

**Gwernyfed Community Council of
Meeting held on 4th January 2022
Over a Virtual Zoom Meeting**

Community Councillors Present

Mr Mike Bugler (Chair)

Mrs Margaret David

Mr Grahame Day

Mr Andrew Jones

Mr Peter Varcoe

Mrs C Wheeler

Also, in attendance Mrs Keren Bender (Clerk)

1. Opening Comments

The Chair thanked Cllr Jones for Chairing the December meeting, and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2022 wishing all a happy New Year. Mr William Lloyd was also welcomed to the meeting as an observer.

2. Declarations of Interest

None received.

3. Apologies

None Received

4. Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th December 2021

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

5. Matters Arising

Cllr. Jones reported he has sent an email to Daniel Relf of the Highways Department concerning the cycle path markings, awaiting a response.

David Barlow- Love Glasbury. The Clerk has written to Mr Barlow asking if there were any large expenditures planned for 2022 or if any large expenditures had occurred since their 2020 published accounts, awaiting a reply.

Mr & Mrs Luxton – Effluent Smells

An email has been sent to Mr and Mrs Luxton thanking them for their correspondence and advised them that this matter is outside of the Community Councils remit.

Mr and Mrs Jeremiah- Three Horseshoes An email received from the owners of the Three Horseshoes with their intention to offer the local community the opportunity to acquire the property to run as a community facility and requests the Community Council gives this proposal serious consideration. The

Community Council has replied stating that following a discussion, it was agreed the Community Council would not be in a position to lead on this venture and would regrettably not be able to assist.

Air Ambulance Funding Request

Request for funding received clerk to circulate obtain their accounts and agenda for February Meeting.

Action Clerk

6. Correspondence and Information

Funding request received from St Peters Church for its annual grant. This was agreed.

Sian Barns PCC – Canoe launching Update

Invitation received from Sian Barns PCC to attend a TEAMS meeting on the 11th January to discuss the canoe launching along with mitigation and a proposed management group in more detail. - **Noted**

7. Planning Matters

Decision notice 21/1876/FUL – Gwernyfed High School- Erection of a freestanding detached canopy shelter- **Granted**.

8. County Councillors Report

It was reported that Cllr. Evans had resigned from his post and was not available to present his report.

9. Safety Issues

Cllr Day raised a safety concern reported to him by a resident. The base had rotted away on a stile located at Twin Oaks, where access to the nature reserve and a public footpath along the tram line. It is believed the stile will not hold the weight of a person. Clerk to inform PCC Right of Way Officer expressing this safety concern **Action Clerk**

10. Education

Cllr Jones stated there was nothing to report as this time.

11. Recruitment of Councillors

PCC have issued a directive for the May elections which included that a person can be co-opted, however the normal co-option process does not need to be followed as long as the individual concerned is eligible. Clerk will forward the relevant paperwork to standing Councillors and anyone who expresses an interest in becoming a Community Councillor when it is received from Powys County Council. The process will also be advertised through social media and local publications.

Action Clerk

12. Defibrillator at Gwernyfed

A defibrillator has been installed at Glasbury Garage, a plaque to be erected to show the defibrillator has been donated by the Community Council. The Community Council is still awaiting permission from PCC to instal the second Defibrillator at the Flats. The Clerk is in contact with Kevin Ball of PCC. If a response is not forthcoming the Clerk will write to the Leader of the Council for a resolution.

Action Clerk

13. NRW Report – Pollution Incident Llynfi

Cllr. Bugler composed a draft letter expressing its concerns of the response from the Minister of Climate Change. The Draft letter was fully endorsed, however strategically it was agreed that Gwernyfed should not work alone on this issue and that the letter should be forwarded to Talgarth Town Council who organised the original meeting, to gain the support of all Community Councils involved. It was also agreed to ask Talgarth Town Council for an update.

Action Chair and Clerk

14. Financial Matters

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

b) Budget and precept setting.

The Chair took the meeting through the budget, line by line, explaining the projected expenditure for 2021/22 has exceeded income by around £2800 and is explained by the purchase of the defibrillators which was not included in the budget. Councillors were then taking through the budget for 2022/23, it was agreed to include £2500 for a contested election, however, should it not be required the following years Precept would be reduced by that sum. It was also agreed to include £800 for flood relief. The Budget was unanimously agreed with a Precept of £13200. Clerk to forward the Precept request to Powys County Council before the deadline of 31st January 2022.

Action Clerk

15. Invoices for approval

It was agreed to approve the following for payment.

- a) Zoom Meeting - £14.98
- b) St Peters Church Annual Grant - £750.00

Next meeting 1st February 2022 at 7:30pm.

This meeting will be held over Zoom