

Gwernyfed Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd September 2019
Felindre Village Hall, Felindre

Community Councillors Present Mr Mike Bugler (Chair)
 Mr Andy Jones
 Mrs Margaret David
 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

Councillors Mr Grahame Day and Mr Eric Hoole

4 Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 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, a purchase order for £3090 has been placed with Jo Lancey of the Highways department at Powys County Council to initiate the process to reduce the speed limit. Also at a meeting scheduled for the 11th September with Jo Lancey, Councillor Evans will raise the issue of Flashing Speed Lights.
- b. Andy Jones reported that at the meeting of the group discussing the Brecon to Hay path a decision was made to conduct a consultation to ascertain peoples views, he also stated that he would be stepping down from the group.
- c. Andy Jones had forwarded a list of streetlight issues to James Evans ,who would investigate and report back

Action: Councillor James Evans

6 Planning Matters

19/1301/RES Plot 9, Black Mountain View

There were no objection to the application put before the meeting.

7 Literature & Information Received

- a. Police and Crime Commissioner Annual Report – Noted
- b. News Letter from Eluned Morgan AM - Noted

- c. Correspondence received from Brecon Advice Centre, along with their annual report and accounts 2018/2019, requesting a donation. A Donation of £200 was proposed and unanimously supported.

Action: Clerk

- d A card was received from Rachel Jones thanking all for her gift. -Noted

- e Request for a grant was received from Felindre Village Hall. Clerk to contact the treasurer to request their annual accounts before the grant can be considered.

Action: Clerk

8 County Councillors Report

James Evans reported a letter concerning the budget position had been sent out from the Leader of Powys County Council to gather as many views as possible to inform the budget setting process. He also reported the representatives of Gwernyfed Play Park were still deciding if they would take on the responsibility for the Play Park.

9 Banking Arrangements

- a. The Chair and Andy Jones will initiate the process with Nat West bank for online banking, with Peter Varcoe as a third signatory . Peter Varcoe will also be added to the mandate as a signatory.

10 Financial Matters

- a. It was reported that the bank balances as at 5th September 2019 were

Current account £9890.70

Reserved account £1609.05

- b. cheques were signed for
 - £268.75 Wales Audit Office,
 - £200 Brecon Advice Centre
 - Clerks salary and HMRC contribution
 - Outgoing Clerks gift

11 Audit Update

The Clerk reported that the audit report had been received, with the Auditor General for Wales issuing Gwernyfed Community Council a qualified audit report.

Reason stated for a qualified report was the council had failed to adopt Financial Regulations. To ensure this was rectified at the earliest opportunity, adoption of Financial regulations was agenda for this meeting and discussed under item 12.

It was also agreed to appoint Mrs J Hughes as its internal auditor.

12 Policies to be reviewed / adopted

- a. Standing Orders- deferred until October
- b. Financial Regulations

After a lengthy and thorough discussion, it was agreed to adopt the One Voice Wales Model Financial Regulations and insert the Community Councils agreed own figures where necessary.

An updated copy will be sent to all councillors and posted on Gwernyfed Community Council website.

13 Any Other Business

- a. David Edlin presented a paper concerning the Cycle Track on the corner of the A438 opposite Glasbury Service Station. James Evans to contact Vincent Goodwyn to initiate a meeting to discuss the issues.

1. **Action:** Councillor James Evans

- b. Ray Jeffries reported that Love Glasbury were awaiting Charity Status which should come through in October.
- c. It was reported that the trees and verges at the bottom of Gwernyfed Avenue were overgrown.

Action: Councillor James Evans

- d. Margaret David informed the meeting that a charity auction would take place on the 20th October to raise money for Powys Special Olympics, Brecon Mountain Rescue and the Pound Field.

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

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Next meeting 1st October 2019 at 7:30pm in St Peters Church Hall ,Glasbury- on -Wye

