

Gwernyfed Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held on 5th May 2020
On-Line ZOOM Meeting

Community Councillors Present

Mr Mike Bugler (Chair)

Mr Peter Varcoe

Mrs Carol Wheeler

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 their first meeting using Zoom and thanked the Councillors for taking part, he then went on to explain the etiquette of the meeting. Councillor Carol Wheeler was welcomed to her first meeting.

2 Declarations of Interest

None

3 Apologies

Mr David Edlin

4 Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd March 2020

The minutes were accepted as a true record, the Chair to forward a signed copy to the Clerk.

5 Matters Arising

Margaret David reported the Nant-y-Deri issues were still awaiting completion. James Evans to follow up with Powys County Council.

Clerk Reported that due to the limited time allotted for the meeting a number of items were deferred to a future meeting.

6 Correspondence and Information

Came & Co insurance renewal. The renewal notice was discussed, the quote was the same as the previous year's quote, after discussion it was agreed to renew with Came & Co.

Correspondence requesting a donation was received from Penyrheol Baptist Chapel. The request was accompanied by their Annual Accounts. Following a discussion it was agreed to make the donation to the same value as the previous year and to invite them to resubmit an application for year 2020.

7 Planning Matters

None received

8 AGM Discussion

The Clerk reported the advice received from the Welsh Government concerning Community Council AGMs, in light of Coronavirus." Councils must still hold an annual meeting at some point in 2020, but any requirements about holding them in March, April or May do not apply". A discussion ensued where it was agreed to postpone the AGM for 3 months and if the restrictions were not lifted by then, the AGM would be held via a Zoom meeting. To be reviewed at the next meeting on the June 2nd 2020.

9 County Councillors Report

James Evans began by paying tribute to the Community Groups, including many Community Councillors who are helping in the community during the coronavirus crisis.

He explained that the council are only carrying out business critical activities.

Adult Social Services are reporting deaths from care homes and that the Authority are now testing care homes workers.

There has been an increase in homelessness amongst young people attributed to relationship breakdowns.

Enforcement of public health by Environmental Health and Trading Standards, there has been many scams towards vulnerable residents by those cashing in during the coronavirus crisis.

There is support for vulnerable people, they are being contacted by phone to ensure they are coping.

There is £36m in business support available.

Refuge services are continuing as normal.

Only essential highways work is being carried out.

Emergency housing repairs are being carried out.

It appears that pubs, clubs and restaurants will be the last businesses to re-open.

10 Financial Matters.

Year End Accounts and Audit Arrangements

The Clerk reported the year end accounts had been prepared and the audit had been completed to present to the Internal Auditor.

The Internal Auditor, Mrs Jo Hughes had confirmed she would carry out the internal audit, however after receiving the accounts she would store them for a while because of Coronavirus and contamination concerns.

11 Invoices for approval

Pavo-Salary services - Agreed

Powys County Council - Declined - work not completed, awaiting completion before payment is made.

Came & Co Insurance renewal – Agreed

Penyrheol Baptist Chapel - Agreed

Next meeting 2nd June 2020 at 7:30pm
This will be a Zoom Meeting

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