**Gwernyfed Community Council**

**Mintes of Meeting held on 5th November 2013**

**Velindre Village Hall**

Present Mr Derek Price (Chair)

Mrs Margaret David

Mr Eric Hoole

Mr Andy Jones

Mr Ray Jeffries

Mr David Edlin

In Attendance Mrs Rachel Jones (Clerk)

1. **Opening Comments**

DP welcomed everyone to the meeting

**2 Declarations of Interest**

None

**3 Apologies**

Mrs Cheryl Hyde, Mr Grahame Day and Cllr Geraint Hopkins sent their apologies.

**4 Minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2013**

The minutes were signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

Matters Arising

Item 4 – Jo Lancey of Powys County Council has provided costs of the works to implement the reduced speed limit in Glasbury, of £3900. This cost includes signage on both sides of the river and £1000 for the traffic order. VAT would have to be charged on the cost of the press advert and any signs that were purchased. DE had requested a breakdown of the costs that would apply solely to the Radnorshire side of the village, but these have not been forthcoming. This level of cost prompted a discussion on the issue of how works generally are funded, especially with the likelihood that more issues will become the responsibility of the local community in the future. A discussion was held regarding the precept and at what level this is set.

**Action**: AJ to establish what similar size communities set as their precept, and also whether there are any limits in setting this.

There was a concern that any works that are funded via the precept especially if an increase were involved, should be seen as fair and required by the majority of the community, and not just benefiting a small proportion. During the discussion regarding the precept, it appeared there had been an anomalous amount paid.

**Action**: DP to establish to reason for the anomalous payment

It was felt that a letter should be sent to Powys County Council to explain the decision in not taking the speed limit works forward at this time, and that this is due to the funding constraints of the Community Council.

**Action**: DE to send letter to Powys County Council

Item 7 – The Clerk had received confirmation from Powys County Council that they would be able to provide details of consultees for planning applications.

**5 Planning Matters**

Planning Application P/2013/0918 – Change of use from commercial osteopathic practice back to a residential dwelling at Perllan, Three Cocks, Brecon

No Comment

Application to divert a public footpath no 10, extinguish part of footpath no11 at Cwm-dau-nant and New Court Farm, Felindre.

It was agreed to establish wider views of the community on this application prior to responding.

**Action**: MD to discuss locally and respond to the Clerk, in addition AJ will walk the route.

For information – Decision notice for works at Pen-yr-Heol Meeting House, Tregoyd

This item was noted

**6 Literature & Information Received**

(i) St David’s Awards

This item was noted

(ii) Consultation on Polling Districts and Polling Stations

This item was noted

(iii) New PCSO

It was agreed to contact the new Officer and provide her with the dates of future meetings and that she would be welcome to come and meet the Community Council

(iv) Mobile Phone Coverage Correspondence

It was agreed that the coverage in the area was poor and that this work was welcomed. It was noted that ultra fast broadband connection was being installed to the High School.

(v) Letter from Urdd Gobaith Cymru

This item was noted.

(vi) Natural Resources Management Bulletin

This item was noted

(vii) Welsh Government Report on Climate Change

This item was noted

(viii) Housing (Wales) Bill

This item was noted.

**7 Planning Consultation Timescales**

DE had circulated a suggested wording for dealing with planning applications that would require a response before the next Community Council meeting. The wording was agreed, with the amendment of the removal of the provisions for August, as it was agreed that the Community Council would, from 2014, meet in August.

**Action**: the Clerk to draft a procedure for the management of planning applications.

**8 Glasbury Toilets**

DE, RJ and DH will be attending the meeting on 6 November 2013 organised by Glasbury Community Council to discuss the future of the toilets. RJ had been provided with a figure of £2317 for Powys County Council to run this facility, but Glasbury Community Councils rough estimate was that it would cost them £8000. There was concern that if this money was to be found, it should be from those organisations who benefit from using the facilities and not solely the local population, who are amongst the smaller groups of users, although it was accepted that youngsters during the summer months and dog walkers are users of the facilities. It was felt that should Gwernyfed Community Council be asked for a financial contribution, then this would have to be considered in relation to the contribution from businesses, such as the outward bound centres. It was agreed that the closure of the facility would have a detrimental effect on the area.

**9 County Councillors Report**

No report this month

**10 Financial Matters**

The salary of the Clerk of £80 was agreed.

**11 Any Other Business**

RJ reported that there was no longer money available from the Heart Foundation for the provision of a community defibrillator. The money had all been allocated, and it wasn’t envisaged that there would be any more. Without this money, it was felt that this provision of this facility would not be feasible.

AJ reported that after a technical glitch, he has updated the website with the Clerks details and that backdated agendas and minutes would also shortly be on the website.

Next Meeting 3rd December at St Peters Hall, Glasbury.