**Gwernyfed Community Council**

**Minutes of Meeting held on 3 September 2013**

**Velindre Village Hall**

Present Mr Derek Price (Chair)

 Mr Andy Jones

 Mrs Margaret David

 Mrs Cheryl Hyde

 Mr David Edlin

 Mr Ray Jeffries

 Mr Graham Day

 Mr Eric Hoole

In Attendance Mrs Rachel Jones (Clerk)

 Mr Michael Hutchings (Outgoing Clerk)

**1 Opening Comments and Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman welcomed the new Clerk. There were no declarations of interest to record.

**2 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Geraint Hopkins.

**3 Minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2013**

Item 8 - this should read …average speed was 48mph, although a speed in excess of 90mph had been recorded.

Item 10 – this should read as follows

DE mentioned two matters that had been brought to his attention (a) refuse vehicles mounting a verge at River View and (b) trees that may be dangerous below Dan-y-Bryn but above the A438.

**4 Matters Arising**

Item 4 – Anne Collins had been contacted by Michael Hutchings regarding the potential savings of installing a water meter at St Peters Hall. No response has been received.

Item 5 (i) - A meeting had taken place to discuss the views of the communities in response to the Powys County Council Local Development Plan and Community Needs. A response has been sent to Powys County Council which has been acknowledged. It was agreed that as this response had been produced from a formal meeting of the Community Council, that this response be adopted as a minute.

**Action**: DE to provide the Clerk with a copy of the response.

Item 5 (vi) – There was a discussion regarding the timing of the receipt and consultation period of this application. The consultation was received two days before the meeting and so was not an agenda item, but was discussed, and a response sent within the 21 days consultation period. A letter from a neighbouring resident was received after the meeting, expressing her disquiet at the application. She has been contacted by the Chair, who has explained the situation with the receipt and consultation period of the application. It was queried whether the creation of a small Planning Group would address issues over situations such as this where the timing of the consultation period fell awkwardly for the Community Councils meetings.

Item 8 – DE and DP met with Tony Caine (Road Safety and Traffic Systems Manager) Powys County Council to discuss the issue of speed limits in Glasbury. Agreement was achieved over the revised 30mph speed limit which will start close to the first traffic island coming into the village from the Three Cocks direction. The benefit of locating it at the traffic island is that power is already at that location for the sign. Cllr Chris Davies had also been invited to the meeting on behalf of Glasbury CC, but wasn’t able to attend. DE put forward their view for the speed limit on the other side of the bridge, but Mr Caine would not move from this being located at the entrance to the bridge from the Llowes side. Mr Caine will provide a cost for the works which would be for the Community Councils to fund.

Item 10 – GH has contacted the Boughrood depot regarding the issues with the refuse vehicles and the trees. It was reported that the trees were not on highway land and so were not the responsibility of Powys County Council. It is unclear who has responsibility for this land, which lies between residential gardens and the highway, and was complicated further by the imposition of Tree Preservation Order on some of the trees.

**5 Planning Matters**

(i) Pen-yr-Heol Meeting House

The Council are minded to submit no objections to this application, subject to a response to consultation with the community who worship at the Chapel on 4/09/2013.

**Action**: CH to feedback to DP

Update - Members of the local community are in agreement with the development

(ii) Village Farm, Velindre

MD reported that the applicant had visited her (as a neighbour) to explain the development. The Community Council has no objections to this application.

(iii) Residential Development adjacent to the A438

The Community Council reiterate their objections on the grounds stated before; that is the access arrangement, the increased propensity of the area to flood risk and also the density of the development. In relation to the submitted revised access arrangements, the Council feel they are wholly inadequate and do not address the previous objections. Had the development a lower density of housing proposed, then it is felt that adequate access arrangements could be facilitated within the site.

(iv) Great House, Three Cocks

The Community Council has no objections to this application.

(v) Gwernyfed Walled Garden

The Community Council have no objections to the removal of the rural enterprise dwelling from the application.

GD left the meeting.

(vi) 2 Wood Villas, Velindre

 The approval of this application was noted.

**6 Literature & Information Received**

(i) BBNP Local guidance for validation requirements on major developments

 The guidance was noted.

(ii) Upgrading of bus stops for the T4 bus route

 This was noted.

**7 Financial Matters**

Audit of the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2013

The accounts have been received by the external auditors who have raised no objections to the submission. DP signed off the accounts.

Payment to the Clerk

The salary and expenses of the Clerk for July and August of £196.08 were approved.

**8 County Councillors Report**

None

**9 Any Other Business**

EH Reported that the footbridge leading between the Lodge and Three Cocks estate was in need of repair. He also reported that the cycle path leading to Gwernyfed High School was overgrown.

**Action**: EH to contact Julie Lloyd at the Boughrood Depot to report these items.

RJ Reported that there had been more burglaries in the area and that to try to prevent theft he had purchased a liquid which shows up as a unique marker under ultraviolet light. This would cost £20, and is available from the local Police, and whilst it wouldn’t prevent theft, it would mean that items that were recovered by the police could be returned to their owner.

AJ Queried whether he should remain as a signatory, given the appointment of the new Clerk. It was agreed that he should.

DP Commented that although the notice board was up at the garage, it couldn’t be seen because of a hanging basket.

**Action**: RJ to speak to the Garage owners.

DP thanks MH for his work as the Clerk to the Community Council.

Next meeting Tuesday October 1st at St Peters Hall – MD offered her apologies