

Gwernyfed Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held on 4th June 2019
St Peters Church Hall

Present

Cllr. Mike Bugler (Chair)
Cllr. Andy Jones (Vice-Chair)
Cllr. Eric Hoole
Cllr. Peter Varcoe
Cllr. David Edlin
Cllr. Ray Jefferies

Also in attendance, County Cllr. James Evans and Mrs Keren Bender (Clerk)

1 Opening Comments

Cllr. Bugler welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

3 Apologies

Cllrs. Grahame Day and Margaret David

4 Minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2019

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

Matters Arising

a. With regard to reducing the speed limit on the approach to Glasbury on Wye, the Clerk confirmed that a response had been received from Cllr. Phyl Davies stating that the project had not at this time been ranked. The Community Council had been expecting a substantive response before a financial offer was made. Cllr. Evans said he would investigate the process and costs with Jo Lancey, and depending on the outcome Cllr. Edlin would put a letter together and seek agreement from community councillors before passing to the Clerk.

Action: Cllrs. Evans, Edlin and Clerk

b. Cllr. David sent in a report that Powys have offered the Pound Field Committee a 50 year lease at £1 a year rent. The Community Council were very pleased to note the improvement in Powys County Councils position.

c. Cllr. Jones reported the next meeting of the group discussing the Brecon to Hay path will be held on the 11th June when he will report back to the Community Council.

Action: Cllr. Jones

d. Streetlighting. There had been no response from the PCSO concerning streetlighting issues, the Clerk had sent another email requesting an answer.

e. Cllr. Bugler reported he had attended a meeting to discuss broadband issues with Kirsty Williams AM in Talgarth on 20th May. The Deputy Minister for Economy and Transport(Lee Waters) who is responsible for digital matters, explained that £58M allocated for broadband improvement had not been spent as contractors did not bid for the work due to time scales. The Minister said at this time the £58M can not be spent.

5 Planning Matters

There were no objections to the 2 applications put before the meeting.

19/0634/HH- Ty Rhosyn Goch, Glasbury, Hereford, Powys. HR3 5NT

19/0733/HH- Bracelands, Pont Ithel, Brecon Powys. LD3 0SA

6 Literature & Information Received

a. Update on Canoe Launch Arrangements

This item was received, it was noted that the views of others had been taken into account, with the Community Council awaiting final proposals.

b. Gwernyfed High School, traffic management issues.

It was noted that Cllr. Jones who sits on the school governing body had previously raised the issue of traffic management with the school. It was proposed by Cllr. Edlin and seconded by Cllr. Jefferies that the clerk writes to School Services in regards to the questions asked by Alison Brown and Terry Blackwell and to request that School Services respond to their letter.

Action: Clerk

7 County Councillors Report

Cllr. Evans reported that rural grass cutting, including verges and lanes, will take place from June onwards. Resurfacing is scheduled to improve the road at the junction of A438 and A4078. He explained that he was going on a community tour with the Highways Department and asked all Community Councillors to let him have any issues to take on the tour. Under climate change he reported the Woodlands Trust are giving all County Councillors an oak tree to plant. He concluded that Powys County Council needed to find savings of £10M in the coming year.

8 Banking Arrangements

The Clerk asked the Community Council to change its banking arrangements to online banking, she outlined the benefits and also requested that the list of authorisation signatories be updated. This was agreed.

The Clerk handed out authorisation forms to be filled in and returned to her to enable the list of authorisation signatories, held at the bank, to be updated.

Action: Clerk set up online banking

9 Financial Matters

The following Invoices for payment were presented and agreed.

PAVO, payroll services for £30

Millenium, website services for £123.50

Came & Co, insurance for £218

Clerks salary £80 and HMRC £20

Action: Clerk to send cheques

10 Audit

The Audit papers were presented to the meeting, the audit had been independently audited and it was agreed the Chair and Clerk would meet to finalise the submission.

Action: Clerk and Cllr. Bugler

11 Any Other Business

(a) Cllr. Bugler proposed that the August meeting be cancelled this year with a proviso that should any business be brought forward where a decision needed to be made in a timely manner, a sub group of four Community Councillors would be convened, this was seconded by Cllr. Varcoe and agreed by all present.

Action: Clerk to arrange if required and update the website.

(b) In line with employment law it is necessary for the Clerk to have a contract of employment and job description. Cllr. Bugler had prepared draft copies of both documents, which were agreed by all present. The Chair and Clerk to meet outside the meeting to agree, sign and finalise arrangements

(c) The Clerk passed the PAVO employee starter form to the Chair for the employer to complete and return to PAVO

Action: Cllr Bugler to complete form

(d) The Chair wanted placed on record both his and the Community Councils thanks to Rachel Jones, the previous Clerk, for her excellent work and proposed a gift be purchased to recognise her contribution to the Community Council. This was agreed.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions to the meeting.

Meeting Closed at 9.25pm

Next meeting 2nd July 2019 at 7:30pm in Felindre Village Hall, Felindre

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