

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LLANTILIO PERTHOLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON THE 15th JANUARY 2025

Present: Councillors M. Hayward (Chair), C. Harry, R. Fury, S. Salway and M Skinner

In attendance: County Councillors S. McConnel & M. Lane. Also Mrs. M. Bennett and Ms. T. Hawken

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors S. Baugh, G. Cowan, M. Edwards, K. Vaughan and Rev. J. Gray.

It was noted that the Clerk to the Council had resigned and agreed that Councillor Harry would record the minutes of the meeting.

2 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 17th December

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th December were approved as a correct record

3 Matters Arising

Councillor Hayward updated members on future Health and Safety procedures applicable to the Hall and its users following the recent health and Safety appraisal which had been carried out.

4 County Councillor's Report

County Councillor McConnell updated Members as follows:

- Monthly ward walks with MHA Officer Anthony O'Connell and PCSO Mike Ionescu had been undertaken: the most recent was yesterday. The walk took in "All the Saints" (Teilo, Andrew, George, David and Francis). Very few concerns noted bar rubbish sacks accumulating while residents get used to the new refuse collection days.
- Croesonen residents would be leafleted in the near future and the Community Council is welcome to include any important messages. The Hall Caretaker would be asked to encourage the use of the Community Hall.
- Draft MCC budget for 25-26 would be published soon and there is currently an introductory video on the front of the County Council Website. Public consultation, both on line and at in-person events, will run from 23rd January to 22nd February. Active engagement in this process will be encouraged and the finalised budget proposal will go to the County Council on 6th March.

5 Correspondence and Planning Matters

No correspondence or planning applications had been received

6 Payment of Accounts

Payment of the following accounts were approved:-

Cleaner, G. Welch £340.61
Caretaker, B. Pearson £915.20
BT Broadband £26.78
Emptying of Bins, M. Pearson £780
City Lights, Christmas Lights £5130
(Previously approved but now inclusive of VAT)
One Voice Wales Investigation £690
Phoenix Fencing Hire £470.66
M. Hayward, purchase of Hall safety signs £56.89
G. Cowan, Annual Councillor expenses £257.12
C. Harry, postage expense £8.54

7 Financial Matters

- a) The Chair circulated details of the proposed precept application amounting to £65,000 for the forthcoming financial year. The proposal was approved for submission.
- b) A change of energy supplier to Positive Energy at an improved tariff was agreed: to take effect from July.
- c) The Chair would investigate the Council's registration or otherwise for VAT.

8 Playing Fields and Green Spaces

The Chair and Vice Chair had attended a site meeting with Jane Clarke of Monmouthshire County Council and Zoe Cameron to discuss progress on the greening initiative including biodiversity and planting enhancements for the north east area of Mardy Park. An impressive planting plan was circulated and it was noted that Zoe Cameron had set up a group entitled Mardy Roots consisting of local residents with an interest in the upkeep of the Park's greenery.

9 Information from One Voice Wales and Outside Bodies

Nothing had been received from outside organisations.

10 Former Clerk Issues

A large quantity of files and documents together with a printer had been handed over and it was hoped to collect the laptop which had been purchased by the Council for the Clerk's use.

Also, a draft job specification had been drawn up which was approved and the post would be advertised with a provisional closing date of 3rd March. Suitable applicants would be interviewed by the Chair and Vice Chair with Councillor Salway.

11 Police Report

The Police Report for December had been circulated and was noted.

12 Councillor Vacancy

The vacancy on the Council caused by the resignation of Councillor Barber would be advertised and it was hoped that a replacement could be appointed at the next meeting,

13 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th February.