

PELENNA COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED PELENNA

Minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 7th August 2019 at Tonmawr Community Centre at
7:00 p.m.

- 1 Present:** Chairperson – Cllr. Diane Evans
Cllr Desmond Sparkes, Cllr Robert Jenkins,
Cllr Philip Lewis, Cllr Malcolm Jones,
Cllr Lisa Hawkes, Cllr Chris Jones,
Cllr Pat Davis, Cllr David Hole
- In attendance: The Clerk:** Mr David S Mackerras
- Apologies:** Cllr Janice Evans.
NPTCBC Member, Cllr Jeremy Hurley
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- 2 2019/136 Declarations of Interest**
Nothing declared.

- 3 2019/137 To discuss issues relating to Community
Christmas trees to be placed at Tonmawr and
Pontrhydyfen - December 2019**

The Clerk reported that no permission is required from Neath Port Talbot CBC for trees placed on private land. NPTCBC permission only required for trees to be placed on its land. Advice from Cwmavon community based on their previous experience and what it has planned for Christmas 2019 (kindly provided by Cllr Charlotte Galsworthy, NPTCBC Member for Cwmavon ward):

- Solar power not used for illumination.
- Light box may be installed at approximate cost of £200 to safely take power from a building to illuminate tree.
- Some residents asked if they will allow identified trees on their property to be illuminated using community funds.
- Dates for Cwmavon lighting up ceremony – 29/30th November.

- This year's event will include a parade from the Rolling Mill PH to the Community centre incorporating Reindeer.
- Donations accepted for memory stars – minimum £6 – funds raised held in community fund for following year.
- Fund raising for Christmas event includes business community.
- Cemetery illuminated.
- Christmas decorations placed on lamp posts.

Cllr Lisa Hawkes believes that Pelenna should support the installation of Christmas trees to bring the Community together. Members of Council were generally in favour – no vote taken.

Actions agreed for Pelenna Community Council:

- Cllr Lisa Hawkes appointed as project co-ordinator.
- Jeremy Hurley to be asked to publish Council intention to place a Christmas tree in each village and request volunteer support from a qualified electrician and others – Cllr Lisa Hawkes to action.
- Newsletter committee to meet at 5:00pm 20th August to work on setting up a Council facebook page to advise Community of Christmas tree plans – Clerk to action.
- Mr Tim Bowen will be contacted to discuss possible location of Tonmawr tree alongside SPO – Clerk to action.
- Investigate memory tree decorations – Clerk to action.
- Solar lighting to be investigated – Cllr Pat Davis to action.
- Meet with Mr Geri Griffiths & Mr Robbie Black to ask them to assist in a village santa run – Cllr Chris Jones and Cllr Diane Evans to action.
- Seek grant assistance from NPTCBC/Cllr Jeremy Hurley to fund Tree and Festive initiative – Clerk to action
- Seek support from NRW for provision of 2 8/10 foot high Christmas trees – Clerk to action.
- Discuss with community police officers possibility of the Santa run event and seek support – Clerk to action.
- Speak with Pelenna Male Voice choir to investigate availability – Clerk to action

- Place item on September meeting Agenda for update and further decisions – Clerk to action.

4 2019/138 To decide on clearance of Path leading down from ‘Heart of Oak’ hill, Pontrhydyfen.

It was agreed that the path will be assessed by Cllr David Hole, Cllr Philip Lewis, the Clerk, David Mackerras in conjunction with CMO Peter Hughes as part of the Pontrhydyfen regular maintenance review which will take place at 11:00am Monday 12th August. Clerk and Councillors to report back on any suggested revision to the Pontrhydyfen maintenance programme.

Chair

Meeting closed at 8:15pm.