

Gwernyfed Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held on 8th January 2019
Felindre Village Hall, Felindre

Community Councillors Present Mr Andy Jones (Chair)
 Mrs Margaret David
 Mr Ray Jeffries
 Mr Eric Hoole
 Mr Grahame Day
 Mr David Edlin
 Mr Mike Bugler

In Attendance Cllr Mrs Rosemarie Harris and Mrs Rachel Jones (Clerk).

1 Opening Comments

AJ welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular to Cllr Harris, who was attending in the absence of Cllr James Evans. Cllr Harris introduced herself as the Leader of Powys County Council and local member for Llangynidr.

2 Declarations of Interest

RJ declared an interest in Item 5

3 Apologies

Community Councillors Mrs Cheryl Hyde and Mrs Iorylle Aubrey

4 Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2018

Accuracy

The minutes were accepted as accurate and were signed by AJ

Matters Arising

I Item 4I DE confirmed that he will be attending a meeting on Thursday with PCC and Glasbury & District Community Council to discuss the traffic issues in Glasbury. It was noted that a response had not been received from Sgt Dillon, although a response had been received from Cllr Phyl Davies and this was read to the meeting. Following that meeting DE would suggest an appropriate reminder to Sgt Dillon, which might include seeking a meeting with him, which DE is willing to undertake. AJ circulated an invitation from One Voice Wales to a road safety meeting on Friday in Talgarth. This appears to be a general meeting and he agreed to attend. AJ has spoken to the Community Council in Llanyre regarding the speedwatch programme and he will endeavour to speak to the group involved.

Action: DE to attend meeting in Glasbury
AJ to attend One Voice Wales meeting

II Item 4II The Clerk confirmed that the advert for a Community Councillor will be in the February edition of Wye Local. She also confirmed that there will be a separate advert for the post of Clerk. AJ has spoken to an individual who has expressed an interest in the Clerks role.

III Item 4III DE reported that the applicant from Treble Hill has met with the Planning Officer, but that there appeared to be no knowledge of the most recent email correspondence sent. Clerk to check this correspondence was received.

Action: Clerk to check emails

IV Item 4IX AJ updated on the Brecon to Hay Cycle Path; the group have now raised sufficient funds for the feasibility study and this will be undertaken shortly.

V Item 6(iii) The Clerk confirmed that the response on the Green Waste had been sent.

VI Item 8(i) The Clerk confirmed that the Precept return had been sent.

VII Item 8(ii) The Clerk confirmed that the cheque had been sent for Felindre Village Hall.

VIII Item 12(ii) The Clerk will follow up on the overhanging branch at the Old Rectory.

Action: Clerk to contact PCC

IX Item 12(iv) MD reported that the path in Black Mountains View is still slippery with moss.

Action: Clerk to follow up with PCC

5 Planning Matters

18/0881/FUL: Change of use of former school buildings into 2 dwellings, to include 1st floor and ground floor extension and demolition works. Renovation of school masters dwelling and all associated works: Glasbury CP School, Glasbury, Hereford, Powys HR3 5NU

This application was discussed. It was agreed that there was no objection to the application as submitted. It was to be suggested to the Planning Department that they consider whether conditions relative to the preservation of the woodland area and/or the creation of a right of way might usefully be introduced.

Action: Clerk to send response

6 Literature & Information Received

(i) BBNPA Draft Rights of Way Plan

This item was received, and it was agreed to place it on the website.

Action: Clerk to send to JH for placing on the website

(ii) Police Precept Letter

This item was received, and it was agreed to place it on the website.

Action: Clerk to send to JH for placing on the website

7 County Councillors Report

RH provided the County Councillors report. She reported on the work that is ongoing with the budget, and that there could be a substantial increase in Council Tax. Senior staff are being re-organised; all services are being reviewed, although it was hoped that front line services would not be cut, although they may be co-located with other services, such as has happened with some libraries, the property portfolio was being reviewed as the Council is a large land and property owner. RJ reported on questions he had been asked about JE's sabbatical. RH reported that two weeks of his absence was in lieu of his honeymoon which he hadn't taken earlier, two weeks was the Christmas period that other County Councillors took and that he was in touch every day and skyped into meetings. She further commented that he was doing more than some of the Councillors who were still in the county. AJ responded that he was very pleased to hear her comments about libraries and he informed RH of the Dark Skies Position Paper that Gwernyfed Community Council has.

8 Financial Matters

(i) St Peters Church Hall

The letter and accounts from St Peters Church Hall were received. It was agreed to send the previously discussed donation of £750.

Action: Clerk to send cheque

(ii) Clerks Salary

The Clerks salary of £200 was agreed

12 Any Other Business

(i) AJ reported on two emails he had received. He informed the meeting that CH and IA had both resigned from the Community Council. It was agreed by all that CH had been a highly valued and proactive member of the Community Council and her resignation was received with regret. It was also noted that IA had been valued for her time with the Community Council although this had been relatively short. It was agreed that it would be appropriate for a suitable gift to be sent to CH; a budget of £40 was agreed for this. It was further agreed that a card would be sent to IA. MD reported that a local resident, Peter Vascoe, was interested in joining the Community Council and agreed to send the Clerk his contact details so that he could be invited to the next meeting to observe.

Action RJ & MD to consider a suitable gift for CH
Clerk to arrange for a card to be sent to IA
MD to send contact details to the Clerk

(ii) MD reported on a local resident, Shane Price, who had been mowing communal grass in the Nant y Deri / Nant y Gollen area of the village. He will no longer be doing this and asked that the County Council be informed so that they can include this area. It was also asked if no parking signs could also be erected.

Action: Clerk to contact PCC

(iii) MD reported that the hedge that regularly caused problems has been completely removed.

(iv) MD updated on the Pound Field. PCC had offered a 10-year lease if the Village Green application is dropped. The village will continue to negotiate as a longer lease would be preferred. AJ reminded the meeting of the commitment from the Community Council to support this project.

(v) DE and RJ reported on a paper that had been circulated regarding a future consultation on canoeing from The Bont in Glasbury. DE had drafted a suggested response and it was agreed that this should be sent to PCC. It was agreed that once a response had been received, that at that point it might be necessary to contact organisations such as the Wye & Usk Foundation, British Canoe Union, and Visit Wales.

Action: Clerk to send response and pass a copy to RJ

(vi) DE requested a discussion with AJ regarding the Job Description for the Clerks post, this would be arranged in the coming week.

Action: AJ and DE to meet

(vii) MB commented on the submission of the Precept Request and that this was the second year that the Precept had been reduced, RH noted this.

Next meeting 5th February 2019 at 7:30pm in St Peters Church Hall, Glasbury on Wye

End of Meeting

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