

Gwernyfed Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd December 2019
in St Peters Church Hall ,Glasbury- on -Wye

Community Councillors Present

Mr Mike Bugler (Chair)
Mr Andy Jones, Vice-Chair
Mrs Margaret David
Mr Peter Varcoe
Mr David Edlin
Mr Grahame Day

Also in attendance County Councillor Mr James Evans and Mrs Keren Bender (Clerk)

1 Opening Comments

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Vice -Chair for chairing the November meeting.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

3 Apologies

Councillors Mr Eric Hoole,

4 Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th November 2019

The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair

5 Matters Arising

David Edlin reported that there had been no contact from Powys County Council as to the progress concerning the cycle track opposite Glasbury Garage. James Evans to follow up with Mr Goodwin of Powys County Council.

Action Cllr Evans

6 Planning Matters

None received.

7 Literature & Information Received

Correspondence received from Powys Dyslexia Support Group requesting a donation was not accompanied by their annual accounts. Clerk has requested their accounts before a decision can be made.

8. Street lighting Issues

The list developed of street lights in the Community Council area that serve no purpose and could be turned off was presented by Andy Jones. After discussion it was proposed to approach those affected and leaflet Twin Oaks for their views and report back at the next meeting. The proposal was agreed by all.

Action Cllr Jones

9 Speed limit approach to Glasbury -on-Wye update

Jo Lancey confirmed that the purchase order to start the process to reduce the speed limit on the approach to Glasbury on Wye had been initiated. Jo Lancey to discuss finer details in a site visit. Gwernyfed CC would like to support, Cllr James Evans, in having the speed limit extended beyond Black Mountains lodge past the layby in the interests of Highway Safety.

Action Clerk

10 Mobile Flashing Speed Lights

Jo Lancey of Powys County Council to attend a site meeting to discuss venues for the mobile flashing speed lights. Cllr James Evans added his support for the locations the Community Council wishes to place the speed lights

Action Clerk

11 County Councillors Report

James Evans reported that there was an Army engagement event in Brecon looking for reserves and stated that anyone interested should contact the Army Office in Brecon. Brecon High School has been officially opened. He also reported that a 5% rise in Council Tax was being worked towards, however he was optimistic that there would be a rise in the budget from the Welsh Government.

12 Councillor Co-Option Proces

The process to appoint a co-opted councillor was outlined to the meeting. First stage was to advertise the vacancy and invite residents, if they so wished, to petition the returning officer to hold an election. If this was not the case the second stage was to invite candidates to apply for the vacancy. This was agreed with the process to commence on the 4th December. Agenda an update for the January meeting.

Action Clerk

13 Wind Turbines

Responding to the request for further information around the National Parks position on wind turbines, the clerk reported that the Brecon National Parks has no policy or takes no position on planning applications for the erecting of wind turbines. Each application is taken on its own merits, however the impact on the landscape will be taken into consideration and the applicant needs to supply mitigation. Supplementary planning guidance can be found on their website under “small scale renewable energy development”.

14 Felindre Village Hall Broadband

Margaret David presented a paper of costings from the Felindre Village Hall Committee to install broadband in the hall. Graham Day volunteered to investigate if a more competitive price could be achieved.

Action Cllr Day

15 Nant-y-Deri Issues – road markings, signage

Margaret David presented photographs to the meeting depicting vehicles parked inconsiderately, along with a photograph of poor signage. Clerk to contact the appropriate departments of Powys County Council.

Action Clerk

16 Speeding through Felindre Village.

James Evans met with Jo Lancey to investigate the possibility of installing rumble strips in some areas of the village. James Evans awaiting a response which may include a consultation event.

17 Banking Arrangements

The Chair had visited the Net West Bank in Brecon with the relevant forms requested by the Bank and continues to pursue on-line banking.

18 Financial Matters.

- a. Bank balances as at 3rd December 2019 from the Current Account and Reserved Account were reported to the meeting.
- b. Cheques were signed for St.Peters Church Hall, Felindre Village Hall,. HMRC and Clerks salary.
- c. The chair and clerk to meet to discuss finances in readiness for setting the precept which will be presented to the next full community council meeting for a decision.

Action Chair and Clerk

19 Any Other Business

AOB was taken at the discretion of the chair.

Margaret David handed out, for information only, a paper relating to the Pound Field 50 year lease.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Next meeting 7th January 2020 at 7:30pm in Felindre Village Hall, Felindre

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