

PAINSCASTLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of PAINSCASTLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL 14th November 2016

The Chairman, Cllr Mr PJ Lewis, then opened the meeting and the following were present:
Cllrs Mrs J Smith, Mr GD Jones, Mr R Ball, Mrs T Davies, Mr R Tyler and
Powys C Cllr Mr J Gibson-Watt.

Apologies were received from Cllr Mr DA Nicholls and Mr M Graham

As there were no objections to the minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2016 these were signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the meeting.

PLANNING: a. P/2016/0887 Erection of a building to house machinery at Glannant, Painscastle, planning permission has been granted.
b. P/2016/0828 Erection of a glass canopy to rear and side of Moorland House, Rhosgoch, planning permission has been granted.
c. P/2016/1040 Demolition of redundant building and erection of agricultural building at Penllan, Painscastle, this was fully supported by the Council.
d. P/2016/1132 Reinstatement of a former dwelling to residential use, installation of a septic tank, formation of a vehicular access, change of use of agricultural land to form a residential curtilage and all associated works at Church House Farm, Llandeilo Graban, this was fully supported by the Council.

FINANCE: a. Accounts (i) Current a/c £2,133.91

HIGHWAYS: a. The culvert near Portway had been repaired and the road near the Pant was to be added to the list of works to be completed by Powys Highways.

REPORTS: a. County Cllr Mr James Gibson-Watt reported that discussions had taken place regarding future capital investment at Gwernyfed High School. Further proposals regarding the future of the school would also take place. The publication of draft 'focus changes' to Powys LDP had caused serious concerns as the Begwyns, Ireland Moor and Bryngwyn Hill had all been included as possible 'Strategic local search sites' for solar and wind installations. No account of SSSI's, SAC's, Special landscape areas, etc. had been taken into account when drawing up these draft proposals. Any comments regarding the consultation had to be in by the 21st November.

At this point the Chairman, Cllr Mr PJ Lewis, closed the Council meeting and asked for any comments from the members of the public on the Powys LDP 'focussed changes' regarding the local search areas for wind and solar installations. The main points put forward were, 1) that many of the areas put forward were inappropriate as no assessment of the local infrastructure had been made, roads to supply sites and grid capacity to take the electric generated. 2) The destruction of habitat if the sites were constructed. 3) Negative impact on tourism and the local economy. 4) The consultation had been rushed and not enough time given to draw up responses.

The Community Council would respond to the consultation taking into account the points put forward by the members of the public at the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: a. LDP, wind and solar proposals, see previous minute.
b. Register of Electors, the Council would request a copy.
c. Gwernyfed High School, discussions regarding future funding were being carried out.
d. Parking in Clyro, parking outside Clyro Village hall was causing problems for through traffic, Clyro C.C. to be asked to highlight this at their next meeting.
e. Painscastle Recycling, the contract with Powys C.C. was now coming to an end for this facility and with the individual recycling collections taking place this service would end.

APPEALS: a. Diabetes awareness, this had been highlighted by Chris Davies MP and the public should be made more aware of the symptoms especially those effecting children.

Signed by the Chairman Cllr Mr PJ Lewis 16/1/2017