**Gwernyfed Community Council**

**Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd June 2014**

**St Peters Church Hall, Glasbury on Wye**

Present Mr Andy Jones (Chair)

 Mrs Margaret David

 Mrs Cheryl Hyde

 Mr Derek Price

 Mr David Edlin

 Mr Ray Jeffries

In Attendance Mrs Rachel Jones (Clerk)

1. **Opening Comments**

None

**2 Declarations of Interest**

None

**3 Apologies**

Mr Grahame Day and Mr Eric Hoole

**4 Minutes of the meeting held on 6th May 2014**

Matters Arising

Item 4(5) – Details of those properties that had been consulted in relation to the development at Dan y Lan, Glasbury had been received and this was read out to the meeting. There was still some lack of clarity over the properties chosen for consultation as there appeared to be some missing from the list.

**Action**: Clerk to contact the Planning Department at Powys County Council and ask for clarification on the choice of neighbour consultees, in particular the occupants of Aberllynfi House and No. 10 Dan-y Bryn.

Item 4(6ii) – AJ reported that he had tried to find a contact to speak to regarding the roll-out of superfast broadband, but had only been able to find a map on a webpage which indicated timescales for the rollout. For the Glasbury and Llyswen areas, there was no date specified. AJ explained that the areas related to exchanges and not community council areas. CH reported that there are still problems with the exchange in Velindre with very slow connection speeds being experienced.

**Action**: AJ to write to Kirsty Williams AM regarding the lack of information for the Glasbury and Llyswen areas and the impact this is having not only on households but the many businesses in this area.

Item 4(7) – The draft guidance for the election of Chair and Vice Chair had been circulated. This was accepted.

Item 6 (iv) – Information had been received from John Fitzgerald regarding the current funding position of Glasbury Arts. Given the generosity of the Community Council last year, it was agreed to send a cheque of £200 in support. It was suggested that to expedite the matter next year, should funding be sought by Glasbury Arts, then financial information should be provided at the same time, e.g. monies already raised and target to be achieved.

**Action**: Clerk to send a cheque for £200, and letter, to John Fitzgerald for Glasbury Arts.

Item 10 – MD queried the difference is levels of financial support provided to Velindre Village Hall and St. Peters Church Hall. It was explained that this was due to the much higher costs of insuring St Peters Church Hall, but that both halls had been informed with this payment, that the link to insurance and water rates would not continue.

Item 11(i) – CH reported that she had contacted Eifion Jones at the Brecon Beacons National Park regarding the blocked bridleway in the forest above Velindre. The owner had been contacted by the National Park and had then removed the obstruction. Discussions over the roadway through the forest are still ongoing.

Item 11(ii) – AJ had contacted the Footpaths Officer at Powys County Council (Ben Humphreys) and had received assurances that the works to repair the footpath opposite St Peters Church Hall were programmed for the next two months, and would also include some improvements by way of the installation of some shallow steps.

**5 Planning Matters**

Notice of Appeal at Becksfoot, Glasbury

This item was received

**6 Literature & Information Received**

(i) Insurance Cover

 A table comparing two quotes for the Community Councils insurance was circulated. One was from the current insurer, AON at £380.93 and the other from Zurich Municipal at £259.68. The Zurich Municipal quote was accepted as being more economical with a better level of coverage.

**Action**: Clerk to confirm insurance with Zurich Municipal

(ii) Book-keeping Service From PAVO

 It was agreed that the Community Council would continue the agreement with PAVO for their Book-keeping service at £10 per month.

**7 County Councillors Report**

There was no report

**8 Financial Matters**

The invoice had been received from New Millennium Internet Services Ltd in the sum of £123.50 for the domain and web space hosting. CH queried whether there were elements of this that could be done by the Community Council. It was agreed to continue with this service for this year, but if there are alternative suggestions on the way forward, these could be taken as a future agenda item. CH also queried whether the website was compatible with modern media, e.g. for people viewing via tablets and mobile phones.

The salary of the Clerk of £100 was agreed

**9 Any Other Business**

(i) DE queried whether there had been any progress on the issue over the footpath near the garage in Glasbury. As this problem was caused by the poor maintenance of the drains, the garage owners were hesitant about repairing the surface, of which they only have partial responsibility, before the issue of the drains was resolved. It was suggested that this matter be deferred to next months meeting to allow GH to feedback on his discussions with Boughrood depot.

**Action**: Clerk to place this as an agenda item for next month

(ii) DP explained that he had received another e-mail from James Evans of Velindre asking if he can come along to the Community Council meetings with a possibility of being co-opted. AJ asked that the e-mail be passed to him so he could provide dates and locations of the future meetings.

**Action**: AJ to contact James Evans with details of future meetings.

(iii) DP reported that when the current Clerk was employed, there had been an agreement to review the situation after six months. This hadn’t taken place yet and he asked that this be put as an agenda item for the next meeting.

**Action**: Review of Clerk to be placed on agenda for next months meeting

(iv) DP had read the information in the recently circulated White Paper on Public Conveniences and queried whether the facilities in Glasbury were included in the figures given for facilities currently operated by Community Councils. AJ had queried all of the figures in this paper, as it appeared there were errors. These errors were admitted by the authors and AJ was able to clarify that the Glasbury facilities were not included in the Community Council operated facilities. It was agreed that a response should be sent to the consultation, and that it could be copied into Kirsty Williams AM. The response should particularly query the suitability and appropriateness of passing responsibility of health and hygiene issues to small community bodies.

**Action**: Clerk to draft a response and e-mail this to the Community Council members with a view to submitting this prior to the consultation deadline of 24th June 2014.

(v) DE queried whether a response to the letter regarding the Bont had been received from Glasbury Community Council.

**Action**: Clerk to follow up with the Chair of Glasbury Community Council for a response to the letter

Next Meeting 1st July 2014 at Velindre Village Hall.