unable to sign back on but the meeting continued.**

The site was 150 yards from a residents home and they directly look down onto it. It would effect their privacy. The site was further away from the applicants home. If it was nearer to applicants home, she would be able to monitor and deal with enquiries or emergencies as patchy mobile signal. People do not act quietly when they are on holiday as they are there to have a good time. The road was a big concern as narrow with no passing points. It was noted that there was a public footpath that ran from near campsite along boundary of property, likely to be an increase of people using it. C Cllr Hulme advised that an Impact statement report was not required. Ecologist report is required. The road and parking issues Highways will make the necessary recommendations. Refuse collection will have to have a trade waste agreement which uses a different vehicle. Mobile phone signal is not a planning consideration.

The property closest to the site is 150 yards away, and will hear every noise, they have no connection to the site. If the site was located nearer to the applicant they would be able to monitor who goes there as, extra people could also turn up and have more than 6 in tent. The noise should not be left up to local residents to deal with. The applicant has stated to planning officer that she does not want stag and hen do's, but is more for people who want a quiet week away. Planning cannot condition who goes there.

It was proposed not to support application due to disturbance to neighbours, and the unsuitable road. It was felt it would be more suited if the campsite was located nearer to the applicants home with access through their farmyard. Proposed by Cllr Amy, seconded by Cllr Nutting all in agreement. Clerk to inform planning department.

**13. Correspondence** - None.

14. **County Councillor update** – August report had been sent to all cllrs. The next PCC town and Community council meeting was on 15<sup>th</sup> October. Clerk advised that she had received the invitation. New job centre scheme aimed at 16 – 24 year old people called Kickstart where by companies offer 30 placements and pay minimum wage for 6 months. Trading standards had received 3500 calls about businesses that were not compliant on track and trace and social distancing etc. Cllr Hopkins then re-joined the meeting.
15. **Other Issues** – Chair suggested that maybe the council should sign up to Zoom as there was no sign of being able to use the community centre. When the free meeting cuts out it disrupts the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr. Nutting. All in agreement clerk will look into different options and sign up to the best one. She will also look into ‘Go to meeting that Cllr Amy had used before.

With no further issues the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.