

Aberhafesp Community Council

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Minutes of Aberhafesp Community Council meeting held 23rd January 2020 at Aberhafesp Community Centre.

1. **Welcome**
2. **Apologies**
3. **Declaration of Interest**
4. **Minutes of previous meeting**
5. **Matters arising**
6. **Financial Update**
7. **Quoting Bed Land**
8. **Planning 19/2084/FUL Cwm, Bwlch y Ffridd – Erection of steel portal framed building to create a livestock feed/sorting yard and associated works.**
9. **Public comments on PCC planning website**
10. **Mid Wales Growth Deal**
11. **Correspondence**
12. **County Councillor update**
13. **Other Issues**

Present: Cllrs N Hamer (chair), R Jones (Vice), J Hopkins, G Green, R Amy, C Cllr H Hulme, Mrs R Hamer (clerk)

1. **Welcome** – The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** – Cllr A Pryce.
3. **Declaration of interest** – None
4. **Minutes of previous meeting** had been sent to each councillor. Proposed Cllr. R Amy, seconded Cllr G Green. All in agreement minutes to be adopted.
5. **Matters arising – Beechcroft Aberhafesp** – last updated with footpath plan.
Bronfynnon Bwlch y Ffridd – Pending Consideration.
Sunnyview Bwlch y Ffridd – Pending Consideration.
Woodview Aberhafesp – Pending Decision.
Caebryn Bwlch y Ffridd – Approved – RESOLVED
Sign Institute land – Workshop had been closed but as soon as sign was made it would be sent to Highways Newtown for them to erect. Approx. 3 weeks.
Old Rectory Aberhafesp Right of Way – Letter was sent to the landowner, who had telephoned to say that he would put a gate to access the public footpath.
Aberhafesp/b – Clerk had written to Cllr Alexander who was in agreement that the signs should stay as Aberhafesp. Highways had written to Caersws CC for their views on the spelling of Llanwnnog/Llanwnnog. New highway signs were on hold in both areas until this was resolved.
Potholes – All potholes were on job sheets at Highways.

6. **Financial Update** – All instalments of precept had now been received and the bank balance was £3915.36.
7. **Quoitingbed Land** – Cllrs. had previously been informed that the original buyers had pulled out of the sale, but a new buyer had been found and offered £30,000. After discussion it was agreed to accept the new offer proposed Cllr R Jones, seconded Cllr. R Amy, all in agreement. Clerk to inform MMP and Solicitor. Cllrs were also informed that the Solicitor had sent the deposit back to the original buyers solicitor, without informing Community Council. It was the Community Councils understanding that should this happen the deposit would be retained as this was the reason that it was sold by formal tender. Clerk had written to both MMP and Solicitor – responses were read out. MMP state that the solicitor had drawn up the incorrect tender paperwork, and did not accept any responsibility. Solicitor stated that it was due to the lack of communication between them and MMP. Cllrs. were frustrated this had happened and didn't think that we should pay the fees for the original aborted sale. Invoice had been received from Solicitor for £710.33 and they had quoted £650 for the new sale. The Community Council had lost the deposit, but had also lost £1500 by accepting a lower offer. It was suggested that all fees for both sales should be waived as Community Council had not done anything wrong, but were paying the professionals to do a job that was not done. The Community Council were the ones that were paying for this error. Proposed that Cllr N Hamer (chair) to meet with Solicitor and MMP. Proposed Cllr. J Hopkins, seconded Cllr. G Green. Clerk to arrange appointments.
8. **Planning 19/2084/FUL Cwm Bwlch y Ffridd** – It was noted that on the application it states that it is not near a watercourse, but it is close to a watercourse. NRW had picked up on this as well as slurry management and surface water. Proposed that there were no objections subject to comments made by NRW. Proposed Cllr. H Hopkins, seconded Cllr R Jones, all in agreement. Clerk to inform Planning Department.
9. **Public Comments on PCC planning website** – Cllr R Amy had asked for this to be added to the agenda, as he felt that the councillors were unable to represent the residents without knowledge of their concerns on individual applications. It was noted that due to GDPR rules (data protection) PCC did not have an admin person that was available to redact the comments before they were placed on the planning portal due to cutbacks. If residents had any issues they should come to the meeting or make contact with one of the councillors. All comments were however put before the planning committee for them to view before making a decision.
10. **Mid Wales Growth Deal** – The general issues that had been given to C Cllr. Hulme were Communication/Connectivity, Mobile phone signal, Broadband and road links.
11. **Correspondence** – None
12. **County Councillor Update** – Education service review and transformation continues looking at number of pupils in school, school buildings and school results. Child Services making improvements PCC looking into apprenticeships for trainee social workers. Highways a large investment is needed for road network as roads are deteriorating.

No further issues the meeting was closed at 8.20pm.