

Gwernyfed Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held on 7th January 2020
in Felindre Village Hall, Felindre

Community Councillors Present

Mr Mike Bugler (Chair)
Mr Andy Jones, Vice-Chair
Mrs Margaret David
Mr Peter Varcoe
Mr David Edlin
Mr Grahame Day
Mr Eric Hoole

Also in attendance County Councillor Mr James Evans and Mrs Keren Bender (Clerk)

1 Opening Comments

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting wished them a Happy New Year.

2 Declarations of Interest

Andy Jones declared an interest under item 6, planning application 19/1925/Ful, erection of dwelling on land at Melbourn Glasbury.

3 Apologies

No Apologies all in attendance

4 Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd December 2019

After a correction of Mrs Margaret Davids' name under item 15 the minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

5. Matters Arising

James Evans gave an update on the cycle track opposite Glasbury Garage. He had received correspondence from Mr Vincent Goodwin of Powys County Council which said he would not be prepared to re-designate the cycleway as a footpath as this would be against the principles of the Active Travel Act. However, he was prepared to make the whole path a shared use path with no segregation between cyclists and pedestrians. This would require some new signs and although he do not currently have a budget for these he believed there were spare signs in the stores.

6 Planning Matters

a. A presentation was made by Mr Edwin Griffiths of J&C Griffiths Agricultural Engineering Ltd and his Agent to explain a proposed development of residential and industrial units at Three Cocks. Councillors asked questions to clarify points. It was explained that the plans were at a stage in the planning process where the planning application would go to the Community Council in the normal manner as soon as it was presented to Powys County Council. The chair thanked Mr Griffiths and his Agent for the presentation.

b. Planning application 19/1925/Ful erection of a dwelling and all associated works on land at Melbourn Glasbury - The application was discussed at length with no objections raised.

7 Literature & Information Received

a. Correspondence received from Powys County Council concerning essential carriage resurfacing – A438, A4079 junction past Old Barn Three Cocks- NOTED

b. Bus Infrastructure Improvements, email from Powys County Council outlining its plans to install electronic real time information display screens in bus stop. The council were happy to support and broadly in favour, however they would like to register certain concerns.

1. That Glasbury is included in the plans.

2. That the service will be available on both sides of the road.

3. And what are the contingency plans where there are no shelters to which the screens could be attached. Clerk to respond.

Action Clerk

Letter received from Cllr Isobelle Keith to Minister for Economy and Transport - referencing an application for active travel funding. After discussions it was proposed, seconded and agreed by all that the Council had no objections to the letter being sent. Clerk to respond.

Action Clerk

8. Street lighting Issues

Deferred until the next meeting

Action Cllr Jones

9 Speed limit approach to Glasbury -on-Wye update

It had been agreed by Powys County Council that the speed limit on the approach to Glasbury on Wye would be reduced to 40mph. The Community Council were pleased with the outcome with the project scheduled for completion by the end of the financial year.

10 Mobile Flashing Speed Lights

Jo Lancey of Powys County Council to attend a site meeting to discuss venues for the mobile flashing speed lights on the 15th January. The outcome of the meeting to be reported to the next meeting.

11 County Councillors Report

James Evans reported a council tax rise around 4.8% and a better than expected Welsh Government Grant had been announced.

James Evans would be meeting with the Welsh Minister responsible for broadband to discuss local broadband concerns. He was also meeting Leslie Griffiths, Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs to discuss Sheep Scab.

12 Councillor Co-Option Proces

As no petition from residents was received by the returning officer of PCC to request an election, the second stage to advertise for candidates to apply for the vacancy has started with the closing date being the 20th January. Depending on how many candidates come forward will determine the interview process.

Action Clerk

13 Felindre Village Hall Broadband

Graham Day volunteered to investigate if a broadband provider with a competitive price could be achieved.

Action Cllr Day

15 Nant-y-Deri Issues – road markings, signage

Jo Lancey of Powys County Council to attend a site meeting to discuss Nant-y-Deri issues on the 15th January. The outcome of the meeting to be reported to the next meeting.

16 Speeding through Felindre Village.

James Evans met with Jo Lancey to investigate the possibility of installing rumble strips in some areas of the village. This situation appears resolved.

17 Banking Arrangements

The Chair had visited the Net West Bank in Brecon with the relevant forms requested by the Bank and continues to pursue on-line banking.

18 Financial Matters.

a. Bank balances as at 7th January 2020 from the Current Account and Reserved Account were reported to the meeting.

b. Funding request from Powys Dyslexia Support Group

The accounts of Powys Dyslexia Support Group had been received; the Councillors requested further information in relation to the work of the Support Group. Andy Jones stated he would inquire at the school where he sits on the governing body and the Clerk to forward website details to all Councillors.

Action Clerk

c. The Chair and Clerk had met to discuss finances in readiness for setting the precept. The Chair presented the budget and after discussion it was proposed, seconded and agreed by all to set the precept at the same level as the previous year. Clerk to inform Powys County Council.

Action Clerk

d. Cheques were signed for Pavo, HMRC and Clerks salary.

19 Any Other Business

AOB was taken at the discretion of the chair.

a. The Clerk advised that Powys County Council would be embarking on a 6 week consultation on supplementary planning guidance in connection with the Local Development Plan, clerk to update the meeting when the dates are released.

b. A request was made to agenda Railway Committee for next meeting.

Action Clerk

c. Meeting dates in 2020 were presented to the Council, with no meeting in August 2020.

d. A Councillor raised the issue of buying a gift for an outgoing Councillor. The Clerk advised it was unlawful to buy gifts from the public purse and if Councillors so wished they should have a whip round between themselves. The clerk also stated the advice she had received was that the chair could draw down an allowance that might be used to purchase a gift and that she would investigate further.

Meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Next meeting 4th February 2020 at 7:30pm in St Peters Church Hall ,Glasbury- on -Wye