**Gwernyfed Community Council**

**Minutes of Meeting held on 1st April 2014**

**St Peters Church Hall, Glasbury**

Present Mr Derek Price (Chair)

 Mrs Margaret David

 Mrs Cheryl Hyde

 Mr Ray Jeffries

 Mr Graham Day

 Mr David Edlin

 Mr Eric Hoole

In Attendance Mrs Rachel Jones (Clerk)

1. **Opening Comments**

DP welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2 Declarations of Interest**

None

**3 Apologies**

Cllr Geraint Hopkins and Andy Jones

**4 Minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2014**

Matters Arising

Item 4(7) –RJ confirmed that he will be attending a meeting of the management group for the public conveniences to allow a bank account to be opened. It is still not known if Powys County Council will continue to maintain the facilities, and there had been a recent query regarding the cleanliness of the facilities.

Item 4(12) – CH reported that the hedge had still not been cut back in Velindre. CH will contact the Boughrood depot to progress the issue.

**Action**: CH to contact the Boughrood Depot

Item 9 – DE confirmed he has written to Powys County Council regarding the breakdown of costs for the speed limit works, but they were unable to provide an accurate cost for the advert. However, they were able to provide clarification on the VAT amount which will be just under £400. About 75% of this would be payable by Gwernyfed Community Council. The decision on the works was approved at the recent County Council meeting, and the advert will be combined with one for works at Pipton. It was unclear why the County Council was funding the Pipton works, but we were expected to fund the Glasbury works.

Item 8 - DP reported that the requests for financial support from St Peters Church and Penyrheol Chapel came in during April last year.

Item 12 (ii) – RJ has spoken to the garage owners and they are aware of the condition of the hard standing outside to the side of the garage, and are in the process of getting costs for these works. However, they also need to be able to clarify exact ownership of the land and also a reassurance from the County Council that the issues with the drains would be addressed.

**5 Planning Matters**

P/2014/0247 – Erection of two dwellings and associated works (revised scheme) at Dan y Lan, Glasbury, Powys

Originally the planning permission for this whole site was for five dwellings, to include one affordable dwelling. The plots had been auctioned individually, and this had resulted in four dwellings being built. This application is to modify the remaining plot to allow the construction of two dwellings. This would result in six dwellings on this site, with no affordable dwellings. It was agreed to object on these grounds.

**Action**: Clerk to establish which neighbours had been consulted

**6 Literature & Information Received**

(i) Easter Refuse Collections

 This item was received. It was agreed to display the information on the notice boards.

(ii) Superfast Broadband Connection

 It was agreed that the timetable for these works was disappointing.

 **Action**: AJ to establish the reason for the delay in these works as it was understood that the superfast broadband connection goes into the Glasbury exchange

(iii) Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service – Annual Improvement Plan

 This item was received. RJ reported that it had been suggested the fire service may charge for river rescues.

**7 Ownership Issues at the Bont**

DE had circulated a revised draft letter that he suggested should be sent to Glasbury Community Council to clarify the ownership issues of the Bont. There was a discussion on whether this should be sent from individuals within the Community Council or the Community Council as a whole. A vote was taken, and all, except DP, agreed that the letter should be sent from the whole Community Council.

**Action**: Clerk to send the letter to the Chair of Glasbury Community Council, copied to their Clerk.

**8 Procedure for Electing a New Chair**

Previously this issue had been managed by electing a vice chair who would then be the Chair the following year. The Chair and Vice Chair had also rotated around the three communities to allow equal representation. Last year the Chair had been asked to stay on for one more year and had agreed to this, however DP felt that it was necessary to clarify the process in particularly 1) the duration of the term of office, 2) whether the Vice Chair would automatically follow into the Chair and 3) whether the roles should revolve around the communities.

DP felt that it was important that the Chair should change, as individuals situations change and this also prevents the Community Council being led by one individual for lengthy period of time.

A discussion was held around the three points above and it was agreed that 1) there would be an annual election, but the Chair could stay in post for a maximum of three years, 2) the Vice Chair will follow the Chair, and 3) where possible, these roles will move around the three communities.

**Action**: Clerk to provide a draft guidance document for the above

**9 County Councillors Report**

Cllr Hopkins wasn’t present, but it was noted that the speed limit works had been agreed

**10 Financial Matters**

It was agreed to add Derek Price and Andy Jones as authorised signatories to the Community Council bank accounts.

The salary of the Clerk of £100 was agreed

**12 Any Other Business**

None

Next Meeting 6th May 2014 at Velindre Village Hall, Velindre.