# Gwernyfed Community Council Minutes of Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 St Peters Church Hall, Glasbury on Wye

**Community Councillors Present** 

Mr Andy Jones (Chair) Mr Mike Bugler Mr David Edlin Mr Peter Varcoe Mrs Margaret David Mr Eric Hoole Mr Ray Jeffries Mr Grahame Day

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

# 1 **Opening Comments**

AJ welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly PV who was attending his first meeting since being co-opted.

## 2 Declarations of Interest

None

## 3 Apologies

None

# 4 Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Accuracy

The minutes were accepted as accurate and were signed by AJ

#### Matters Arising

I ltem 4I lt was agreed to send a reminder to PCC regarding the provision of the reduced speed limit on the approach to Glasbury from the Hay direction. JE reported that he is meeting with Jo Lancey next week to discuss a number of speed related issues.

#### Action: Clerk to send further email

II Item 4II AJ confirmed that the advert for the Clerks post had been placed in the Brecon & Radnor Express. An inaccurate invoice had been received and this was being followed up. AJ reported that he had received two expressions of interest. One of these has since withdrawn but the other may still be interested. MB reported that he had received a CV from another interested person. It was agreed that AJ and RJ will convene as an appointment sub-committee and will meet with the person who has submitted their CV and the other candidate if they are still interested. PV noted that if there is more than one candidate, it is important that there be uniformity of approach to both candidates. AJ suggested that the current Clerk be retained on the hourly rate to undertake any training/handover for the new Clerk, this was agreed.

Action: AJ and RJ to meet with candidate(s)

III Item 4III AJ reported that the planned meeting of the Brecon to Hay Path group will now take place next week.

IV Item 4VII JE confirmed that the grit bin will be installed when it has been received in the depot

V Item 4VIII JE confirmed that the tree in Twin Oaks is the subject of a TPO, but there is a review of the trees in the area to see which need cutting back.

VI Item 6(i) The Clerk confirmed that the information on the GP Out of Hours Survey had been sent for inclusion on the website

VII Item 6(iv) The Clerk apologised for not bringing the paperwork relating to the findings of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales for the payment of expenses and other costs. She will email the members of the Community Council so that individual responses can be sent.

Action: Clerk to send email

VIII Item 7 The Clerk had received copies of the report into the Boundary Review, there are no changes to the Gwernyfed area.

IX Item 11(i) MD reported that the meeting had been held in Felindre to discuss the options for the Pound Field. In a vote, 22 had voted to go with the lease from Powys County Council and 19 preferred the option of applying for Village Green Status. Given this, work would now continue with PCC to gain the best possible lease; the current offer is for a 25-year lease.

X Item 11(ii) EH passed copies of the correspondence regarding bus timetables to JE

# 5 Planning Matters

There were no planning applications

## 6 Literature & Information Received

(i) Blue Badge Poster

This item was received; it was agreed to place this information on the website Action: Clerk to send for inclusion on the website

(ii) BBNPA Consultation on Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance Notes

This item was received.

# 7 County Councillors Report

JE reported that the Budget and Council Tax have now been set. The Council had held a successful careers festival in Llanelwedd. The Council is looking at transforming services, including moving services online where this is possible and linking different services and organisation in one building, such as libraries becoming community hubs. The schools that have been graded in Band B are now being included in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century funding for improvements. The Capital funding for the improvements at Gwernyfed High School has bene agreed, and new plans have been drawn up. The Council is embarking on a housing build programme, which will include some homes in Hay on Wye. MD queried what the development opposite the high school site in Brecon was, JE confirmed this was a private housing development, but noted that it was disappointing that only 7% of the development had to be affordable.

### 8 Financial Matters

(i) Clerks Salary

The Clerks salary of £200 was agreed

# 9 Any Other Business

(i) MD raised an issue of a pot hole on the road from Felindre towards Talgarth. JE confirmed he had already reported this.

(ii) DE noted that a sign for the Readers Retreat development in Hay had been fixed to one of the brown tourist signs near Glasbury bridge. JE confirmed he would take this up with Jo Lancey when he meets with her next week.

(iii) The Clerk reported that she had received the paperwork for the audit. This had included a letter explaining that the invoice for last years audit had not yet been sent because of problems between the Welsh Government and the auditors over the amounts being invoiced. When the invoice is received it will be brought to the Community Council.

Next meeting 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7:00pm for the AMG followed by the meeting at 7:30pm in Felindre Village Hall, Felindre

End of Meeting

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