

Gwernyfed Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held on 1st May 2018
Felindre Village Hall, Felindre

Community Councillors Present Mr Andy Jones (Chair)
 Mr Derek Price
 Mrs Margaret David
 Mr Ray Jeffries
 Mr Grahame Day
 Mr David Edlin
 Mr Mike Bugler
 Mrs Cheryl Hyde

In Attendance Cllr James Evans and Mrs Rachel Jones (Clerk)

1 Opening Comments

AJ welcomed everyone to the meeting

2 Declarations of Interest

AJ declared an interest in Item 9 – Clerks Review

3 Apologies

Community Councillor Eric Hoole

4 Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2018

Accuracy

The minutes were accepted as accurate and were signed by AJ

Matters Arising

I Item 4II AJ reported that the spare keys for the noticeboard had been received, and passed one to MB.

II Item 4III The Clerk will request the engineers report that was referenced during correspondence regarding the accidents that had occurred on the approach to Glasbury from Hay

Action: Clerk to contact PCC.

III Item 4V The Clerk reported that the Schools Service have logged a job for the removal of the tree stump and nearby tree, although this could be affected by the ecology in the stream.

IV Item 4VI AJ reported that he would be attending the meeting of the Brecon to Hay multi-use path later in the week and had received confirmation that anyone else who wished to attend was welcome.

V Item 4VII AJ reported that local residents had written to the Schools Service regarding the traffic issues on the Gwernyfed site. There was a meeting scheduled for later this week at the school, and it was expected that the neighbours would be in attendance.

VI Item 4VIII AJ confirmed that the Dark Skies Guidance document had been sent to various departments in PCC, although no response had been received.

VII Item 8 AJ confirmed that he had contacted PCC regarding the condition of the road surface on the bridge and also the very poor condition of the handrail. It was noted that the bridge had been resurfaced, although the quality of surfacing for cyclists was not good. No works to the handrail have been undertaken as yet, but DE reported that there had been people inspecting the bridge that morning. It was agreed to contact PCC regarding the quality of the re-surfacing, the lack of progress on the handrail, and also that his communication had received no response.

Action: AJ to contact PCC

VIII Item 9 The Clerk confirmed she had contacted Iorylle Aubrey and she will be attending the meeting in June.

IX Item 10 CH confirmed she had sent the article regarding the mapping of local footpaths to the Brecon & Radnor Express and it was expected that it would be in this weeks edition. It was confirmed that when CH produces articles, these do not need to be reviewed by the Community Council prior to submission.

X Item 11(i) A letter of thanks had been received from the LOVE Glasbury group for the donation.

XI Item 11(ii) The Clerk confirmed that the cheque had been sent to the Wales Air Ambulance

XII Item 12(i) The Clerk confirmed that the road in Dan y Lan had not been adopted and that the responsibility for the lights lay with the developer.

5 Planning Matters

P/2018/0317 Construction of a concrete container to accommodate 5 no. new 125,000 litre fuel tanks (to replace 7 no. older fuel tanks); Construction of new office building (to replace existing office building) together with formation of new layout incorporating parking spaces for 8 no. LGV tankers and all associated works at land at Unit 7 Javel Industrial Estate Three Cocks Brecon Brecon

There were no comments on this application

DEM/2018/ 0002,DEM: Demolition notification: removal of modular office building. Demolition of 7 horizontal steel fuel storage tanks and brick supports. Removal of all above ground pipework and valves, etc. Demolition of steel canopy structure and associated walkways. Removal of all steel walkways. Breaking out and removal of all associated concrete plinths. at Fuel Storage and Distribution Depot, Unit 7 Javel Industrial Estate, Three Cocks, Brecon.

There were no comments on this application

6 Literature & Information Received

(i) PCSO Neighbourhood report

This item was received.

7 County Councillors Report

JE reported that the LDP has now been formally adopted; the Cabinet has been reduced to 8 members and he now has Public Protection and Housing; the Cabinet are working on setting the budget for next year which could include reductions across the Council of 24%; an interim Chief Executive has been appointed with the current Acting Chief Executive taking up the post of Deputy Chief Executive; the Welsh Government wants parts of Blaenau Gwent and Merthyr Tydfil to be included in the Mid Wales Growth deal and a new Head of Social Service has been appointed.

8 Items for the Brecon & Radnor Express

CH advised MB that she had attempted to get the B&R to produce an article on the Foodbank, but felt it would be more likely to be included if the Foodbank produced their own article. It was noted that there was an event to highlight homelessness taking place in Newtown, that was being organised by Cllr Joy Jones, who would be sleeping out with other volunteers.

9 Clerks Review

MB took the Chair for this item. The work of the Clerk was discussed and it was suggested that she should receive an increase in salary. The Clerk thanked the meeting for their comments but refused the increase. It was agreed that should she find the hours worked increased, the matter could be brought back, and that this item should appear as a regular item on the AGM agenda.

Action: Clerk to add this item to the AGM agenda

10 Financial Matters

(i) Insurance Cover

AJ resumed the Chair. The Clerk distributed two quotes for the insurance cover. It was noted that there were differences in the cover offered, and the Clerk was asked to go back to Zurich (the Councils current insurers) and ask for clarification over the Officials Indemnity and on the price. Whilst it was noted that the quote from Norris & Fisher was lower, this was an unknown company, and the meeting was divided on the

two quotes. It was agreed that, pending the outcome of the discussions with Zurich, the decision would be delegated to the Chair.

Action: Clerk to contact Zurich for clarification

(ii) Brecon & District disAbled Club – Dial-a-ride

This request was considered. It was agreed to not send a donation to this organisation, as the Community Council supports the Dial-a-ride from Hay, which is used extensively in the area. It was agreed to explain this decision to the Brecon & District club.

Action: Clerk to send response

(iii) Clerks Salary & Expenses

The Clerks salary of £200 was agreed by all.

11 Any Other Business

(i) MD had brought a letter requesting financial support for the Felindre Focus. This is a free newsletter that is distributed to residents in Felindre every two months. DP proposed a donation of £150 and RJ seconded this. It was agreed by all.

Action: MD to confirm who the cheque should be made payable to
Clerk to send cheque

(ii) It was reported that an asset transfer, submitted to PCC in February 2017 by Mick Raffety, had not received an acknowledgement. Had this been properly considered, it would have pre-dated the current discussions regarding housing on the site. It was agreed that as JE has family connections in very close proximity to the Pound Field, that the Clerk would take this matter up with Member Support in PCC to follow up on the whereabouts of the transfer application.

Action: Clerk to contact PCC

(iii) During a conversation with residents of Dan y Lan, the matter of the lack of grit bin had been raised. JE will follow up, once DE has confirmed that there is no bin further up the hill.

Action: DE to confirm with JE regarding lack of bin

(iv) A letter had been received from Glasbury Arts requesting financial support. This was discussed and GD proposed a donation of £400, this was seconded by DP and agreed by all.

Action: Clerk to send cheque

(v) An invoice for £30 had been received for the Payroll service, this was agreed by all.

Action: Clerk to send cheque

(vi) AJ raised the support that JH was still providing for the website and asked that this be an item on next months agenda.

Action: Clerk to place on agenda

(vi) AJ asked that an agenda item for next month relating to streetlights that could be considered for switching off be included, and that comments could be made by residents via the website or to gwernyfedcc@yahoo.co.uk

Action: Clerk to place on agenda for next month

Next meeting to be held on 5th June 2018 at 7:30pm in St Peters Church Hall, Glasbury on Wye

End of meeting