

Gwernyfed Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd March 2020
In Felindre Village Hall, Felindre

Community Councillors Present

Mr Mike Bugler (Chair)
Mr Peter Varcoe
Mr David Edlin
Mrs Margaret David
Mr Andy Jones

Mr Grahame Day
Mr Eric Hoole

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

1 Opening Comments

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Declarations of Interest

None

3 Apologies

Cllr Carol Wheeler

4 Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th February 2020

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

4a Matters Arising

Co-opted Councillor Vacancy

An article placed in the Messenger to inform readers of a vacancy for a Co-opted Councillor and to ask for expressions of interest.

Awaiting Jenni Thomas of Powys County Council to provide list of contacts for local businesses so they can also be approached.

After an in-depth discussion it was agreed not to support Powys Dyslexia Support Group at this time.

5 Correspondence and Information

Correspondence received from Love Glasbury informing the Community Council of their relatively strong financial position this year and their intention to approach the Community Council for financial assistance the following year. – Noted

BBNPA local development plan consultation supplementary planning Guidance received. - Circulated and Noted

Correspondence received from Jo Lancey of Powys County Council with an update following her recent site visit.

The Nant-y-Deri street sign degradation and the need to replace it. - Lyn Parry of Powys County Council has been contacted, awaiting response.

Parking in Nant-y-Deri blocking the hammerhead turning point making access by emergency vehicles very difficult. - Jo Lancey has ordered the H-bar markings and will be done when the rest of the work in the village is done.

Abandoned vehicles comes under Peter Lewis who has been informed, awaiting response.

Claire Thomas, the housing officer has been informed of illegal dumping, awaiting response.

6 Planning Matters

None received

7 Railway Committee

Andy Jones reported that at the Committees recent AGM a new committee had been appointed. The committee will be working with other local organisations to establish a traffic free cycle path in Talgart and also looking into a cycle path from Glasbury to Hay to run on the Radnor side of the river. Andy Jones will update the Community Council of any significant progress.

8 Street lighting Issues

Andy Jones reported that in the main residents were happy with their streetlighting. Andy Jones will canvas residents at Twin Oaks to assess their views. Andy Jones to pass on the lamp number for the light at the school to James Evans so that the light can be turned off.

Action Cllr Jones

9 Speed limit approach to Glasbury -on-Wye update

Agreed to keep on the agenda until the matter is resolved.

10 Mobile Flashing Speed Lights

The Community Council, after discussion, decided to place this issue on hold due to the high costs involved. Mobile flashing lights to be reviewed for Felindre at a later date.

11 County Councillors Report

James Evans reported a 4.8% rise in Council Tax.

Storm Denis has caused a high level of silt on the roads, the Highways Department are inundated with calls, all work will be scheduled. Anyone with storm damage is advised to get in touch with Powys County Council as they are entitled to rate relief. James Evans represents Powys County Council on the Environment and Economic Committee that meets in London.

12 Felindre Village Hall Broadband

Graham Day provided four quotes to Margaret David who will take to the Felindre Village Hall Committee for discussion at its March meeting. Response to come back to the Community Council.

Action Cllr David

13 Removal of Readers Retreat sign near Glasbury Bridge bus stop.

It was agreed the sign should be removed.

14 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.

15 Financial Matters.

- a. Bank balances as at 3rd March 2020 from the Current Account and Reserve Account were reported to the meeting.
- b. Cheques were signed for One Voice Wales - renewal of membership, HMRC and Clerks salary
- c. Funding request from Hay and District
Hay and District Dial-a-Ride accounts have been received and passed to Peter Varcoe to interpret the accounts and report back to the April meeting.

Action Cllr Varcoe.

- d. Advice from One Voice Wales regarding buying gifts from the public purse.

David Edlin presented a case based on section 137 from the Local Government Act 1972, the meeting was not persuaded. The advice from One Voice Wales was clear that it is not allowable to spend money from the public purse to purchase gifts. It was resolved that the Community Council would have a "whip round" and a gift would be purchased.

16 Any Other Business

Margaret David updated the position with the Pound Field, their solicitor is looking into the lease, the Pound Field has not been registered at the Land Registry, lease expected to be signed by April.

Davis Edlin to attend a meeting to discuss flooding behind the River Cafe.

Andy Jones requested the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report 2020 be placed on the April agenda.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

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

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