

Gwernyfed Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held on 5th February 2019
St Peters Church Hall, Glasbury on Wye

Community Councillors Present Mr Andy Jones (Chair)
 Mr Ray Jeffries
 Mr Eric Hoole
 Mr Grahame Day
 Mr David Edlin
 Mr Mike Bugler

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 5

3 Apologies

Community Councillor Mrs Margaret David

4 Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2019

Accuracy

The minutes were amended to read Item 7 “.....AJ responded that he was very relieved to hear RHs comments that there would be no closure of libraries in the coming year.” The rest of the minutes were accepted as accurate and were signed by AJ

Matters Arising

I Item 4I AJ confirmed he had attended the One Voice Wales Road Safety Summit. Sgt Dillon had also been present and had delivered a presentation. AJ had discussed the recent communications from the Community Council and he had been surprised that he was being contacted on such an issue as he regularly meets with the Highways department. He undertook to respond as our correspondence had been prompted by the Portfolio Holder. AJ undertook to ensure a response had been received from Sgt Dillon prior to the next meeting. DE had circulated a note on his meeting with Barbara Lloyd and Jo Lancey. BL is keen to investigate the village gate structures and further information will be brought back to a future meeting

Action: AJ to ensure response received from Police

II Item 4II The Clerk confirmed that the adverts had appeared in Wye Local. JE offered to place the adverts on his Facebook page

Action: Clerk to send adverts to JE

III Item 4III The Clerk had received confirmation from the Planning Officer that all correspondence had been received and read on the Treble Hill Stables application.

IV Item 4IX AJ updated on the Brecon to Hay Cycle Path; the feasibility study has been completed and he will be attending a meeting to discuss this on 12th February.

V Item 4VIII The Clerk will follow up again on the overhanging branch at the Old Rectory in Glasbury.

Action Clerk to follow up

VI Item 4IX The Clerk will follow up again on the condition of the footpath in Black Mountains View in Felindre.

Action: Clerk to follow up

VII Item 6(i) The Clerk confirmed that the item on the BBNPA Draft Rights of Way had been sent for inclusion on the website.

VIII Item 6(ii) The Clerk confirmed the item on the Police Precept had been sent for inclusion on the website.

IX Item 8(i) A letter of thanks had been received from St Peters Church for the donation for the Church Hall.

X Item 12(i) The issue of a gift for CH was discussed and an item agreed, the Clerk will arrange for this, and also for the card for IA. The contact details for Peter Vascoe had been incorrect so he hadn't been invited to the meeting. The Clerk will contact MD for the correct email and he will be invited to next months meeting.

Action: Clerk to arrange gift, card and contact PV

XI Item 12(ii) The Clerk confirmed she had contacted PCC regarding the grass cutting in Felindre.

XII Item 12(v) Further information regarding the use of the Bont in Glasbury for launching had been received and distributed. DE had been present at a meeting with Sian Barnes of PCC and was confident she was fully aware of all of the issues and situation. It was felt that it was of vital importance that none of the businesses that benefit from canoeing, whether directly as operators, or indirectly as benefiting from the many tourists this activity brings into the area, should be detrimentally affected by the proposals. DE, RJ and EH will meet with representatives of Glasbury & District Community Council to formulate a response to the questionnaire, although AJ felt it was important that there be two separate responses. It was agreed by all that the Community Council endorses the submission that was to be devised by the sub-group.

Action: Clerk and Sub-group to meet and submit questionnaire

XIII Item 12(vi) AJ and DE to meet to discuss Clerks Job Description

5 Planning Matters

Outline application for erection of a dwelling and all associated work (all matters reserved) – Melbourne, Glasbury on Wye, HR3 5NT

AJ had declared an interest in this Item and MB took the Chair

This application was discussed. It was agreed that there was no comment to be made.

AJ took the Chair

6 Literature & Information Received

(i) Archives Newsletter

This item was received.

(ii) Police and Crime Commissioners Newsletter

This item was received.

(iii) Powys Local Toilet Strategy

This item was received. RJ commented that this was a total waste of money, was inaccurate, and had failed to look at the way in which savings could be made. It was agreed to bring this item back to next months meeting for a full response.

Action: Clerk to place on next months agenda

7 County Councillors Report

JE thanked the Community Council for welcoming RH to last months meeting and hoped that they had found her presence useful. He reported on the Mid Wales Growth deal, and that a delegation had travelled to the Senedd, along with a group of local businesses (the quantity of which had surprised the First Minister). He reported on the Social Services Inspections and that whilst there was progress, there were still some concerns. The Welsh Housing Quality Standard had now been achieved in the Councils Housing stock. Driver refresher for the mature driver was available in Welshpool, with PassPlus available to younger drivers. The new Corporate Director for Transformation had been appointed. The budget discussions continue with a likely suggestion of Council Tax rise of 9.5%. Part of the reason for this rise is because the settlement from the Welsh Government has reduced year on year.

8 Financial Matters

(i) PAVO Invoice

This was received and the sum of £30 was agreed.

(ii) Wye Local Invoice

This was received and the sum of £50.40 was agreed

(iii) Clerks Salary

The Clerks salary of £200 was agreed

9 Any Other Business

(i) MB had attended the One Voice Wales meeting which had been very interesting. Kirsty Williams AM had spoken at the meeting and seemed very aware of all the local issues. The Hendy Wind Farm site was discussed, along with various reports from committees. There was also a discussion on the suggestion of compulsory allowances and training for Community and Town Councillors although the feeling of the meeting was against these suggestions.

(ii) DE commented that the grit bin in Glasbury still hadn't been provided.

(iii) DE queried with JE the oak in Twin Oaks, JE will pursue.

(iv) DE reported that the Coed y Polyn common in Glasbury is to be sold by the Church.

(v) EH requested that an item on emissions from a local chicken production facility be placed on next months agenda.

Action: Clerk to place on agenda

(vi) RJ reported he had received complaints from some residents in Felindre regarding the number of coaches travelling through the village to take people to the various outdoor activity centres. JE reported he has discussed this with the centres and the Council, but the road is a public highway.

(vii) JE reported he had reported the issue of the variable speed limit signs at Storey Arms to Ken Skates AM, as everything on a trunk road has to go via his office.

(viii) AJ reported he had purchased a cable for the new laptop, the reimbursement of £5.19 was agreed. He also suggested investigating the purchase of a screen for use in St Peters Church Hall.

Action: AJ to investigate a screen for the projector

Next meeting 5th March 2019 at 7:30pm in Felindre Village Hall, Felindre

End of Meeting

