

**MINUTES OF CWARTER BACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019 AT YSTRADOWEN COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** Cllr M Morgans presided  
**Clerk:** A Pedrick  
Brynamman Ward: Cllrs W Churchill, S Thomas, M Thomas, J G Davies  
Quarter Bach Ward: A Hicks, A Howells, R Pearce-Higginson  
Llynfell Ward: A Dady, V Morgan, D B Belcher  
Minute Taker: Karen Lewis

**ITEM 1: APOLOGIES:** A Lewis, and L Baker (also absent in 6<sup>th</sup> February meeting even though it states that she was present).

THE MEETING COMMENCED WITH A PRESENTATION FROM THE BRYNAMAN LIDO. Proposed by Cllr A Hicks and seconded by Cllr D B Belcher that they fully supported in principle what the organisation wants to do.

**ITEM 2: DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Declarations by members of personal interests form was circulated.

**ITEM 3: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were accepted as a true record on the proposal of Cllr J G Davies and seconded by Cllr A Howells.

Matters arising – Cllr A Howells emphasised the importance of people attending the PACT meetings at Black Mountain Centre at 6pm for an hour. Cllrs A Hicks and M Morgans attended the last one.

**ITEMS 4: ASSETS SUB COMMITTEE**

Cllr A Howells updated everyone. Preliminary meeting was held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019 where about 50 attended. John and Derith spoke on proposed projects and asked groups and businesses from the community to write in with their views and letters of support by 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019. A follow on meeting will then be held before the end of the March depending on John and Derith's availability. They are also looking at the community giving written support for the Development Officer's post which will be included in the grant application. This will be for a 3 year contract and the Community Council or sub-committee will be monitoring this person. Cllr A Dady reported that Ystrad Owen have met regarding this post and are in full support but asked whether there would be a written job description. If grant monies are approved a job description will be compiled prior to the job being advertised. Community groups will write in with their 'wish lists' and the Development Officer will then prioritise the applications alongside the sub-committee.

Cllr V Morgan suggested having an open day in Ystradowen for people's ideas and suggestions. Cllr W Churchill said that some people didn't have access to the meeting and we need to be their voices.

From the latest Council Tax rates we have been very conservative on the precept rates compared to other areas.

Next 4-6 weeks charges for rental of the different sites will be agreed which will take into account all the maintenance costs currently being charged.

#### **ITEM 5: PRIDE IN THE COMMUNITY**

Sub-committee met this week. Benches are now ready for installation and will be mostly placed in the Brynamman area. Some existing benches are going to be cleaned and some will be removed. Cllr V Morgan would like one put by the Berrington next to the school. The bench from the Post Office will be replaced but in a different place (nearer to the Post Office). It was agreed that a bench with no arms be placed here after a vote. This was proposed by Cllr A Howells and seconded by A Hicks. Cllr W Churchill has drafted something for the Brynamman news.

M Morgans suggested renumrating John Morgan for his travelling costs from Bishopston on a daily basis. Cllr J G Davies suggested asking him first as he might already be claiming this from REACH but if not the group are happy for this to go ahead.

Cllr V Morgan has emailed Cllr J G Davies a list of bins that are required. M Morgans will email him a list as well asap. Several new bins need to be replaced.

Cllr A Hicks brought up the issue of dog mess. Received complaints on New Road. Cllr W Churchill and M Morgans walked this road and there was nothing there. Cllr J G Davies has asked for signs but had no reply but will chase up again. Cllr A Hicks has made a sign which could be laminated and placed on the lamp posts on the route to school. Signs can only be placed on our own assets. Dog owners can only be charged a penalty if proof of time, place and a photo or car number plate photo is obtained but the police have stipulated that no one is to approach anyone.

Cllr V Morgans asked was there any update on the drama festival. Nothing to date.

#### **ITEM 6: PLANNING**

Planning application received for a single extension to the rear of Ynys Cottage – no objections.

## **ITEM 7: COUNCIL VACANCY**

Received 2 written applications from Rachel Rees Jones and Helen Taylor. A Pedrick read out the applications. Agreed a Community Council ballot only was necessary. All voted and results were:-

Helen Taylor	-	7 votes
Rachel Jones	-	3 votes
Abstention	-	1 vote

Helen Taylor therefore co-opted. A Pedrick will get in touch with her and invite her to the next meeting.

## **ITEM 8: ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The following were agreed for payment:-

Wrenvale	£2,400.00	All agreed as monthly invoices
Wales Audit	£ 225.75	Proposed by Cllr R Pearce-Higginson, seconded by Cllr J G Davies
Howell Glass	£ 85.00	Proposed by Cllr V Morgan, seconded by Cllr M Thomas
Rugby Club bill sent		Proposed by A Hicks, seconded by Cllr W Churchill

## **ITEM 9: CORRESPONDENCE**

The following letters had been received and were read out by A Pedrick:-

1. Consultation on dog fouling from CCC which is online. A Pedrick will email everyone the link. M Morgan suggested emailing Anwen Jones regarding any dog fouling complaints. Suggested asking schools to run off leaflets and give out to the children. Cllr A Howells suggested looking into placing CCTV cameras if we can afford it and to have signs as a back up. Agreed to look at this cost. Proposed by Cllr A Howells and seconded by Cllr A Hicks.
2. Email received from Hywel Dda regarding local capital projects meetings. Four drop in centres one being Black Mountain Centre between 3-6pm on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2109 regarding Health Care Issues.
3. Payment received from Western Power for £75.87
4. Call for Gypsy and Travellers site. No comments.
5. Cllr D B Belcher asked if there were any deductions for community groups for waste recycling as charities received a discount. Cllr J G Davies will look into this.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING 3<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019 AT  
THE BLACK MOUNTAIN CENTRE AT 6.30PM**