

CYNGOR CYMUNED DWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of DWR Community Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28th March 2017 in Rudry Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Chairman Terry Hall, Cllrs Lynda Lee, Jayne Garland, Joe Farace, Andrew Diplock, Kevin Stanworth, Emma Lamb and Fiona Lewis (Temporary Clerk),

Apologies: Margaret Jones

Declaration of Interest: None

63: Police Report: Overall crime is again down against same period last year. Likely to see increase in Arson attacks with expected Grass fire season.

Speedwatch update- cards are printed. Vetting valid for 3 years but cards must be renewed annually.

ACTION: Council to ensure renewal of cards takes place in a timely manner. Let PCSO know 2 months prior to renewal date.

JF would like to see a joint speedwatch venture with Machen speedwatch to monitor speeds at Waterloo Jct. LL concerned that will be difficult to recruit volunteers and should concentrate on the 20mph past the hall and school.

8th/9th March Traffic Officers undertook an operation in the lanes. Stopped 7 vehicles and all in order.

Operation Bernie PCSO's and Officers have teamed up with fire crews to run patrols over the 2 weeks of Easter. They will be targeting the common land areas, stopping and talking to people, monitoring and observing. CE would like to see if Community Councillors would be able to come along with the patrols. Also there is now a drone department who will be flying drones up to monitor suspicious activity. It was observed that one fire was caused by glass.

Paws on patrol is another initiative to encourage dog walkers to monitor, observe and report activity. CE to send further details.

CE has been monitoring school parking outside Rhydri Primary this week.

64: Minutes of the last meeting:

- The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read and accepted as a true record.

65: Chairmans report

- Insurance has been upgraded and renewed to reflect equipment purchased and activities. Asset register completed. Premium has obviously gone up but now adequately covered.
- Groundworks have refunded the money for the compost toilet at the church. St James has refunded the £1000 grant money to the community council. Toilet has now been demolished.
- Consultation period now over, been a successful and busy month. All information now being assimilated and to be used towards the next bid for funding.

66: Clerks report:

- Caravan on Rudry Common Car park, an appeal has been lodged by the landowner but as it stands it is not yet valid. When the validated, the Notice will stand suspended pending the outcome of the appeal. This can take up to 6 months to determine. As soon as the appeal is received valid and full grounds of appeal known, the council will consult but all correspondence from then on will need to be directed to the Planning Inspectorate at Welsh Government.
- Elections paperwork will be collected and delivered by FL on Friday 31st March.
- FL has chased CCBC again re resurfacing Dormouse lane but still no response! Will chase again.
- FL contacted One Voice Wales regarding bespoke training packages. The cost for a maximum of 20 attendees is £375 plus trainers travel at 45p per mile. A discussion about the necessity of training and the value for money ensued. EL concerned that evidence of a need is required. TH explained the role of a community councillor is changing and extra roles and responsibilities are now attached to it, important that all councillors are fully trained.

ACTION: AD and EL to work with One Voice Wales to assess training needs and to check all policies in place.

67: Correspondance:

- Letter received from Ruperra Conservation Trust to acknowledge and thank the community council for the grant of £200 towards the wildlife survey project.

68: Finance:

- Balance £8275.53 Precept due April 28-30th.
- Grant Application received from Ruperra Castle Preservation Trust for £200. All Agreed.
- Grant Application received from PTA Friends of Rhydri Primary School. £678 for Rhydri eco bags. A new initiative for fund raising. All agreed £500 grant would be awarded with a caveat that the DWR Community Council logo be included on the bag.

69: Councillors Reports:

Draethen – Bridge closure due to car hitting bridge again, just after it had been repaired and reopened!

Waterloo – Owen Tamplin would like help with clarifying footpath along his field. He worked with footpaths to open a new path in order to have the one in the field diverted to protect his sheep.

ACTION: AD to contact Planning Dept and Andrew Powell in footpaths to clarify.

Stone has been delivered for the plaque.

ACTION: FL to Liaise with Pat Jones-Jenkins at Ruperra regarding the funding she has sought for plaque t William Price.

ACTION: A team will need to dig a hole to erect the stone. LL, AD and JF to co-ordinate.

Rudry – Fires on the common, burnt KS boundary fence KS suggested patrol on the common.

70. Planning:

17/0128 N/O

17/0169 N/O

AOB:

EL has linked with the school following the consultation and will have regular meetings with school liaison – likely to be Mrs Hayhoe.

ACTION: EL to update on joint working

JF would like to change the newsletter title from “*News and Events*” to “*What’s On*” Funding for newsletter can be awarded as sponsorship for groups.

ACTION: FL to upload newsletter to the website.

Next Meeting Date: 25th April 2017

Signed: 

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