

Penybont & District Community Council

Minutes of the Bi-monthly Meeting of the Council,

held on Tuesday, 4 November 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Main Hall of Penybont Community Centre

Public Discussion Time

Kirsty Williams AM was welcomed to the meeting along with members of the community present and a general discussion took place on relevant points of concern in connection with the Hendy Windfarm Application and the related application for De-Registration of Llandegley Rhos. Mrs Williams was able to expand on some of the technical aspects of both applications and points of concern were put to her which she has undertaken to follow up on. Mrs Williams then remained for the rest of the meeting.

Messrs Lopez and Evans of the Presbyterian Church of Wales attended to outline the current status of the Graveyard in Penybont. The Church are seeking to pass the responsibility for this graveyard to another organisation and, in the first instance, they are approaching the Community Council. After answering questions from Councillors as to the annual maintenance and funding requirements, they then left the meeting.

A G E N D A

1. PRESENT: Cllrs P Doherty (Chairman), J Ingram (V.Chairman), L Watkins, A Lawrence, T Duggan, D Turner, D Bayliss.
2. APOLOGIES: C.Clr John Powell
3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllrs Bayliss, Lawrence and Turner (Item 7.7)
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: of the Meetings held on 9 September 2014 and 12 September 2014. Resolved unanimously that these Minutes be approved as circulated.
5. Report from C.Clr Powell : N/A
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7. MATTERS ARISING
 - 7.1 Community Website: Clerk reported that she had taken photographs of the local wards suitable for inclusion in the website, had contacted Geraint Hughes to ask if he would write a short history of the three wards, and circulated a list of Councillors contact details for approval/amendment. Councillors are urged to have a look at the website of New Radnor CC to familiarise themselves with the content of the proposed website and Roger Malvern of Upper Bridge would begin to compile the website in the New Year.
 - 7.2 Poplar Trees Knighton Road: Clerks awaits contact details from PD so that landowners may be advised of their responsibility to deal with this matter.
 - 7.3 Speed Restrictions: Llandegley. Traffic count has been carried out and Clerk will request an update from Gwyneth Mills for the January meeting.
 - 7.4 Noticeboard: quotes are awaited.
 - 7.5 Hendy Windfarm nomination of C.Clr to replace Clr Powell who has declared an interest. Resolved that we would arrange our own representative to speak at the Planning Committee.
 - 7.6 Powys Budge Meeting: Clerk confirmed that she had attended and the thrust of the discussions was the requirement to devolve responsibilities and expenditure for local services to Community Councils in order that Powys CC could make budget cuts.

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8. CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 Letter confirming attendance of Messrs Lopez and Evans: resolved to discuss at January meeting
- 8.2 Mellowcroft: Clerk had requested an update and received email from Powys CC Angharad Richards, confirming that original Enforcement Notice was incorrectly worded and withdrawn, and a new, corrected Enforcement Notice had been drafted for approval; the Inquiry scheduled for October therefore did not go ahead. Clerk to write for update in time for January meeting.
- 8.3 HSBC details of new Terms and Conditions and Bank Mandate Form. Resolved to refer Mandate completion to the January meeting.
- 8.4 Open Spaces Society: Clerk tabled the Membership Pack: Noted NFA
- 8.5 Letter from C.A.B and request for grant funding. Noted NFA
- 8.6 Letter from Roger Williams MP re. Open Sure Scheme for mobile reception. We are unable to participate as we do not enjoy the required broadband speed.
- 8.7 Notice of Application to De-Register common land at Llandegley Rhos. Proposed and agreed that this item be deferred until the end of the meeting.

9. PLANNING

Matter of Report only

- 9.1 P2014 0892 Erection of turbine together with associated infrastructure at Bethugree Farm (consulted as neighbouring authority) No response given
- 9.2 Letter confirming that P2013 0702 Erection of Single Turbine at Upper Dolau Farm will be considered at Planning Committee on 09.10.2014: Noted NFA

10. COMMUNITY MATTERS

- 9.1 Flooding of bridge over culvert in lane at Llandegley: Clerk to arrange site meeting

11. FINANCE

11.1 Payments for Approval

11.1.1 BDO Invoice for Audit Fee £115.00 + £23.00 VATE=£138.00

11.1.2 Royal British Legion for Wreath: £17.00

Resolved unanimously that the above accounts be paid.

11.2 Clerk confirmed that £30.00 from Wales Audit Office has been credited.

11.3 Balances at Bank as of 03.10.14	Current A/c	£1837.65
	Deposit A/c	£2181.54

7.7 (deferred from above). Cllrs Bayliss, Lawrece and Turner were required to leave the meeting and did so (8.55 pm).

Notice of Application to Planning Inspectorate in Cardiff to De-Register Common Land at Llandegley Rhos: Applicants under Section 16 Commons Act 2006: Sir Robert Green-Price and Keith & Alison Williams and under Section 38 Commons Act 2006 Consent to Construct Works: Hendy Windfarm Ltd. Responses to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by 7 November 2014.

Councillors had reviewed these applications and an Open Meeting had been called by the community to discuss relevant matters, which was held on 23rd October 2014. Following this, the Councillors were minded to object and the Clerk had been requested to draft a response; the draft letter had been emailed to Cllrs Doherty, Duggan, Watkins and Ingram on Friday 31 October to give them time to consider it and let the Clerk know of any amendments before this meeting.

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No amendments having been necessary, the Clerk now presented their formal letter of objection to the Planning Inspectorate for sign off. It was unanimously agreed to object to these applications and the letter was duly signed by the Clerk and the Chairman.

7.8 Njord Energy: Clerk had emailed the details of this letter to the relevant Councillors. It contained an invitation to a Meeting of the Hendy Community Forum on Oct. 21st. The Chairman and Cllr Dodman from New Radnor CC had attended as observers. As had been resolved previously, it was decided that the Clerk would respond to any further invitations confirming that the three local Community Councils had resolved not to pursue any aspect of Community Benefit until after the Planning Application had been determined.

Clerk informed Councillors that the arrangements published by Shepherd & Wedderburn for access to documents at the Community Centre had been reported to the Planning Inspectorate by a member of the public who had been unable to gain access. An email had been received yesterday from Paul Street with attached documents which the Clerk had been unable to open. On telephoning Mr Street she had been informed that they were just documents for our records. Querying this with the Planning Inspectorate she was informed that they were copies of the original Application Form which should have been supplied to the Council at the time the Notices were issued in respect of the De-Registration.

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There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 pm

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 13 January 2015 at 7.30 pm.