**BONCATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Councillors – Hedd Ladd-Lewis, Puw Davies, Alan Bowen, Robert Davies, Kevin Davies, Will Smart, Rhys Davies, Rod Bowen (County Cllr)**

**Clerk – Mandy Phillips**

Minutes of the meeting held in Boncath Village hall on Tuesday 3rd September at 7pm

**Present**

**Councillors** Hedd Ladd Lewis (Chairman),Alan Bowen,Rod Bowen (County Councillor), Rhys Davies, Puw Davies, Robert James, Kevin Davies

**Clerk** Mandy Phillips

1. **Welcome**

Chairman, Cllr Hedd Ladd-Lewis welcomed all to the meeting. He also welcomed Mandy Phillips to her first meeting as Clerk

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Will Smart

1. **Minutes**

Cllr Alan Bowen proposed that the minutes were correct and seconded by Cllr Rhys Davies

1. **Matters arising from the minutes**
2. Since the last meeting a financial sheet had been received from Ms Myfanwy Lewis on behalf of ‘Gwyl Fwyd Crymych’ asking for financial contribution to help run the event. It was proposed by Cllr Kevin Davies and seconded by Cllr Puw Davies that £100 be given.
3. Defibrillator- Cllr Hedd Ladd-Lewis will make copies of the poster and place around the village to notify all of where the defibrillator is situated.

**5. Correspondence**

(a)A copy of Eluned Morgan, AM’s newsletter was received

**6. Planning**

The following was discussed

(a)Pembrokeshire County Council - Notification of Planning decision for Rhyd Ddu, Blaenffos, SA37 0HX – Replacement rural enterprise dwelling - conditionally approved **19/0304/PA**

(b)Pembrokeshire County Council- Notification of Planning decision for Boncath Inn, Boncath, SA37 0JN –Change of use from Public House to form residential dwelling - conditionally approved **19/0131/PA**

(c)Pembrokeshire County Council- Notification of Planning decision for Dolwerdd, Boncath, SA37 0JW- Outdoor equestrian Arena – conditionally approved **19/0236/PA**

(d)Pembrokeshire County Council -Notification of Planning decision for Castellan, Blaenffos, SA37 0HZ–Extension to dwelling–Conditionally approved **19/0321/PA**

**7. Financial**

(a)Precept Payment of £1,511 was received

(b)A request of payment for the month of July was received from Heather Tomos, outgoing clerk .Cllr Kevin Davies proposed and Cllr Rhys Davies seconded that it be paid

(c)Payment to the clerk for the month of August. Cllr Alan Bowen proposed and Cllr Robert James seconded that it be paid

**8. Any Other business**

(a) A new minute book is needed. Cost of the book is £163.00 +VAT. It was proposed by Cllr Alan Bowen and seconded by Cllr Robert James. The current minute book should then be sent to be archived in the Council archives.

b) There will be a meeting in Boncath Village Hall on Wednesday 4th September at 7pm to further discuss whether a ‘Community Land Trust’ could be established to look at building affordable homes locally. The meeting has been arranged by ‘Planed’

(c)Cllr Alan Bowen asked for clarification that the Community Council would only be responsible for funding local elections. County CllR Rod Bowen confirmed that this was correct.

(d)A brief discussion took place regarding the condition of the wooden benches situated around Blaenffos and Boncath villages and whether some needed replacing. The clerk will ask Cllr Will Smart to look at the benches and update Cllr’s at the next meeting.

(e) It was decided to send a letter to the Enforcement officer to ask for any information as to what the situation was regarding the sheds and caravan that had been situated in a field west of Whipland, Boncath. No planning permission had been applied for to date and this was causing concern to electors and Councillors.

(f)Cllr Rhys Davies informed all that Blaenffos ‘Merched y Wawr’ were looking to raise money to purchase a defibrillator for the village and were interested in finding out if there were any grants that were available. County Cllr Rod Bowen will contact one of the members to discuss.

(g)The Clerk was asked to look into the cost of purchasing a laptop and projector for the Council by the next meeting

(h)Cllr Alan Bowen asked if the email addresses of fellow councillors could be shared. Cllr Rod Bowen would also make enquiries if Councillors should be completing a Data protection form. Clerk to share email addresses with Cllrs

(i)Cllr Robert James informed all that he had received complaints from electors regarding the condition of the road between Postgwyn, Boncath and Bwlchnewydd, Blaenffos. The Clerk was asked to send a letter of complaint to the Highways department.

(i)The clerk asked if it was possible to change the date of the December meeting to Wednesday 4th as she was not available that evening due to an event that was booked prior to her taking the post of Clerk. All were in favour.

The chairman thanked all for their presence and declared the meeting closed at 8.15 pm

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st October in Blaenffos Vestry at 7pm

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