

**Minutes of Gwernyfed Community Council  
Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**This was a hybrid meeting held in Felindre Village Hall**

Community Councillors Present

Mr Mike Bugler (Chair)  
Mrs Margaret David  
Mr Grahame Day  
Mr Andrew Jones  
Mr Peter Varcoe  
Mrs Carol Wheeler

Also, in attendance Mrs Keren Bender (Clerk)

**1. Opening Comments**

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and stated this was the first time the Community Councillors had met face to face for over two years and also welcomed Cllr. Day who was in attendance over Zoom.

**2. Co-option of Councillor**

There were no Co-options to consider.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

None received.

**4. Apologies**

Cllrs. Lloyd and Jones.

**5. Minutes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

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

**6. Matters Arising**

All matters arising were on the agenda and would be dealt at that time.

**7. Correspondence and Information**

**a. Kid's Cancer Charity Funding Request**

Request rejected as it is the policy of the Community Council to only support local charities

b. Response from Talgarth Town Council in reference to letter sent to the minister of Climate Change. TTC have now decided not to endorse the letter and therefore the letter has been sent to the Minister in Gwernyfed Community Councils name. The letter has since been acknowledged.

c. Request from Talgarth Town Council to contribute to the purchase of Jubilee Coins for pupils living in Gwernyfed Community Councils area who attend Ysgol y Mynydd du Talgarth . This request was not supported as Gwernyfed Community Council are purchasing Commemorative Mugs for all children living in the Community Council area.

d. Stewart Lawrie- Excess speed A428 and Hay Road B4350 – This correspondence requested the 40mph limit be reduced to 30mph and asked if the Community Council could investigate. A response has been sent explaining the Community Council had successfully negotiated a reduction to 40mph at a cost of £3090 and had been advised that a further reduction would not come under future consideration. Mr Lawrie was also advised, if he so wished, to pursue this issue with the Police and Crime Commissioner.

## **8. Commemorative Mugs for the Children of Gwernyfed Ward**

Cllr. Wheeler requested financial support on behalf of the Felindre Fete Committee to purchase Commemorative Mugs for the children of the Community Council Area, to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. It was agreed to grant £200 to the Fete Committee.

## **9. Planning Matters**

There were no applications to consider.

## **10. County Councillors Report**

A County Councillor was not in attendance to present a report.

## **11. Safety Issues**

The response from Powys County Councils Right of Way Officer, Martin Davies, concerning the unsafe nature of a stile located at Twin Oaks, which leads onto the nature reserve and a public footpath along the tram line, stated he would investigate the issue when he was next in the area. The clerk has asked for a firm date, still awaiting response. When the response is received Cllr. Day will meet with Mr Davies.

**Action Clerk to inform Cllr Day.**

Complains have been received around concerns of a potential traffic accident at Nan-y-Deryn as vehicles are parked in the middle of the road. Clerk to pass concerns to PCSO.

**Action Clerk**

## **12. Education**

Cllr Jones reported he had received an email from the Head of Gwernyfed High School informing him the Schools Business Manager had left his post- Noted.

### 13. Training

A training plan for Councillors and the Clerk to be developed by the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Cllr. Varcoe presented a draft training plan for consideration. This included training for newly elected Councillors, new legislation and a training needs gap analysis. It was agreed to re-visit Cllr Varcoes proposal following the elections in May.

### 14. Flooding at the Groe-

The Clerk has been instructed to ask Powys CC for a contribution towards the cost due to the Highways Department failure to clear the culvert of debris, awaiting reply.

### 15. Financial Matters

- a. Bank Balances of the Current and Reserve Accounts were reported to the meeting.
- b. Quarterly Report- The clerk presented the quarterly report, the cash book was explained this being the year end position. Income over expenditure was compared to the budget. All variances were accounted for with special reference made to the purchase of defibrillators which were not included in the 21/22 budget.

### 16. Invoices for approval

Wales Audit Office- Audit Fees\_ £200

K. Bender – Postage Expenses - £36.68

All invoices were approved.

Next meeting AGM **THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022** at 7:30pm.

Followed by ordinary meeting

This will be a Hybrid meeting held at Felindre Village Hall

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