

**CYNGOR CYMUNED HENLLANFALLTEG
HENLLANFALLTEG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the **Community Council** meeting held in the Millennium Hall, Llanfallteg on **Wednesday 14 January 2009** at 7pm

Present at the meeting:

Councillors: Mr C Mortlock, Mr D King, Mr Myrddin Pynn, Mrs Penni Jones, Mrs Eve Edwards and one member of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Mr Gideon Carpenter
2. **Declarations of interest** – Members of the Community Association Mrs E. Edwards, Mr D. King and Mr M. Pynn declared an interest in item 6c on the Agenda, an annual donation to the Community Association. Chair ruled that no element of personal gain existed and all members were free to vote on item 6c.
3. **Confirmation of previous minutes** – Minutes for 12 November 2008 were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the acting chairman Clive Mortlock
4. **Correspondence received**
 - a. CCC – Council Budget 2009/10 – 2011/12 – Consultation with Town & Community Councils – **Noted, see item ‘c’ below**
 - b. CCC – Footway Lighting Charges – Financial year 2009/10 - **Noted**
 - c. CCC – Budget consultation 2009/10 – **Questionnaire filled out. Clerk to action.**
 - d. **National Assembly Commission** - Independent Panel on Members pay & Allowance Call for Evidence – **Noted. Councillors agreed that expense items claimed should be restricted to the National Assembly members’ needs only.**
 - e. **ICO** – Freedom of Information – **The council intend to adopt CCC policies pending an investigation by Dave King who will provide feedback at next meeting.**
 - f. CCC – The local authorities (calculation of council tax base Wales) Regulations 1995 - **Noted**
 - g. CCC – New recycling scheme – feedback – **Noted.**
 - h. **Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service** – Risk Reduction Action Plan 90/10 & Improvement Plan 08/09 – **Noted, circulation commenced with D. King**
 - i. **Adjudication Panel for Wales** – Annual Report 07/08 – **circulation commenced with DK**
 - j. **Welsh Assembly** - draft guidance on setting local speed limits (late entry) – **circulation commenced with M. Pynn. Clerk to enquire if attached questionnaire is still valid. To be c/f to next meeting.**
 - k. **One Voice Wales (late entry)** – Council Local Development Plan Community & Town Council – Stakeholder event to be held at County Hall, Carmarthen on Wed 4 Feb 09 at 1pm. **GC to attend.**
5. **Planning**
 - a. **CCC Planning** – Notification to name new dwelling adjacent to Cartref, Llanfallteg - **Noted**
6. **Finance**
 - a. **BDO Stoy Hayward Accountants** – Audit results for year ended 31 Mar 08 – for approval & acceptance – **Accepted.**

- 6b. Issues arising from Audit – Fidelity Guarantee.** As there is no cash-handling undertaken by the Clerk or any Council member, the fidelity amount of £2000 is deemed sufficient as existing safeguards on the issuing of cheques is considered sufficiently robust.
- c. Precept** – Two options were discussed. Option 1 did not allow for increase for future road improvement works. Option 2 allowed for £500 match funding for mid village traffic calming measures and improvements. Both options included an annual donation to the Community Association. **Option 1 was agreed by all and the Precept was set at £1,570.**
- d. Precept upon Billing Authority form** – Set at £1,570 and signed by acting Chairman and the Clerk.
- e. CCC - Authorisation request for payment of Footway lighting for period Aug to Dec 08. Invoice for £141.79 was presented and passed for payment.**
- 7. Traffic Calming Measures** – There is to be a meeting on Fri 23 Jan 09 at 1400 hrs with Mr Andrew Morgan, CCC at the Millennium Hall.
- 8. Lighting – Legal Implications of Reduced Footway Lighting – Henllanfallteg** re: letter received from CCC 28 November 08. **Noted.** The letter states that the Community Council would not be liable for accidents arising from a failure to light. **As there was no total consensus regarding lighting it was decided to c/f the debate to the next meeting.**
- 9. Sewerage Scheme** – Feedback from GC re: meeting with Angela Burns 12 Dec 08. The viewpoint was that 50% match funding of £10,000 should be sought from CCC, whilst Angela Burns would seek the remaining funding from WAC/European funds. There is a meeting with Mr John Wilson, CCC on Mon 19 Jan 09 at 1400hrs in the Millennium Hall and also a meeting with Chris Gray of Faber Maunsell on Wed 28 Jan 09 at 7pm in the Millennium Hall.
- 10. Matters outstanding from previous meetings**
- a. Lack of parking & bus shelter at Hireath crossroads** – GC contacted John McEvoy, CCC and was redirected to another department. The Policy and Programme Manager, Street Scene, CCC responded saying many requests for bus shelters had been made and there was not enough funding to go around. **County Councillor Sue Allen to try and secure funding for next year.** CCC said a lay-by for buses would be too expensive so it was proposed to speak to nearby landowners to see if they had any objections to a lay-by being constructed on the grass verge at the crossroads. **CM to action, c/f next meeting.**
- b. Members Code of Conduct Training for Community Councillors** – at Griffiths Jones Primary School, Station Road St Clears on Thu 29 January 09 at 7pm - confirmation of attendance figures. **All six council members plus Clerk agreed to attend.**
- 11. Matters for discussion –**
- a. Churchyard upkeep** – DK reported that although there were no resources for the upkeep of the churchyard, it had been cleared. **The Clerk to investigate who cleared the area so that they could be thanked by the Community Council, c/f next meeting.**
- b. The Chair invited Sue Allen to give a County Councillor’s report, which included an interesting account of recent Council meetings in a neighbouring ward.**
- 12. Date and time of next meeting – Wed 11 Mar 09 at 7pm**

The meeting ended at 9pm.