

**Gwernyfed Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held on 4th May 2021
Over a Virtual Zoom Meeting**

Community Councillors Present

Mr Mike Bugler (Chair)
Mr Peter Varcoe
Mrs Margaret David
Mr Grahame Day
Mr Andrew Jones
Mr Eric Hoole
Mrs Carol Wheeler

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

Prior to the meeting a 1-minute silence was observed in respect for the passing of Community Councillor David Edlin.

A formal appreciation was expressed for the many years of outstanding contribution that Councillor Edlin had given to the Community.

1. Opening Comments

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Apologies

None

4. Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th April 2021

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

5. Matters Arising

a. Correspondence had been received by Cllr. Jones from John Williams, Head of Gwernyfed High School in respect of the grant under discussion to be awarded to the school. The papers to be circulated to all councillors for discussion at the June Meeting. Still awaiting a formal request for the grant from the school.

Action Cllr. Jones

b. Cllr. James has reported illegal grazing of horses on the Pound Field to the relevant County Council department. Awaiting a response.

6. Correspondence and Information

- a. An update concerning canoe launching from Upper Glas-y-Bont had been received from Sian Barnes of Powys County Council advising that the County Council must carry out a Habitat Regulations Assessment before any launching activity can recommence on the common. PCC will liaise with NRW to explore the scope of the assessment. Cllr. Day is scheduled to attend a meeting with Sian Barnes and will raise the issue with her and report back to a future meeting.

Action Cllr. Day

- b. A renewal notice from the Community Council insurers Came & Co has been received, it was agreed to renew the policy.

7. Planning Matters

21/19633/FUL- Decision Notice - Rosedale Felindre.

Permission Granted. **Noted**

8. Flooding at Glasbury Bridge

The Chair, Cllr. Bugler has informed both Lyn Parry and Simon Crowther of Powys County Council of the sad passing of Cllr. Edlin, who was deeply involved with this issue on behalf of residents. The Chair has asked for an update of timescales, the level of funding and if the funding will cover the full costs. Following the Senedd Elections a decision should be forthcoming. This item to be kept on the agenda.

9. County Councillors Report

Cllr. James reported that due to the elections a period of Purdah is being observed which is preventing decisions from being made. The County Councillor was asked who should be contacted in respect of tree planting, as the proposed site is on Housing Department land the advice was to contact Mr Andy Thompson of the Housing Department.

10. Council Website Update

Cllr. Day reminded Community Councillors to view the website gdcc.wales and forward their comments for a decision to be made at the June Meeting. He will also contact the Community Councils current website host.

Action All

11. Pollution Incident at Afon Llynf

NRW has responded to the Community Councils questions, however the response has not been acceptable to the Community Councillors. Awaiting a response from County Councillor James Evans who is pursuing with both NRW and Powys CC.

Action Cllr. Evans

12. Safety Issues

No Issues reported.

13. Road Verges

Cllr. Jones raised the issue of planting flowers along the verges of the A438 that runs through the Community Councils area. This suggestion was fully supported. It is anticipated that local commerce would also support. The gardening club to be approached for advice.

Cllr. Wheeler to contact Rosie Williams of the Green Group of Talgarth for advice and Cllr. Jones to contact Brian Price of Powys Grounds Maintenance to enquire if permissions are required.

14. Financial Matters.

a. Bank Balances

Bank Balances of the Current and Reserve Accounts were reported to the meeting.

b. Audit 2021

The Clerk informed the meeting that the 2021 audit was due to be lodged with the external auditor by the 30th June 2021. The internal auditor had been contacted who is happy to conduct the internal audit. A letter of engagement was also discussed with the internal auditor.

15. Invoices for approval

It was agreed to approve the following for payment.

- a) Zoom Meeting - £14.39
- b) PAVO – Payroll services £35.00
- c) Came & Co Insurance - £218.00

Next meeting 1st June 2021 at 7:30pm
This will be a Zoom Meeting.

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