

**Cyngor Cymuned  
Ystradfellte  
Community Council**

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Dear Sir/Madam

You are summoned to attend the ordinary meeting of the Ystradfellte Community Council to be held at **Pontneddfechan Village Hall** on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 7.00 p.m. to transact the following business.

Dated this day 29th October 2019

1. Apologies
2. To confirm minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Community Council held on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019
3. Dyfed Powys Police
4. County Borough Council Matters
5. Matters Arising
6. Correspondence
7. Planning Applications
- 8 Accounts
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Yours sincerely

Susan Harvey Powell  
Clerk

To The Chairman and all members of Ystradfellte Community Council

## Ystradfellte Community Council

Minutes of the meeting of Ystradfellte Community Council held at Ystradfellte Church Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Cllrs. C Woodley, H Patrick, K Bowman, N Collins, G Reynolds, L Cornish, L Jones, D Thomas  
Steve Grey, James Lawrence, Ruth Coulthard BBNP

### **2019/81** **Minutes**

The minutes were passed as a true record proposed by Cllr. Patrick and seconded by Cllr. Bowman

### **2019/82** **Declaration of Interest**

None recorded

### **2019/83** **Dyfed Powys Police**

Dyfed Powys Police were not present.

### **2019/84** **County Borough Council**

- a. Obstruction on pavement outside Craig y Dinas PNV – a discussion took place regarding this matter.
- b. Is it possible for a one way system around the village hall. Cllr. Thomas said Powys CC could not prioritise this.
- c. There has been flooding recently on High Street PNV.
- d. Powys CC have to make 13 million cuts next years.
- e. Could the ‘Slow’ sign be painted back on the road near Tai Hirion bend.
- f. The recent hedge cutting in the Nedd valley has not been finished
- g. There is a pot hole near Blaenedd Farm, Nedd valley.

### **2019/85** **Matters Arising**

- a. PNV Parking – The Waterfalls Partnership are meeting with the BBNP regarding match funding for the feasibility study.
- b. Bus Service to the new surgery – There is no funding available at present  
Glynnneath Town Council are looking to extend the service up to PNV. There has been a recent survey by the Older People’s Commissioner regarding transport to health care.

**2019/86****Correspondence**

No correspondence received.

**2019/87****Planning**

- a. Installation of Interpretation and Visitor Experience Gunpowder Works PNV – Steve Grey, James Lawrence and Ruth Coulthard attended the meeting on behalf of BBNP to answer questions regarding the planning application above.

The following questions were sent prior to the meeting,

1. How and when do you intend to run the public meeting?
2. What can you realistically do and what are you doing to try and help with the local residents concerns over increased numbers visiting the area and the traffic and parking problems caused not only in PNV but also Ystradfellte
3. Have you any plans to help encourage responsible visitors to the area and what have you considered could be put in place.
4. Do you have any practical examples of other areas who have faced similar problems and how were they resolved.
5. Have you any intention of using the interior of the village hall as a visitor centre.

Steve Grey introduced himself as the new Delivery Director for BBNP. He recently took up the post but does not know the area. He thanked the community council for inviting him and his colleagues to the meeting and understands that residents are angry and frustrated by the parking issue and he is committed to promote responsible behaviour in the National Park.

Q5. Visitor Centre – Ruth Coulthard said that there is no plan to use the village hall as visitor centre. They just want to share the local heritage with visitors. They had spoken to the village hall committee. Cllr. Thomas said that Powys CC owns the village hall and were not consulted by BBNP. This was an oversight by BBNP

Q1.2 & 3 James Lawrence said they wanted to involve everyone and suggested a day where residents could call in during the day and speak in private if they wished. He asked if there is a way of sharing information with the wider community e.g. community newsletters. BBNP have appointed a new Community Development Officer to liaise with members of the community, police etc. He mentioned that a meeting is taking place with Powys CC regarding coach parking at the village hall. Cllr. Collins said that people do not attend meetings and didn't think having a drop in session was a good idea. Cllr Reynolds suggested having a drop in session during the day and a public meeting in the evening. Cllr. Thomas suggested that the community council facilitate the meeting.

It was reported that BBNP have asked Visit Wales to try and tone down promotion of the area as the grant was for the preservation of the gun powder works. By putting the interpretation panels residents will interpret that as promotion. Better communication is needed between BBNP and residents of the area so they know what is going on.

Cllr. Reynolds proposed a drop in session throughout the day finishing with a public meeting in the evening. This was seconded by Cllr. Patrick. It will possibly take place in late November.

Q4. Other areas – James Lawrence mentioned Llangorse and Talybont but the geography of these areas are not the same as PNV

**2019/88****Accounts**

The 2018/19 External Audit report has been received, the following issues were noted,

1. Treatment of un-presented cheques 2017/18 Report – noted
2. Date of Approval not entered – noted
3. Re-approval Section box completed in error – noted
4. Timing of Internal Audit – the internal audit should be completed before the accounting statement is presented to the council – noted
5. Annual Governance Statement – Assertion 3 regarding committees and sub-committees. Yes was ticked instead of N/A - noted

Upper Bridge (website)	£160.80
H Patrick (travel)	£114.75
Wages, Tax, Pension etc	£282.31

Account Balances

Main Account	£12,053.59
High Interest	£1947.29
Ariel Account	£2916.66

**2019/89****Members Verbal Reports**

- a. One Voice Wales Report by Cllr. Patrick.
- b. The Llewellyn, Lewis, Morgan grants applications will be dealt with after the Community Council's November meeting.
- c. Broadband Hepste Valley – there are 12 households interested in having broadband in the valley. Kirsty Williams A.M. reported that there is no provision for the Hepste Valley but Welsh Government are looking at the possibility of funding for a mobile connection.

The next meeting will be held at Pontneddfechan Village Hall on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.00 p.m

This concluded the meeting, which the Chairman duly closed.

Signed ..... Date.....

1Chairman