

# PENALLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED PENALUN

Minutes of the Remote Extraordinary Meeting of the Penally Community Council held on Thursday 24th September 2020, via Zoom at 4.00 pm.

Present: Cllrs P Bradbury, C Bradbury, M Neal, J Williams-James, S Snow and J Rilstone

In attendance – County Cllr Jon Preston and The Clerk

## **2020/09 EM 232 Apologies for Absence - J D'Arcy**

## **2020/09 EM 233 Update on the situation of the camp itself**

It is confirmed that Penally Community Council were first made aware of the possibility of Penally Army Camp being used by the Home Office to house Asylum Seekers via a post on social media.

The continued efforts made by the Penally Community Council to access information from the appropriate authorities has been set out in the form of time lines which have been provided to all Cllrs, prior to the meeting.

## **2020/09 EM 234 Update on the actions of Council to date and responses received from Pembrokeshire County Council, Dyfed Powys Police, the Home Office and Clearsprings (service providers on behalf of the Home Office)**

Penally Community Council have made every effort to circulate information received, via the official Email address from trusted sources, to the residents of Penally either via the 380/420 strong Email distribution list or in the case where no Email addresses are known to be, delivered by hand.

The Penally Community Council have made the community aware that not all information being provided by others can be trusted as true.

It has proven very trying to obtain any information from the Home Office.

Cllr P Bradbury proposed that the Clerk make contact with Dyfed Powys Police requesting if anyone is able to attend the October 2020 meeting and answer any questions raised by Councillors; Cllr C Bradbury seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

## **2020/09 EM 235 Consideration to offer any assistance to camp management/service providers as a Community Council**

Cllr Neal reported that PATCH have been inundated with clothing, being left in the Church porch, for distribution to persons in the Penally Camp, and requests that no more donations are left for the time being.

If any residents wish to offer assistance to contact the Clerk on the Penally Community Council's Email address.

## **2020/09 EM 236 Consideration that The Clerk, with the support of the Chair, continue to communicate with the Pembrokeshire County Council, Dyfed Powys Police, Home Office and Health Board for and on behalf of Council**

Cllr Rilstone proposed that the Clerk, assisted by Cllr P Bradbury, continue to communicate on behalf of the Penally Community Council with the Pembrokeshire County Council, Dyfed Powys Police, Home Office and Health Board; Cllr Neal seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

Councillors also raised the issue of the Clerk working overtime and that the payment of such will be agreed on a monthly basis on the production of time sheets and a schedule of works carried out.

## **2020/09 EM 237      Reasons for not a having public meeting**

Following the current Government imposed restrictions a public meeting held in a public building would not be permitted.

Penally Community Council do not consider that they have the answers to questions that the public would ask at such a meeting. Pembrokeshire County Council will be holding meetings of this type (Remotely) with the relevant Authorities and Service Providers being represented and able to answer questions asked of them.

Also a public meeting could encourage persons who have ulterior motive to attend and possibly disrupt the meeting.

Penally Community Council will continue to provide the Community of Penally UpToDate and accurate information regarding the Camp and the residents who will be residing there.

Meeting closed 17.25