On Tuesday, 25th November 2008 a meeting of Trefeurig Community Council was held in Neuadd y Penrhyn, Penrhyncoch at 7.00 pm

<u>PRESENT:</u> Clirs R Owen (Chair); D M Hughes; T Davies; T Lewis; D R Morgan; M Evans; D Jones; Mrs E Davies; D Sheppard and clerk

- **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Mrs K Walker (who was representing the Council at the Airtricity Liaison Meeting in Talybont), and Cllr Mrs G Price.

 County Cllr D Suter was indisposed
- 2534 Personal Matters: none
- 2535 Disclosure of Personal Interest: none
- **2536 Confirmation of Minutes:** It was RESOLVED to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st October 2008. The following matters arising from the Minutes were discussed:-

<u>Minute 2504 - Highway matters - Penrhyncoch Safe Route to School:</u> The Council has written several letters reporting 4 known incidents of children running/cycling past the barrier at the junction of the Safe Route to School and the Public Footpath with the highway C1016 near the Illicit Still, Penrhyncoch, and into the path of oncoming traffic. A request was made for theexisting single barrier to be replaced by staggered barriers.

The Highway Dept has replied that it does not agree with this suggestion and has asked the local Neighbourhood Police Officer to visit Penrhyncoch School to discuss road safety with the children.

It was RESOLVED to write again (i)To state that the four children involved in the reported road safety incidents are not pupils at Penrhyncoch School. (ii) To request a site meeting (iii) To ask the Department to reconsider the request for a staggered barrier (similar to the one at the rear entrance to Penrhyncoch School).

<u>Minute 2505 - 2008 Remembrance Service review:</u> Members were of the opinion that arrangements had been satisfactory and expressed their appreciation for the involvement of Rev Livingstone and Church members; the Police, the bugler and Ty Mawr garage for allowing traffic to drive through their forecourt.

Minute 2509 - Review of Community Boundaries in Ceredigion: It was RESOLVED to respond that in the Council's view the current community boundaries are satisfactory and that the number of councillors representing the community should remain at eleven. No contrary comments have been received from the Public in response to the Notices posted within the Community.

Minute 2513 – Clean neighbourhood & Environment – Guidance to Councils: In his report Cllr Mervyn Hughes gave a brief summary of the new powers explained in this document relating to litter, graffiti, flyposting, and dog offences. He described it as a good reference book. RESOLVED to note and accept

- **2357** Age Concern Information Packs Keeping Warm: The Project Officer will attend the Council's January meeting to discuss the initiative
- 2358 Reports of Meetings attended by Members representing the Community Council:

 Penbontrhydybeddau Play Area: Cllr Trefor Davies stated that the report on the Play Area was satisfactory. Efforts were in hand to build up financial reserves to enable older equipment to be replaced and news had been received that the local Buffs had nominated the Play Area Committee as beneficiaries of this year's fund raising events

 Hen Ysgol Trefeurig: Cllr Daniel Jones attended a meeting at Ysgol Trefeurig organised by Dr C King and aimed at getting an improved Broadband service in the Community. A representative of BT was present and explained the difficulties of sparsely populated areas combined with the high cost of replacing old BT equipment
- 2359 Ceredigion Paths Scheme 2009
 - (i) Invitation to apply to participate in a revised Community Paths Scheme starting in 2009. RESOLVED to express interest in taking part at a future date, and meanwhile to display notices inviting residents to suggest footpaths/bridleways which are in need of improvement (ii) Invitation to bid to trash existing Public Rights of Way(PROW). RESOLVED not to bid at present but to make a list of paths that could be included in this scheme in future

The following correspondence/documents were received and considered:

- 2360 Ceredigion Environmental Services septic tank overflow: Tests have been carried out at two sites to check on suspected septic tank overflow: One in Cefnllwyd which proved negative; The second at Penbontrhydybeddau where efforts to solve the problem are still under way. RESOLVED to note
- **Boundary Commission for Wales:** Review of Community Council Election Results 2008: RESOLVED to note
- **2362** Freedom of Information Adoption of new model publication scheme from 1 Jan **2009**: Details received from the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) of the new model publication scheme which must be adopted by Councils from 1st January 2009. After discussion it was RESOLVED to complete the model template and to adopt the scheme. Details of the scheme and the completed template will be available to the public from 1 January 2009.
- 2363 A Ceredigion Green Party Discussion document aimed at improving bus transport: The content of the document was discussed at length. It was RESOLVED to respond that
 - (i) There was unanimous support for proposals aimed at co-ordinating time tables
 - (ii) Regulations compelling companies to accept all tickets must not financially disadvantage smaller bus companies
 - (iii) Strong support was expressed for the proposal that one body should be responsible for producing and disseminating information regarding all services
 - (iv) Passengers must be made aware of variations in charges made by bus companies per route. Prices must be clearly displayed
- **Airtricity Liaison Group draft plan for inaugural meeting:** It was RESOLVED to leave this for discussion until Cllr Walker, the Council representative, reports on the meeting
- **Shelter Cymru:** Copy received of Shelter Rural Communities pack: RESOLVED Cllr D Sheppard to read and report to the January meeting
- **2366** Fire & Rescue risk reduction plan 2009/10: RESOLVED Cllr D M Hughes to read and report to the January meeting
- **2367** Adjudication Panel Annual Report: RESOLVED Cllr R Owen to read and report to the January meeting
- **2368** Ceredigion Tidy Towns: Details of a new initiative to improve community assets: RESOLVED to copy to local group inviting them to apply to take part in the scheme
- **National Assembly for Wales:** Invitation to express views on financial support provided for Assembly Members: RESOLVED to accept
- 2370 Invitation to Meeting in Aberaeron on 2/12/08 to discuss proposals to reduce street lighting costs; RESOLVED to nominate Cllrs R Owen and Mrs K Walker to attend
- 2371 Invitation to Boundary Commission Workshop in Carmarthen on 10th December: RESOLVED to note
- 2372 Invitation to members to attend a RAF Civic Reception in Aberystwyth on 03/02/09: RESOLVED to nominate four members to attend if possible

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- **HSBC Community Acc balance at 13 Nov 08: £1050. 19**(sheet 290). This, together with the Business M/Manager balance of £8,389.20 leaves the Council with £9,439.39
- **Footway lamp re-siting:** The quote received from SP for re-siting the lamp near the Square, Penrhyncoch is £710. 50 + Vat plus the cost of a column and fittings and fixing of over £1,000. It was RESOLVED to leave discussion of this item until Ceredigion's proposals regarding public lighting have been made known.
- **Replacement of area map in Penrhyncoch:** A provisional quotation has been received for £650 to replace the present map. It was RESOLVED to accept this quote if the work can be completed within the current financial year.

Payment of the following invoices was agreed:

- 2376 Royal British Legion 2008 wreath : £25 (cheque 880)
- **2377** L Griffiths October 2008 translations: £77.13 (cheque 881)
- 2378 Ysgol Trefeurig Development Group Hire of room 16/09/08: £10 (cheque 882)
- **2379** A Hughes repairs to community notice board: £48. 75 (cheque 883)

- **2380 Viking Direct –** Office materials: £97.55 + Vat £14.64: £112.19 (cheque 884)
- **2381 SLCC** Membership renewal 2009: £72 (cheque 885)

The following planning decisions were noted:

- 2382 A080906AV Tymawr Filling Station, Penrhyncoch signage permission granted
- 2383 A080783 Alltfadog, Capel Madog wind turbine permission granted

The following planning applications were considered:

- **A080979 Ty'r Ysgol, Trefeurig** alterations & extensions: Work on this property was well advanced before the 21 days allowed for consultation were ended
- 2385 A071015 Land adj P/coch Post office erection of dwelling (revised plans): No observations
- 2386 A030530 Amenity land Lon Helyg, Penrhyncoch: Letter received from estate resident enquiring re ownership/responsibility for this piece of land. RESOLVED to acknowledge letter and send copy to Planning Dept together with a request for a response to the Community Council's letter to them on this subject, dated 01.09.08
- 2387 Confirmation of next Meeting:

Unless any matters of urgency arise it was RESOLVED that no meeting will be held on 16th December.

The January meeting will be at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 20th January, 2009 in Hen Ysgol Trefeurig (subject to completion of maintenance work and a risk assessment certificate)

- 2388 It was agreed to include the following matters on the next agenda:
 - Drivers' concern re dazzle from football field floodlights
 - Fly tipping at Cwmsymlog
 - Follow-up requests for grit bins
 - Broken stile at entrance to footpath 9/7 off Salem road
 - Request for maintenance work/reflector posts on north side of highway through Penbontrhydybeddau

The Meeting closed at 9.20 pm