

**CYNGOR CYMUNED HENLLANFALLTEG  
HENLLANFALLTEG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES of meeting of the Community Council held on **Wednesday 11 November 2009** in the Millennium Hall, Llanfallteg at **7 pm**

Present: Councillors Gideon Carpenter, Clive Mortlock, David King, Myrddin Pynn, County Councillor Sue Allen and three members of the public

Ramjam Smythe addressed the Council to support the village pub which was serving the interests of all the community and was in danger of closure. **c/f to Jan 2010**

John Shipton addressed the Council to express his interest to preserve his partner's resting place by purchasing the land of St David's Church, Henllan Amgoed which had been recently put up for sale. **This has been dealt with under Item 15 below.**

**MEETING started at 1930hrs**

1. Apologies for absence – **Penni Jones & Eve Edwards**
2. Declarations of interest - **None**
3. To receive Minutes of Meetings dated 9 September 2009 - **Amendments were noted and minutes confirmed and signed by the Chairman**
4. **Correspondence received:**
  - a. CCC – sports Personality Awards – **forwarded to HCA – No nominees**
  - b. Wales Air Ambulance – Raffle tickets for sale – **Noted – Clerk will endeavour to sell**
  - c. CCC – Funding Fayre rural development plan – dates of meetings – **Noted – DK & GC to attend**
  - d. CCC – Working Together Enhancing our communities conference 19 Nov 09 – **DK & MP have been nominated to attend**
  - e. Wales Air Ambulance – request for donation – **A £20 donation was authorised and cheque signed**
  - f. Welsh Assembly Government – Consultation: Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 – statutory guidance – **Response date Fri 15 Jan 2010 – Passed to DK**
  - g. CCC – Carmarthenshire LDP – Pre-deposit preferred strategy, Initial Sustainability Appraisal and the Habit Regulations Screening Report/Constraints Plan – Response by 4 Jan 2010. **Forwarded to GC to condense and put out a report**
  - h. Dyfed Powys Police Authority – Policing Plan 2010/13 – dates of meetings & response questionnaire – **response date Fri 27 Nov 09 – Questionnaire filled out – Clerk to action**
  - i. Late entry – Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Annual Action plan 2010-2011 & Improvement Plan 2009-2010 – **Noted. To be displayed on noticeboard in hall**
  - j. Late entry – Welsh Assembly Government – Proposed Guidance for the Wales programme for Improvement for the Fire and Rescue Authorities in Wales – **Response Date 25 Jan 2010 – CM to respond**
5. **Planning**
  - a. Planning application W/21705 To construct a steel framed implement shed 13.5m x 6m – Ysgubor, Penderi, Llanfallteg – **(response made due to time restrictions) - Noted**
  - b. W/20896 Conversion of original mill to full residential use using policy H10 UDP – Tegfynydd Mill, Llanfallteg – **GRANTED - Noted**
  - c. Local Development Plans - GC. b/f Sep meeting – **covered with item 4g**

- 5d. The following were brought to the council's attention by a member of the community:
- i. Two mobile homes with surrounding decking had been erected at Blaenhiraeth and HCC question whether planning permission had been sought? **CM to email information for Clerk to action**
  - ii. A Cattery had been established at the same property – had a change of use application be granted? **CM to email information for Clerk to action.**

## 6. Finance

- a. Balance of current & reserve accounts – **To date Current a/c £652.33. Reserve a/c £296.81**
- b. ROW reimbursement received £190.43 from CCC – **20 p short - Noted**
- c. VAT refund received £78.19. Period claimed Apr 08 – Apr 09 - **Noted**
- d. Financial position – **The Clerk explained that there maybe a period in December when the current account may become overdrawn and to safeguard this £110 should be transferred from the Reserve account – All agreed. Clerk to action reminder to CCC for refund £100 for Sewerage seminar attendance fee**
- e. Clerk's salary & expenses 23/05/09 to 23/11/09 Salary £564.86 - request for payment. **Authorised and cheque signed**
- f. Lighting bill – estimated £117.16 (Sep to Dec). Invoice expected end of Dec 09 – request for payment – **Authorised, cheque not signed until total amount of Invoice is known**
- g. BDO external auditors bill for £57.50 - **request for payment – Authorised and cheque signed**
- h. Transfer of money from Reserve to Current a/c – **authorised and letter signed**
- i. Clerk's Contract of Employment – revised copy required – **GC to action in next few weeks**
- j. Hire of Hall – breakdown costs. b/f Jul 09 – DK – **It was agreed that the cost of the hall was reasonable value**
- k. Late entry - BDO external auditors – audit results for year ending Apr 09 – **Noted, approved and accepted**
  - (i) Issue arising from audit – Fidelity guarantee is insufficient to cover precept. **This was discussed in Jan 09 when HCC deemed the amount of £2000 sufficient as existing safeguards on issuing the cheques where considered robust. To be reviewed in Jan 2010**

## 7. Right of Way

- a. Instructions received to stop working. **Sue Allen reported that Eirian James, CCC had not yet responded. Council to await response from CCC**
- b. What has happened to the balance of the CCC funding allocated to Henllanfallteg and carried forward. b/f Sep – **Clerk to action a reminder to CCC**
- c. Footpath 10/22 – Permission sought from landowner regarding ROW being extended on to other side of river b/f May 09 – **DK reported a slight advance to be c/f Jan 2010**
- d. Bridle path blocked at “White Gable” Llanfallteg. b/f Jul - **GC to visit the property and speak to the owner**

## 8. Traffic Calming Measures

- a. Araf/Slow signs – progress report – **Satisfactorily completed. Clerk to thank Tony Thomas CCC**
- b. Second phase of match funding – **Clerk to email Andrew Morgan CCC for an update**
- c. 30mph signs turned around – **Signs to be tightened up**

## 9. Highways

- a. Work outstanding at Dol y Coed. c/f Sep – **Satisfactorily completed – T Thomas CCC thanked**
- b. Llanfallteg to Llanddewi Velfrey – ditches and road conditions. **CM reported that action had been promised by David Simpson, PCC**

- c. Railway bridge – dangerous parking. **DK reported that Police are aware of the problem and the public were to telephone the emergency hotline to report any vehicle dangerously parking on the bridge. MP to email hotline telephone number**
10. Community Council Protocol (CCC) Solicitor b/f from Sept. **Sue Allen reported that One Voice Wales had agreed to the points raised and would provide HCC with a copy**
11. HCC document handling/processing – **To safe guard all council documentation CM suggested the following:**
- i. **a need for a central storage point for all CCC/HCC documentation and electronic backup data.**
  - ii. **All CCC documentation should be stamped with date received and expiry date – Clerk to purchase date stamp**
  - iii. **Log for incoming/outgoing mail – GC to provide Clerk with template**
12. Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence Order) taking control of local government of Wales – response made by Henllanfallteg - **CM responded by email 17/09/09.**
13. Gambling Act 2005 - Review of gambling policy consultation document – response date 9 Oct 09. **Document reviewed, no response or comments made**
14. Sewerage –
- a. Still awaiting report from DCWW/Hyder – **GC to action – c/f Jan 2010**
  - b. Sewerage seminar at Abercynon – **DK & CM – Report had been circulated by email**
15. St David’s Church, Henllan Amgoed – Sale of land – **Mr John Shipton attended the meeting to outline a proposal for the site in which his partner had been laid to rest. Mr Shipton had put in an offer to purchase the land and proposed to develop it as a wildflower meadow. The matter was discussed and it was agreed:**
- i. **that HCC take a formal interest in the site due to the graveyard and its importance to members of the community**
  - ii. **write to the Estate Agents and the Church of Wales to register HCC’s interest on behalf of the community – Clerk to action**
  - iii. **CM to act as principle contact for any queries**
16. County Councillor’s report
- a. **A Police & Community meeting is to be held every two months on first Thu in the month commencing Thu 7 Jan 2010**
  - b. **Turbine application in Whitland had been withdrawn**
  - c. **Whitland School Lollipop man had won Best Lollipop man award in Wales**
  - d. **IT – CCC had lost all data**
  - e. **Body of a homeless gentleman had been found behind St Mary’s Church – no suspicious circumstances reported**
  - f. **At the Regeneration meeting to be held in Whitland a Rural Conversion grant could be available**
17. Matters for discussion
- a. **Dates for community council meetings 2010 – Dates and extra ordinary meetings were discussed**

- b. CCC newspaper – who needs it? – **CM suggested the Community Newspaper was self promotional and a reply was made that there was probably a statutory obligation by the CCC to publish this. An Internet TV Station is being proposed to engage with the youth with a grant from the Welsh Assembly. A similar experiment in another part of the country was costing .6m to run**
- c. Anonymous complaint of tractors destroying countryside verges

**18. Date and time of next meeting - 13 Jan 2010**

**Meeting closed at 9.45 pm**