

MINUTES OF QUARTER BACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HELD ON 6th FEBRUARY 2019 AT THE BLACK MOUNTAIN 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, L Baker, 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

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 9th January 2019 were accepted as a true record on the proposal of Cllr A Dady and seconded by Cllr V Morgan.

Matters arising – Cllr A Howells emphasised the importance of people attending tomorrow night's PACT meeting at Black Mountain Centre at 6pm for an hour.

ITEMS 4: ASSETS SUB COMMITTEE

Cllr A Howells updated everyone on the current situation with grants. Next meeting will be held in the Black Mountain Centre on 20th February 2019. Derith and John will do all the necessary works at this meeting. A letter needs to be hand delivered to all the groups and businesses within the Quarter Back area. Cllr A Hicks has come up with over 50 names but if any have been missed to please inform her. The Chair was thanked for translating the letter. The sub-committee are meeting next Wednesday as a pre meeting. Other areas for concern are the dressing rooms are not being cleaned but the rugby club have now assured the committee that this has now been done. Another window has been broken at the cricket field. The sign has been burnt and removed by the pavilion. A Pedrick had no response from Rice Plumbing so Hugh Lewis has changed the water tank and replaced the shower unit. Electrician is required at Bryn Avenue before the frost starts. Proposal for A Pedrick to obtain prices. He is also waiting for a resolution on the electricity bill for this site.

ITEM 5: PRIDE IN THE COMMUNITY

Sub-committee still haven't met. Seats are going to be placed from Monday onwards by Wrenvale. Cllr J G Davies would like to pay for the seat on New Road in memory of his Dad. It was suggested that a piece be put in the Brynamman news

regarding 'in memory' sponsors. The Chair said that he would email Cllr J G Davies with up to date plans regarding replacing bins. The Bridge Inn have put a seat opposite the pub in memory of Malcolm Rees. A question was asked whether they had planning approval from the County as this may be a problem in the future if not. Cllr W Churchill asked if a letter could be sent to the Post Office and Rogers shop regarding the upkeep of their buildings. This was agreed. The mess by the rugby club has now gone and there is a skip there. Cllr J G Davies updated everyone on the cycle path meeting. He still hasn't had a response from the rugby club but Eric has met them and the issue has been resolved. They have received the lease from the County Council which is now with the rugby club's solicitor to send back signed. Cllr A Hicks said that the dog mess has got worse over the last 3 months and she has had complaints. Signs need to be put up including staying off the pitch. Cllr J G Davies will ask the County if there are any spare signs. Cllr A Hicks asked who is responsible if there are any issues through dog mess. As long as the Committee can cover themselves then we have done all that we can.

ITEM 6: FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

Finance sub-committee met prior to this meeting and agreed donations to the following groups:-

1. Ystradowen Communities -	£ 100
2. Bryn Rovers Junior Football -	£ 520
3. Cronfa Bedd Gwydderig -	£ 50
4. Cwmlllynfell & District Bowls Club -	£ 200
5. Merched Y Wawr Cangen Y Gwter Fawr -	£ 200
6. Gwaun Cae Gurwen Community Bowls Club -	£ 200
7. Gwaun Cae Gurwen Brass Band -	£ 300
8. Ti A Fi -	£ 100
TOTAL	£1,670

This was the last meeting this year so the balance of funds left is £4,700.00. The above were proposed by Cllr J G Davies and seconded by Cllr A Dady.

A contract is required for the soccer club regarding the fees for the use of the changing rooms.

Cllr J G Davies suggested that we write to Alun Wyn Bevan to thank and congratulate him on his vision. Agreed by the Chair.

ITEM 7: COUNCIL VACANCY

Received 2 written applications from Rachel Rees Jones and Helen Taylor. A Pedrick read out the applications. Agreed to ask Helen Taylor to send in her resume as Rachel Jones as part of the process by our next meeting.

ITEM 8: APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM AUDITOR

Agreed that Alun Llewellyn be appointed again. Proposed by Cllr J G Davies and seconded by Cllr A Howells.

ITEM 9: CORRESPONDENCE

The following invoices were discussed:-

1. Cwmtwrch RFC £188 Proposed by Cllr A Hicks and seconded by Cllr J G Davies
2. Maes Elwyn - £603. Proposed by Cllr R Pearce-Higginson and seconded by Cllr J G Davies
3. Christmas lighting - £3,237.54. Proposed by Cllr W Churchill and seconded by Cllr A Hicks
4. Wrenvale - £480. Proposed by Cllr A Howells and seconded by Cllr R Pearce-Higginson.
5. L G Electrical - £179.96. Proposed by Cllr A Hicks and seconded Cllr J G Davies.
6. EDF Energy - £138.09. Proposed by Cllr D B Belcher and seconded by Cllr V Morgan.

A Pedrick suggested once electricity bills have been resolved might be worth changing companies.

Make sure Christmas lights are looked into the May/June time this year.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING 6th MARCH 2019 AT
YSTRAD OWEN COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 6PM**