

HENLLYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Meeting of Henllys Community Council held at the Village Hall on
Monday 10th February 2025 at 6pm

MINUTES

1. Questions from the public.

L . Westerman :

“ I attended the May 2024 Henllys Community Council meeting to request bus shelters be provided in Henllys. The following is taken from the HCC May 2024 minutes-

L. Westerman requested the assistance of HCC in providing bus shelters at the stops by the Village Hall & by Llys Gwyrdd .

Cllr Thomas agreed to pursue this matter with TCBC .

D Leech also offered to pursue the matter .

Since over 8 months have elapsed with no visible result I would like to attend the February Henllys Community Council meeting to receive an update on this request. “

Response from TCBC :

“ funding for all bus shelters, whether new or replacement shelters are funded through Welsh Government grants. At present we are not in position to confirm whether or not shelters at these locations can be funded but they will be logged for future consideration.

The cost for new shelters and installation can vary, depending on the specifications. In general, the cheapest option would start at around £10,000 and can rise anywhere to £20,000 / £25,000 depending on the variations. These costs are inclusive of installation. “

In view of the unsatisfactory response Cllr's Thomas & Burnett will seek further info from TCBC .

2. In Attendance

Cllr's Waters , Webb , Smith-Higgins , Lewis , Roberts , Thomas , Burnett

Clerk

Police & Crime Commissioner

Neighbourhood Watch Representatives

L Westerman

3. No declaration of interests.

4. Approved minutes - 13th January 2025

5. Matters arising and actions from those minutes not covered by the agenda.

Response received from TCBC to question raised by Cllr Webb – Underpass below Henllys Church in Wales School is cleaned on 10 working day basis

6. Approved the following Payments :

- TCBC £3,000 , Playscheme
- TCBC £6,070 , Play Clubs
- TCBC £3,237.28 , Election

7. Noted Income & Expenditure , year to date

Agreed transfer of £8,000 from Savings Account

8. Neighbourhood Watch

An overview was provided encompassing :

a. Area covered

Henllys & Ty Canol encompassing local farms

b. How will it work

Establish committee members

Set up communication channels (social media will be used to encourage residents to participate

Collaborate with Police

Disseminate info on good practises / pursue other initiatives eg smart water

c. Measuring success

Crime stats

Residents participation (the aim is 1 resident for every street)

d. Funding Options

Resident contributions

Grants from statutory bodies

Grants from local businesses

e. Local structure – to be determined

f. Next steps

Start social media

Seek feedback from residents on interest in Neighbourhood Watch

Recruit volunteers

9. Agreed notes of Business Planning & Finance Working Group – 22cd January 2025

10. Mic Morris Trust

Cllr Thomas explained the origins of the fund & the funding available to applicants .

Cllr Thomas will provide info to be shared on social media .

11 . Police & Crime Commissioner

An overview was given of the role / events since the election :

- Recruitment of new chief constable
- Appointment process & involvement of other stakeholders
- Mission is to build trust & confidence
- Residents survey on priorities for Police & Crime Plan - Launch of plan in March 25
- The Plan will increase the funding available to support community groups

- Mechanisms for holding the Chief Constable to account – scrutiny info to be shared with the community
- Mechanisms to hold the Police & Crime Commissioner to account
- Working within the constraints imposed by the Crime Justice system
- Championing the good work undertaken by the Police
- Building partnerships with other statutory bodies

11. Governor – Henllys Church in Wales School

Cllr Waters had previously asked Council if anyone wished to be appointed as a Governor of the school .

The school has identified a potential Governor & Cllr Waters will request the info be shared with HCC

13 .Grant Applications

(a) Request from the LNR for additional equipment

It was agreed that :

- a grant of £1200 (excluding VAT) be awarded
- the cost of funding the installation of the defibrillator is not to be charged to the LNR budget

(b) Blaen Bran Community Woodland – agreed a grant of £500

12. Payment of Member Allowances - Clerk to be advised before the end of February .

- Cllr Waters – Henllys Village Hall
- Cllr Smith-Higgins – Velindre Cancer Care
- Cllr Burnett - Henllys Village Hall
- Cllr Thomas - Cwmbran and District Pipe and Drum Band.
- Cllr Roberts – BCJ Roberts

13. Chair's report

Cllr's Waters & Webb attended a meeting at Cwmbran CC on the draft Charter with TCBC . Unfortunately , there was little appetite to amend the document

Due to the lack of targets & performance measures the Chair & Vice were of the view HCC should not sign the Charter .

The final version of the Charter will be presented to Council in due course .

14..AOB

Cllr Thomas provided an update on flooding in Pensarn Way – she had met TCBC & remedial work is to be undertaken in March .

Cllr Smith-Higgins commented on the fire in the old barn .

Cllr Waters requested TCBC be asked to check the working of the SID's .

Date of next meeting – 10th March 2025

