



Penhow Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 4th March 2020
at 7.15pm at St John's Hall, Penhow.

Present at the meeting were:

Chair: John Wagstaff

Councillors: Jan Bartlett
Viv Batchelor
Keith Jones
Bob Shepherd
Anne Underwood
Michael Weekes

Clerk: Nicola Sutherland clerk@penhowcommunity.org
Ms L Partridge and Mr I Williams in attendance.

1.	Apologies received and accepted from Beryl Morgan and Cllr William Routley.
2.	Previous Minutes The minutes of Wednesday, 5 th February 2020 were agreed. Proposed by Anne Underwood and seconded by Michael Weekes. The Chair signed a copy of the minutes as a true record.
3.	Matters Arising • Website update – the website is now live. Question from the floor about February minutes – these will be on the website once agreed at March meeting. • All other matters arising are included within the agenda below.
4.	Public Participation Please see item 10 planning application 20/0051 Rose Farm.
5.	Ward Councillor Matters No ward councillors present. PCC would like an update on how the discussions with Viridor about Five Lanes Recycling Site are progressing.
6.	Councillor Areas of Responsibility Matters Updates • Community Liaison - Bob Shepherd • Hall Update – there is a hall meeting W/B 9th March. • Community First – one application has been received for a small financial donation. Volunteers are still needed to support this valuable, local magazine.



	• Green Spaces - Michael Weekes • Highway verges – the work on the verges between Penhow and the Rock and Fountain is ongoing and the verge areas are much improved. • Wildflower planting – new signs have been installed to inform residents about the planting. The ground is currently very wet and the seed beds will not be prepared until the ground is ready. • PCC noticeboard – this will be installed at the bottom of St John's Hall drive. • Rockfield Glade – the overgrown vegetation has been cut back to encourage new growth and biodiversity. This area will be trimmed throughout the season and new growth kept a metre away from the footpath in this area. • Recreation Grounds and Street Furnishings -John Wagstaff and Keith Jones • Items have been identified for maintenance and repairs organised.
7.	Village Matters (i) Picnic in the Park – Viv Batchelor gave an update about this event. This will be a fun and local event and the Community Council will work with the planning group to fully support them in their preparation. (ii) Green spaces registration – PCC are now members of the Open Spaces Society. (iii) Wildlife opportunity – Local Places for Nature grant has been applied for. (iv) Wildlife in the village – Wildlife items have been purchased and are ready for re-sale. The shop committee have been asked if these items can be sold through the shop. A decision on this will be made by the new shop committee at the end of the month. If they cannot provide space, an alternative will be sought. Details of this will be displayed in the shop and on our notice boards soon. Best kept garden competition. Following last year's success, this competition is running again. Details can be found on the PCC website and noticeboards. Wildlife competition. Residents are asked to share the work that they are doing to encourage wildlife in their own gardens. Entrance date and more details can be found on the PCC website and noticeboards. Details of these competitions can also be found in Community First. (v) Walking path update – clerk to follow up permission with NCC. Plan of the path to be put up in the noticeboards and on the website to inform residents. (vi) Defibrillator – this has been registered on 'The Circuit', the new national defibrillator network that all ambulance services will be using to locate a defibrillator in an emergency.
8.	Other Matters (i) Arcade Road – update. OSS to be contacted for further advice on this matter.



9.	Planning Applications (New) No new planning applications received
10.	Planning Application (Updates) Mrs J Bartlett declared an interest and left the room for the duration of the item. Planning application 20/0051 Rose Farm. PCC asked questions of NCC with regards to environmental impact and are awaiting information from them. Mr Ieuan Williams and Ms L Partridge attended the meeting to answer queries about the application. Mr Williams passed a copy of planning application consultation response information to the Community Council. Questions raised: Q. Drainage along Arcade Road and possible impact of a new dwelling. Water will run off the roof and it is anticipated that the drainage will either be recycled or go into a soak away or French drain. There should not be more water leaving the site. Q. The building is close to an area of SSSI. The new building is further away from the SSSI than the current dwelling. Q. The application is for a residential dwelling in an area that was not intended to be residential. The dwelling would be for an agricultural worker (rural enterprise) and would remain as this, the building would not be able to be sold on the free market. Q. Will there be an increase in traffic? There will not be more visitors to the site as the horses are brought to the site and left there for treatment. Visitors are by appointment only. Clerk to send in a summary of the concerns raised by the Council to NCC.
11.	Accounts & Financial Matters (i) Balances - £22443.42 (11.02.2020). This amount includes money ringfenced for further development of the park with an accessible walking track. (ii) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report - February 2020 – accepted. (iii) Grounds Maintenance contract 2020-2021 – accepted. (iv) To approve payments: Website hosting £240.00 (annual contract with maintenance) Website build £800.00 Mole catching £300.00 Open Spaces Society £45.00 Clerk Salary Clerk expenses £52.79



	Grounds Maintenance Contract One Voice Wales membership £115 Urban Recreation – maintenance and repairs for playground equipment £750.00
12.	A.O.B Seasonal meal – councillors to let Chair know of a suitable date. Chair person – change of chair will take place at AGM in April. Drains blocked on Arcade Road – clerk to report. Anne Underwood visited the Hub in Ringland. Events are planned to promote this service. John Wagstaff thanked all for the support he has received as this was his last meeting as Chairperson. Michael thanked John for his dedication and hard work on behalf of the Council and the Community.
13.	Next Meeting – normally April 1st 2020 at 7.15pm
14.	Correspondence – • Consultation on future audit arrangements – Audit Wales • Spring Clean Cymru • Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft Supplementary Report – Welsh Govt • Consultation events Beyond Recycling – Welsh Govt • Local places for nature packages – Keep Wales Tidy • Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod request for support • Fields in Trust – information • OVW larger councils minutes Feb 2020 • EOTAS consultation Welsh Gov