

Aberhafesp Community Council

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Meeting of Aberhafesp Community Council held on Wednesday 27th September 2023, in the Community Centre.

1. **Welcome**
2. **Apologies**
3. **Declaration of Interest**
4. **Members of the public speaking session (15 minutes maximum)**
5. **Minutes of previous meeting**
6. **Matters arising**
7. **Financial Update**
 - 1) Bank reconciliation
 - 2) Update on CCLA
 - 3) Consideration of donation to L Jones for cutting village green Hillcrest
 - 4) Invoice for payment £50 to Sian Griffiths Internal Auditor
8. **Audit/Annual Statement 2022/2023**
9. **Defibrillators** to discuss the possibility of taking over financial responsibility for maintenance, upkeep, and training for 3 defibs.
10. **Planning 23/0113/FUL** – Additional Information Notification - Land at Aberhafesp. Newtown SY16 3JF – Erection of a general-purpose agricultural building
11. **Correspondence**
 - 1) Consultation on new substation and overhead line in Powys and Shropshire
<http://www.greengenvyrnwylfrankton.com/>
 - 2) Email from resident re traffic accidents & Aberhafesp 20mph
 - 3) Urdd Montgomeryshire donation and/or organise fundraising event.
12. **County Councillor update**
13. **Other Issues**

Present: Cllrs. A Nutting(chair), G Green (Vice), N Hamer, J Hopkins, R Amy, R Hamer(clerk)

Also present: Edward & Heather Parry, Ben Holmes, Monika & Anker Sharma

1. Chair Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies:** C Cllr Hulme, Cllr S Pryce, Cllr R Jones
3. **Declaration of interest:** None
4. **Members of the public speaking session:** Mr & Mrs Sharma explained the issues they were having with a resent planning application and all the conditions that had been applied to the approval. They had requested a meeting with the planners on several occasions, which had not happened, they came to the Community Council to see if anything could be done to help. Questions were asked and answered. Clerk to investigate and get in contact with planning.
Mr Ben Holmes explained the issues he was having with the planning application, point 10 on agenda, which over looked his property. It was explained the Community Council have no say over a planning decision, but were able to comment on any planning application. After a discussion it was decided that although they agreed with the application, that a condition should be made part

of any approval that it should remain as an agricultural building. It should also be asked if passing bays could be made on the road.

5. **Minutes of previous meeting** were accepted as a true record and signed by the chair.
6. **Matters arising:** Aberhafesp Hall – Approved, Tan y Coed Field – Pending Consideration.
7. **Financial update:**
 - 1) **Bank reconciliation:** £7050.12 in bank, one more precept payment due in December. Still waiting for the last 2 audit invoices.
 - 2) **Update on CCLA:** June Dividend payment £285.90. Total Dividends received £723.40. Next payment end of September.
 - 3) **Donation to L Jones for cutting grass of village green.** – Agreed to pay £50 but on the understanding that this was a donation towards petrol, and that the community council has no liability to anything. NB. Cheque has since been signed by Chair and Vice chair and delivered to Mr L Jones.
 - 4) **Invoice for payment to Sian Griffiths Internal Auditor £50.** Approved, Clerk to arrange payment.
8. **Audit/Annual Statement 2022/2023** – Audit had been approved but it was noted that the Community Council should have sought approval from the Welsh Government before taking out a loan, and not using their own reserves.
9. **Defibrillators:** Agreed to take over financial responsibility for the upkeep of the defibs, and annual training. Costs of replacement pads and batteries etc were read out. Community Association still had money left from fund raising for the defibs. Clerk to find out how much. The next Council meeting will decide how much to budget for each year to keep the money earmarked for when needed. This was a fairer way to pay for the defib upkeep.
10. **Planning** – Already discussed in point 4.
11. **Correspondence**
 - 1) Consultation on substation. No Comments to be sent.
 - 2) Traffic accidents and 20mph in Aberhafesp. Cllr Amy, as a resident, had written to Welsh Government, to see if highways had any discretion to include Aberhafesp in the reduction of speed to 20mph. Edward Parry stated that the SID had made a difference in the village. He stated that the number of exits onto the main road were dangerous and the number of houses that were close to the road, Aberhafesp should be 20mph. Whereas Bwlch y Ffridd the houses were set further back from the road, and the road was not as busy, and this had changed to 20mph. Decision to wait for response from Welsh Government which should be within 15 days. It was noted that some vehicles in Bwlch y Ffridd, were not adhering to the 20mph and were going significantly faster than the previous speed limit of 30mph.
 - 3) Letter had been received requesting a donation for the Urdd Eisteddfod, as £3000 needed to be raised from the Aberhafesp area. Clerk to look at budget to see what could be sent as a donation from the Community Council.
12. **County Councillor Update** – Councillor Hulme is in hospital chair and councillors wished her well and a speedy recovery.
13. **Other Issues** – Cllr Amy asked if the subject matter could be sent with the agenda. Clerk agreed, but that the information would have to be redacted.
Cllr Hopkins commented that the internet was not working in the area since the tree had fallen, Different information being given as to when it would be fixed and none of it correct.

With no other issues the chair closed the meeting at 8.50pm