

CYNGOR CYMUNED HENLLANFALLTEG HENLLANFALLTEG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting of the Community Council will be held on **Thursday 17 November 2016** in the Millennium Hall, Llanfallteg at 7pm

Present: Councillors C Mortlock, L Bright, S Goymer, B Haddon, H Owen, County Councillor S Allen and one member of the public

1. Apologies for absence – **John Mead**
2. Declarations of Interest – **None**
3. To receive minutes for 21 Jul 2016 and 13 October 2016 – **Accepted and signed**
4. Correspondence received
 - a. One Voice Wales - Cabinet Secretary proposes very positive developments for the community and town council sector in Wales –
 - **Town & Community Councils will have to step up the game as, because of Budget Cuts, they will be doing more work -**
 - **8 point plan of action**
 - 1. Produce a toolkit to support community councils in working through what is required in taking on new services and assets, building on experiences of the key ingredients
 - 2. Press ahead with legislating for the **General Power of Competence**, shaped by the suggestions made in response to the previous Government’s consultation, for innovative ambitious councils looking for more freedom to serve their communities.
 - 3. Re-energise ties between community councils and local authorities and provide a platform to share the good examples across Wales, bringing the new cadre of county and community councillors together after the Local Government elections next year at a **conference** focused on strengthening these key relationships
 - 4. Facilitate the creation of **clusters** of smaller community councils, making some modest funding available to support the initial setting up of joint arrangements.
 - 5. Legislate to make it an obligation on councils to **consider and plan for their training needs** and review it regularly.
 - 6. Ensure citizens are kept informed and have the right to **make representations** on any business conducted at a council meeting. Learn from where this is done well and look for a legislative opportunity to strengthen current provisions.
 - 7. Commission the **Local Democracy and Boundary Commission** to draw up guidelines for local authorities to secure consistency in the manner in which community reviews are conducted.
 - 8. Support community councils to **raise awareness and encourage participation** in community council elections and to increase diversity, with an initial focus on the elections in 2017
 - b. Public Payphone removals by BT, an invitation by BT to “adopt” your community’s red telephone boxes and remove the telephony service – Time Sensitive Public Consultation ends 25 November 2016 – **Contrary to BT’s information there is no red telephone box in either Llanfallteg or Cwmfelin Boeth, the latter being permanently removed – Clerk to action letter requesting adoption of red box in Cwmfelin Boeth!!!**

- c. Planning Aid Wales - Seeking your views on an idea for a planning network for Community and Town Councils - **Noted**
- d. One Voice Wales - Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914-1918's Programme 2017 / Rhaglen 2017 Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914-1918
- **Event to be advertised on CCC website including a reminder of**
 - **Remembrance Service at the Millennium Hall, Llanfallteg at 1100am (next Sunday after 11 November 2017)**
- e. One Voice Wales - Consultation on the Welsh Government's new Welsh Language Strategy - **Noted**
- f. Sue Allen – email - link showing proposed traffic works and ongoing works in your area
The link worked well, giving precise information
- g. Ben Ferguson Walker, Natural Resources Wales – **letter of apology for failure to respond to HCC email regarding Community Co-operative share offers due to ill health – CM responded**
- h. HCA re: Grant - Letter of acceptance – **Noted – Still awaiting the required third quotation**
- i. One Voice Wales – National Resources Wales Report It
- **New telephone number 03000 65 3000**
 - **Display Do & Don't poster on notice board and website**
5. Section 106 money – **Project now finalised**
6. Dairy Complex at Henllan Farm – HCC Formal Complaint sent 18 Aug 16
- **The matter has been referred back to CCC Highways and Planning await full design of the road junction to be made by the applicant by the end of November 2016**
 - **HCC are no further forward with their objections and await end of November before deciding on the next stage**
7. Playing Field trustee via HCC – **To be actioned after Playing Field's AGM in January 17 c/f**
8. National Library Wales/Website Archiving/Jamie King
- **Only two active members pay towards website hosting so others do not have an active say**
 - **Make contributor (HCA) aware of the National Library of Wales' request to archive website and give one month to make a decision – Clerk to action**
 - **No replies received from HCC's emails requesting interest/permission**
 - **BH to request HCA put the matter on their next Agenda**
9. Financial Matters
- a. Cheques – request for authorisation of payment and signatures – **Authorised and signed – Clerk to action**
- i. Clerk's Salary & Expenses - £206.55
 - ii. Jamie King Media Managed Website Hosting fee £55
 - iii. Donations to Wales Air Ambulance £100, Y Cardi Bach £100 and Bugle newsletter £70
 - iv. Data Protection registration £35 – cheque authorised at last mtg – signatures required
 - v. HCA Hire of Millennium Hall side room - £8.50 – **Cheque posted into HCA's box in Hall**

- 9b. Clerk's review of salary and expenses and review of contract
- **5% rise in salary from 1 April 2017**
 - **Expenses to remain as at 2014 - £120**
 - **Contract to be amended and updated - CM**
 - **Will come into effect from 1 April 2017**
10. ROW
- a. Review/Assessment ROW Insurance – **Cover not been used, Clerk to inform HCA that the policy will not be renewed after expiry date of 14 Dec 16**
- b. ROW updates - **None**
11. HCC meetings/dates for 2017 – **26 Jan, 16 Mar, 18 May, 20 Jul, 21 Sep and 16 Nov 2017 – Clerk To inform HCA Bookings**
12. County Councillor's Report
- **IV Wales to be held in Whitland at the Howell Centre 8 February 17**
 - **Taf QT Club – Dementia Club is held every two weeks at the Memorial Hall Whitland –**
 - **Clerk to display details on notice board**
 - **'Nest' Free energy bills support – applicant must be on 'Means tested benefits' – Clerk to display on Notice board**
 - **UKIP office now in Whitland**
 - **Local Development Plan – early review planned in 2018, at present review not until 2022**
 - **Whitland to adopt red phone box**
 - **County Councillor has been on a three weekend Councillor's Course in Cardiff**
13. Matters for discussion
- Precept review 2016/17 -**
- **Donations remain to Wales Air Ambulance £100, Y Cardi Bach £100, Bugle newsletter increased to £100**
 - **Dave King's Memorial and HCA's grant ring fenced**
 - **ROW Insurance Cover cancelled indefinitely**
 - **HCC to purchase latest edition of Charles Arnold-Baker's 'Local Council Administration'**
14. Date and time next meeting – **26 Jan 2017 at 7pm**

Meeting closed at 9.15pm