**Cyngor Cymuned Boncath Community Council**

**Annual Report 2022/2023**

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Boncath Community Council meet on the first Tuesday of the month with the exception of January and August. Meetings are open to the public.

Meetings have now returned to Boncath Hall and Blaenffos vestry alternately thereafter.

Monthly agendas along with draft copy of previous months Minutes are emailed to councillors prior to the meeting and all council correspondence are forwarded as they arrive with the clerk. The councillors notify the clerk of Items to be discussed and these are added to the agenda.

Minutes and other documents can be viewed on the PCC Website

It was with great sadness we heard in January of the sudden passing of Cllr Kevin Davies who had served as Councillor for many years. He will be remembered for his dedication, sound advice and support to his community and will be sadly missed by all.

**Example of issues that have been discussed and projects undertaken by Councillors in the 2021-22 year.**

* Blocked bridal ways/footpaths- all reported to PCC.
* Complaints received of Speeding vehicles travelling through village of Boncath.
* Removal of car parked dangerously in Blaenffos.
* Litter and Fly tipping.
* Potholes and road surface complaints are an ongoing problem and are reported to PCC.
* Faulty streetlights, drainage problems, signage and other general issues are reported as they arise.
* Defibulator has been installed and training undertaken for the village of Blaenffos.
* Infestation of rodents reported by residents in Blaenffos and pest control leaflets issued.
* Complaint from Residents in Boncath regarding barking dogs.
* Frenni Fawr path to vehicles blocked.

**FINANCE**

* Precept was set at £5,800 for the 2022-23 Financial Year.
* All Bank statements are discussed monthly
* A letter of engagement has been issued to the Internal auditor asking for internal audit to take place twice a year.
* The WAO report for 2021-22 was submitted as per requirement and showed no major issues. Other matters arising from the report were corrected.
* Insurance is in place and reviewed as per assets yearly.
* A Fixed Asset register was produced for the first time this year.
* All payments, request for donations etc is put in front of the Council for approving prior to being paid. All requests must be accompanied by a financial statement from the organisation making the request.
* Clerks pay are approved at the monthly meetings. There is an external company who are responsible for all payroll matters i.e HMRC etc.
* The Financial, standing order, Risk assessment and any other policies in place are reviewed and updated yearly.
* The council have adopted the Finance and Governance tool kit and this will be reviewed at the AGM.

**Donations given 2022-23**

Charitable organisation requests were fewer again this year after the COVID Pandemic nevertheless having 2 defibulator’ s to manage has meant that up keep and batteries have added an extra cost to the council.

Up keep and Batteries etc 2022/23 - £464.20

This year following monies were donated – a total of £400

* Wales Air Ambulance £100
* Papur Bro Clebran £100
* Gwyl bro Preseli £100
* Eisteddfod Crymych ar cylch £100

Appeals for donations are considered on the request of local charities or of direct benefit to the local community. All requests must be supported with a financial statement.

**PLANNING**

* There have been very few Planning applications bought in front of the Council this year- considered have been development to private dwellings, conversions, and tree felling. Discussions have taken place and queries submitted through the PCC Website
* All planning applications can be viewed on Pembrokeshire County Council’s website.

Councillors are active in the community and sit on many committees as well as undertaking council duties. Groups include –

Blaenffos Chapel

Boncath Hall

Blaenffos playing field

Capel Colman Church

Report completed by

Mandy Phillips

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