

Gwernyfed Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd July 2019
Felindre Village Hall, Felindre

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

Also in attendance

Cllr James Evans, County Councillor and Mrs Keren Bender (Clerk)

1 Opening Comments

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

3 Apologies

There were no apologies

4 Minutes of the meeting held on 4th June 2019

The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair

5 Matters Arising

- a.** With regard to reducing the speed limit on the approach to Glasbury on Wye, it was decided a letter would be sent to Jo Lancey of the Highways department at Powys County Council to initiate the process to reduce the speed limit. After further discussions it was agreed that the Community Council would request the speed limit be reduced to 40mph. £4200 had been budgeted to cover the costs.

Action: Clerk

- b.** Andy Jones reported the scheduled meeting of the group discussing the Brecon to Hay path had been postponed, he will report back to the Community Council after the rescheduled meeting takes place.

Action: Councillor Andy Jones

- c.** Streetlighting. An email had been received from Helen Scott the PCSO stating that no complaints of antisocial behaviour had been received, also informing the Community Council that from mid-July PCSO Jason Hawkins would be responsible for the Gwernyfed Community Council area. The Community Councillors voiced their support for leaving the lights on at the foot bridge situated at the bottom of Gweryfed Park.

6 Planning Matters

There were no applications presented for consideration.

7 Literature & Information Received

- a. With regards to Gwernyfed High School, traffic management issues, the Community Council received an email from School Services at Powys County Council providing assurances to Alison Brown and Terry Blackwell that the architects developing the scheme were made aware of their concerns. The Community Council responded they were hopeful a successful outcome would be achieved
- b. Correspondence was received for information only from Anne Collins, treasurer of Peters Church Hall, presenting their annual accounts.
- c. Correspondence received from Brecon and District Disabled Club requesting a donation, the request was not supported.

8 County Councillors Report

James Evans reported the community tour with the Highways Department will be re-scheduled. He also reported that Powys County Council needs to find savings of £49m and that many difficult decisions would have to be taken over the next 3 years with front line services being affected. Cllr Evans said he had been approached by representatives of Gwernyfed Play Park with a request that the Community Council take over the running of the park. It was decided that the Community Council would be happy to support a constituted group but would not be able to take over the running of the play park, Cllr Evans to report back to those who had approached him.

Action: Councillor James Evans

9 Banking Arrangements

- a. Arrangements with Nat West bank are ongoing to change to online banking.
- b. 3 Councillors, Andy Jones, Mike Bugler and Eric Hoole are banking signatories, with signatories of councillors no longer serving deleted from the mandate.

10 Financial Matters

- a. £4200 had been budgeted to cover the costs for reducing the speed limit on the approach to Glasbury on Wye.
- b. HMRC payment of £79 agreed
- c. Clerks salary of £316.65 agreed
- d. The value of £640 was included in the accounts under assets to reflect the purchase of a computer and projector.
- e. The chair was actioned to purchase a gift for the outgoing Clerk

Action: Councillor Mike Bugler

11 Audit Update

The Clerk reported that the audit papers had been sent to the external auditor on the 22nd June and confirmation received on the 26th June that the auditor was in receipt of the papers. A report on the audit is expected in September.

12 Any Other Business

- a. Ray Jeffries reported that he had received complaints of noise coming from Glasbury House, where young people were staying in tents, this was in regards to the National Citizenship Scheme. This is a Government Scheme where some 300 young people would be in attendance each week for 6 weeks.
- b. Peter Varcoe reported that diversion signs had been erected around Three Cocks and asked why this was the case. James Evans to investigate and report back.

Action: Councillor James Evans

- c. Margaret David informed the Community Council that the Village Fete and a Musical Evening was taking place on the Pound field on the 13th July 2109.
- d. Andy Jones raised a concern that some street lights were being left on after midnight. James Evans asked him to let him have the lamppost numbers and he would investigate and report back.

Action: Councillors Jones and Evans

- e. James Evans reported he had been approached by a local resident who expressed an interest in becoming a Community Councillor, the Chair asked that the resident writes to the Clerk with an expression of interest. Mike Bugler also said the Community Council had 2 vacancies and that he would approach local businesses seeking their support in joining the Community Council.

Action: Councillor Mike Bugler

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

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

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

