

**Gwernyfed Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018**  
**St Peters Church Hall, Glasbury on Wye**

Community Councillors Present     Mr Andy Jones (Chair)  
   Mr Eric Hoole  
   Mrs Margaret David  
   Mr Grahame Day  
   Mrs Cheryl Hyde  
   Mr David Edlin

In Attendance     Cllr James Evans, and Mrs Rachel Jones (Clerk).

**1     Opening Comments**

AJ welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2     Declarations of Interest**

DE declared an interest in the AOB item 11(ii) regarding the proposed cycle way

**3     Apologies**

Community Councillors Mr Derek Price, Mrs Jackie Hattingh, Mr Mike Bugler, and Mr Ray Jeffries

**4     Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018**

Accuracy

The minutes were accepted as accurate and were signed by AJ

Matters Arising

I     Item 4(i)     MD reported that the meeting had gone ahead in Felindre with officers of Powys County Councils Housing Department. A list of questions had been submitted ahead of the meeting so that officers could prepare a response. A copy of these questions is held with the minutes. It appeared that there was no imminent move to put housing on the Pound Field and that other sites within the county would be developed first. CH raised a concern regarding the apparent change of use of the land from recreational to housing without any planning approval. It was agreed to follow this up with PCC.

**Action:** Clerk to contact Housing and/or Planning departments about the apparent change of use

II    Item 4II     AJ reported the keys for the noticeboard were on order and that he had produced signage. EH requested a list of Community Councillors with contact details to put on the noticeboard

**Action:** Clerk to provide EH with a list of Councillors

III   Item 4III    The Clerk circulated a further draft of the paper regarding support for educational visits. This was agreed by all to be satisfactory. AJ agreed to take this forward with the school.

**Action:** AJ to speak to Mr Williams

IV    Item 4(vi)    AJ confirmed that he had responded to the Schools Consultation and had received an acknowledgement.

V     Item 4(vii)    JE confirmed that he had met with Jo Lancey regarding several issues in the area, including the safety of the highway on the approach to Glasbury from Hay. It appeared that it wasn't possible to place any additional signage or to alter the speed limit on the approach, but JE confirmed he had also taken up this matter with the Police and Crime Commissioner who had undertaken to pass the issue to the Traffic Unit. Jo Lancey had indicated that it might be possible to put anti-skid markings on the road, but AJ felt that the Council should be looking at the use of modern technology to reduce speeding. On a separate issue, EH reported that a bollard was down in Three Cocks, JE undertook to follow up on this.

**Action:** JE to follow up with Highways

VI    Item 4(ix)    The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken with Environmental Health, and whilst they were very happy to follow up on the issue of the noisy dog, it needed to be reported by one of the affected neighbours because if the matter was taken further, they would need to place noise monitoring

equipment in the garden of the complainant. This information had been passed to RJ to pass to the neighbour.

VII Item 8 CH was pursuing the Brecon & Radnor Express regarding an article on the Foodbank. On the issue of the Foodbank, AJ had spoken to Gwernyfed High School regarding whether there is any teaching of financial management. Mr Williams indicated that this was very limited and he would be pleased to discuss this matter further with MB. The quiz at the Harp had donated £100 to the foodbank.

VIII Item 10 AJ had transposed the Community Council boundary onto one of the maps being used by MD and it was agreed he would also do the other section.

**Action:** MD to pass map to AJ

IX Item 12(i) A letter of thanks had been received from the Urdd Eisteddfod for the donation.

X Item 13(i) AJ had sent a letter to the planning department at Powys County Council regarding the position of the LDP and had received a response. It was agreed that part of this response had not satisfactorily answered the questions raised so it was agreed that AJ and DE would develop a response, and that it would also link the issue with the LDP to the planning application on the Tramway cottage and former school.

**Action:** DE and AJ to formulate a response

XI Item 13(ii) DE reported that the light in Twin Oaks had still not been altered, JE will follow up on this.

XII Item 13(iii) The Clerk is following up with the Schools Service the issue of the tree in the stream at the high school

XIII Item 13(v) The branch that had been overhanging the road has been removed

XIV Item (vi) CH reported that the issues with her broadband were now resolved!

## **5 Planning Matters**

P/2018/0051 – Householder: removal of existing porch and proposed new porch at The Warren, Felindre, Brecon, Powys

There was no comment on this application

## **6 Literature & Information Received**

(i) Powys Archives – Looking for Volunteers

This item was received.

(ii) Independent Review Panel

This item was received.

(iii) PCSO Report

This item was received

(iv) Brecon Beacons National Park LDP

CH felt it was important that the Community Council were involved on this issue. JE reported on the response that PCC had provided, which covered many of the issues that the Community Council felt were relevant. It was agreed that the Clerk would send a response before the deadline on 9<sup>th</sup> February.

**Action:** Clerk to send response

## **7 County Councillors Report**

JE reported on the following; the Children's Services work is going well but faster improvement is required by the Welsh Government, trade waste collections will be undertaken by PCC rather than Cae Post, the lake in Llandrindod Wells in being refurbished, the new Archdeacon Griffiths School in Llyswen has opened, there will be a Careers Festival in March for high school age pupils, parking charges across Powys are being unified, there is still an overspend on the budget and there will be a £17million shortfall for next year, the moratorium on traffic orders has been lifted, the budget has gone through Cabinet with a proposed increase to Council tax of 5%, and various highways works across the

area have been agreed, including refreshing yellow lines and the temporary insertion of a speed indicator sign in Felindre.

## **8 Dark skies**

It was agreed to discuss this item next month.

**Action:** Clerk to place on the next agenda

## **9 Items for the Brecon & Radnor Express**

This item had been covered previously on the agenda

## **10 Financial Matters**

### **(i) PAVO Payroll Invoice**

The quarterly invoice from PAVO was received and accepted

**Action:** Clerk to send cheque

### **(ii) Clerk Salary**

The Clerks salary of £200 was agreed

## **11 Any Other Business**

(i) AJ has received an item from RJ where it had been noted that there appeared to be a variable speed limit at Storey Arms on the A470. JE agreed to follow this up and to request clarification

**Action:** JE to speak to the relevant agency

(ii) AJ had noted an article in a recent edition of the Brecon & Radnor Express regarding a group who were trying to establish a cycle route from Brecon to Hay, using the former railway line where possible. Whilst it was felt that there were some major obstacles to be overcome, not least that in many cases the line had been taken into people gardens, that this was a project that should be encouraged as a benefit to the area and AJ proposed writing to the group to indicate that the Community Council were in favour of the proposed development. It was also suggested that the Planning Department at PCC be contacted and informed of this working group and their proposal and that any applications for development should not form an impediment to a future cycle way. There was some concern voiced over the impact on residents, but it was agreed that AJ should write the two letters.

**Action:** AJ to undertake the correspondence

Next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7:30pm in Felindre Village Hall, Felindre

End of Meeting

