

**Gwernyfed Community Council of
Meeting held on 6th July 2021
Over a Virtual Zoom Meeting**

Community Councillors Present

Mr Mike Bugler (Chair)
Mr Peter Varcoe
Mrs Margaret David
Mr Grahame Day
Mr Eric Hoole
Mr Andrew Jones

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

1. Opening Comments

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated Councillor Evans on his election as MS to the Senedd.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Jones Item 7 Planning Application 21/0924/FUL

3. Apologies

Cllr. Carol Wheeler

4. Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st June 2021

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

5. Matters Arising

A paper in respect of a grant to Gwernyfed High School had been circulated and discussed. It was agreed to award the grant and to request that the fund be called The David Edlin Fund. Cllr. Jones to organise a formal request from the School for the grant.

Action Cllr. Jones

The illegal grazing of horses on the Pound Field seems to have ceased. No further action to be taken at this time.

Road Verges, Cllr Hoole stated the Gardening Club would be happy to supply seeds and manpower but were concerned The Highways Department would cut the verges. Mr Brian Price, Head of Grounds Maintenance to be contacted by Cllr. Hoole to discuss. Should the advice be positive it was proposed, seconded and agreed to pursue the project and help with funding.

Action Cllr. Hoole

6. Correspondence and Information

Update on canoe launching from Upper Glas-y-Bont.

Clerk has sent correspondence to both Mr Drewett of NRW and Sian Barnes of Powys County Council, for clarification on issues of a technical nature around the Habitat Regulations Assessment which were raised during a meeting Cllr. Day had attended. Awaiting a response.

Clerk to register for the CiLCA qualification.

Correspondence received from Helen Lloyd Jones on Paths to Wellbeing, a project around the upkeep of footpaths in the locality. Cllr. Hoole to speak with Helen Lloyd Jones to clarify.

Action Cllr. Hoole

7. Planning Matters

21/1183/TPO- Tree works in Twin Oaks Estate. Noted

21/0924/FUL- Demolition and erection of replacement dwelling – Tram Road Cottage, Glasbury. No Objections or observations.

21/0861/Ful & 21/0753/LBC- Install safeguarding fence and access gates to Gwernyfed High School. Councillors were in full support.

8. Flooding at Glasbury Bridge

Two options were considered should there be a flooding incident at Glasbury Bridge.

1. To employ a local contractor, M. Ricketts, who quoted £80 per hour for a tractor, pump and 2 people.
2. For the Community Council to purchase a pump for around £5600, a local farmer is prepared to help should the Community Council purchase the pump.

The financing of the options was justified through Section 137.

Cllr. Hoole visited the site and stated the only solution would be to pump the water out. The option of purchasing a pump was discussed and dismissed. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to employ M. Ricketts, a local contractor, to carry out the work. The funding would be met through Section 137 funding and it was agreed to include in the following years precept. It was also agreed that Mr. Alistair Legge would be invited to manage the process should it be required. Clerk to contact Mr Legge outlining the process for the purchase and payment of this service.

Action Clerk

9. County Councillors Report

Cllr. Evans stated he had received a number of anti-social behaviour reports from Felindre residents. He has reported this to the police who will monitor the situation.

Cllr. Evans had met with Welsh Water to discuss the phosphate issue where he was assured there were no plans to build new properties at this time.

10. Speeding at Felindre Village Update

The Clerk had sent emails to the PSCO's, the Police Sargent and the Highways Department with concerns of speeding cars and bikes through Felindre. Awaiting responses.

11. Pollution Incident at Afon Llynf

County Councillor Evans reported that the incident had been investigated, awaiting the final report.

12. Safety Issues

Cllr. Jones reported residents in Three Cocks were concerned that the designated cycle path running through the village directly in front of their homes, merged with the footpath. This was increasingly dangerous to pedestrians. Clerk to raise with the PPC Highways Department.

Action Clerk

13. Defibrillator at Glasbury Garage

A report was received that the defibrillator situated at Glasbury Garage was not working, Cllr. Hoole to contact the garage owner to ascertain the guardian to be registered with the Welsh Ambulance Service. Contact details to be forwarded to the Clerk.

Action Cllr. Hoole

14. Future Meetings

It was agreed to continue with Zoom meetings and review the position in September.

15. Financial Matters

Bank Balances of the Current and Reserve Accounts were reported to the meeting.

16. Invoices for approval

It was agreed to approve the following for payment.

- a) Zoom Meeting - £14.39
- b) New Millennium- £123.50

Next meeting 7th September 2021 at 7:30pm. To be held over Zoom

