**CYGNOR CYMUNED PENALUN PENALLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Penally Community Council Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday 08 February 2017**

**Penally Village Hall, 6.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors P Bradbury; C. Cavill; S. Paul; V. Paul, J. Preston; J. Rilstone and S Robinson

Also Present: C. Clemson (Clerk)

**2017/02/01 Apologies**

Apologies received from Councillor M. Penn

**2017/02/02 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received

**2017/02/03 Signing of Minutes of Last Meeting (held 11 January 2017)**

The minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday January 11th were agreed to be a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairperson, Councillor P. Bradbury.

Proposed Councillor Cavill. Seconded Councillor Robinson.

**2017/02/04 Matters Arising from previous meeting**

South Beach Viewing Platform

Councillor Preston has contacted PCNPA and informed the meeting of their comments. Following a discussion between Councillors it was concluded that this project is not feasible at the moment due to the instability of the dunes. Further information on this is included in the County Councillors report.

Western Power

The outstanding cheque has been received and will be banked accordingly. The new lease with Western Power is ongoing with Red Kite Solicitors

Freezing Water across road

Although Councillor Preston contacted Highways Department, it is still unclear who is responsible for the water spilling across the road as it runs off private land. Following a discussion it was thought that if the ditches and gullies were kept clear it would help with the situation. Councillor Bradbury offered to photograph the site and report back at the next meeting.

Speeding within village

Councillor Preston informed that he has spoken with Highways with regards to the installation of a speed sign. Highways do not feel that further signs would be an effective deterrent and could be deemed environmentally unfriendly. It is thought that any such sign would have to be funded/part funded by the Community Council. Councillor Bradbury asked that Councillor Preston draft a letter on behalf of the Community Council addressing this problem and that it be forwarded to Highways via the Clerk.

**2017/02/05 Planning**

16/0619/PA. Construction of a single garage on existing vehicle hard standing – amended design. The Cottage, Penally (in retrospect)

Following perusal of the amended plans and knowing the location of the garage, councillors commented that there would be none or little room to plant the suggested privet hedge to be used as screening and may prove non sustainable. Also, the garage itself is not in character with local buildings within the village conservation area.

16/1051/PA Decking and balustrade to the front elevation of Hill Side, Penally (in retrospect)

Councillors commented that, in the their view, the decking is of substantial size, high level and may impinge on the privacy of neighbours.

The Clerk will report these comments back to the Planning Department.

**2017/02/06 Correspondence Received:**

Kidney Wales

Asking PCC to organise a Walk for Life on Sunday 23rd April 2017 to raise funds for Kidney Wales

Planning Aid Wales – PCNPA

Community and Town Council Workshops Reminder

Local Development Plan Replacement – Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority

Monday 13th February, 6.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

*(It was noted that Councillors J. Preston and S. Robinson have been booked onto the workshop)*

**2017/02/07 Accounts and Finances**

Balance of Accounts

A Bank reconciliation is to be distributed to Councillors showing current balances by Monday 13 February.

Invoices Received for Payment.

The following invoices were received for Payment

Cheque 001587 £78.00 Safe Electrical (Christmas lights)

Cheque 001588 £163.20 Clerk – January

Cheque 001589 £250.00 Village Warden – December/January

Cheque 001590 £150.00 Smart Gardens – Power washing of pathway on The Green

Cheque 001591 £47.78 Councillor Bradbury, photocopying and plants for remembrance garden

Cheque 001592 £10.00 Tenovus

Cheque 001593 £10.00 Paul Sartori

Appeals for Funds

Tenovus

Paul Sartori

All payments of cheques were proposed by Councillor Cavill. Seconded Councillor Bradbury. All in Favour

Business Plan

A business plan covering 2017/18 had been disseminated previously to all councillors and discussed at the meeting. Councillor S. Paul proposed that the Precept for 2017/18 be increased by £500 to £11,500. Seconded Councillor J. Rilstone. All in favour. The Clerk will contact Pembrokeshire County Council and inform them of this decision.

**2017/02/08 County Councillor Jon Preston Report**

Manor House Access

Due to the extent of the damaging actions carried out on trees within the conservation area around the Manor I contacted the head of planning at PCC to initiate an investigation into the matter. A group of officers of the council which included the Landscape officer, the Planning Enforcement officer and the Conservation team were briefed on the situation to date. It was confirmed that works had been carried out to a large Beech tree within the grounds of the property. This work to reduce the size of the canopy left the tree in an unsightly condition and officers discussed what action could be taken. Although prosecution for the unauthorised work was an option this would not be able to effect any improvement to the existing situation. As the application for the Orangery is still under consideration the potential to access the application to require a scheme of landscaping works to mitigate the impact of the unauthorised works remains an option for the planning officer. At the time of producing this report attempts to have a dialogue with the applicant seem to be ignored. Having also taken up the matter of the blocked access it is now my understanding that the access road is a private road and the section affected by the logs is not a public right of way. In these circumstances the Planning Department would not be able to challenge the individual in relation to the barricade. This would be a private matter between the parties with rights of access that are being impeded.

Old School Field Fence & Gate Repairs

The old school field perimeter fence which runs down to a gate to the by-pass is now in a state of disrepair. I have managed to secure a works programme to replace the old gate with a new steel two way swing gate which will allow access for Prams, buggies and wheelchairs. This work will also include the clearing of the pathway to widen it slightly. This work is scheduled for completion before the Spring. The fence however is the responsibility of the centre that operates from the old school. The fence is subject to a maintenance schedule which unfortunately seems to have lapsed. I have taken this matter up with the education department at PCC and hope to see some progress soon.

Penally Beach Viewing Platform

Following a request to the community council to explore the possibility of replacing or providing an alternative viewing platform I took the matter up with PCNPA who have responded to say that following the storms in early 2014 which effectively demolished the viewing platform the PCNPA had consulted the County Council's coastal defence officer and the consultant engineers Royal Haskoning who specialise in coastal defence. Following a site meeting the advice from Royal Haskoning was to establish and manage the alternative route. They advised against repairing the beach access where the viewing platform had stood as the dune system here is in their view particularly vulnerable to breaching and any alteration to the dunes in this vicinity would increase the risk of flooding and dune erosion.   The officer at PCNPA went on to say that they can appreciate the fact that the local community misses the viewing platform; however a replacement structure even if it was set back would in the circumstances not appear to be a sustainable option given the fragile condition of the dunes.   
Also any new structure would require the permission of the landowner (MoD) and tenant (Tenby Golf Club) including planning permission and consent from Natural Resources Wales due to this area being a Site of Special Scientific Interest. Any proposal would also have to be supported by evidence regarding potential impacts on the dune system. For these reasons and in light of the professional advice received by the Park Authority there are currently no plans to replace or relocate the structure. It is also worth noting that the area falls under the Tenby Town Council as it is part of Tenby’s South beach. However I am willing to support any individual or group who may wish to pursue the matter.

Update on Tenby Cottage Hospital

I attended the SEPCHN meeting at New Hedges village hall on 17th January which was again well attended. Representatives from the Hywel Dda health board answered many questions by those in attendance with matters again turning to the MIU services at Tenby Cottage Hospital. Since that meeting the welcome news has been received at the beginning of this month that the health board chiefs have in fact given their support to the re-opening of walk in services at Tenby Cottage Hospital. Its still early days but this is very positive news which I believe has been brought about by the excellent work carried out by SEPCHN

**2017/02/09 Items of Business Submitted by Members**

Junction of Penally Heights and MOD Camp

Councillor Robinson asked if junction priority could be given to the ‘busier’ Penally Heights traffic as opposed to the ‘quieter’ MOD Camp? Councillor Preston answered that Highways feel that the option used at the moment is the safest option.

Councillor V. Paul has been approached by a local resident who mentioned that the 349 bus running through the village still seems to be occasionally experiencing difficulties passing parked vehicles.

Councillor Bradbury informed the meeting that:

* There is a vacancy on the Village Hall Committee to represent the Community Council. The meetings are held once a month on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. It was decided that a representative be chosen each month at the Community Council meeting. This will now be an agenda item each month moving forward. Proposed V. Paul. Seconded J. Preston. All in favour.
* That the historic society would like to return some old paperwork back to the community council. It was decided that this be archived within Pembrokeshire County Council archives.

Proposed Councillor S. Paul. Seconded J. Preston. All in favour.

* The area at the entrance of the village needs to be planted with flowers/shrubs and Councillor Bradbury is happy to purchase same and claim back via expenses. It was proposed by Councillor V. Paul that £150 be put aside for this. Seconded J. Rilstone. All in favour.

**2017/02/10 Reports from Councillors**

Nothing received

**2017/02/11 Items for CROW News/Village Warden**

To be discussed at next meeting

**2017/02/13 AOB and date of next meeting**

No AOB received. The next meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY 08 MARCH 2017 @ 6.30pm**

**Meeting closed at 8.45pm**