

**Gwernyfed Community Council of
Meeting held on 1st March 2022
Over a Virtual Zoom Meeting**

Community Councillors Present

Mr Mike Bugler (Chair)

Mrs Margaret David

Mr Grahame Day

Mr Andrew Jones

Mr Peter Varcoe

Mrs Carol Wheeler

Mr William Lloyd

Also, in attendance Mrs Keren Bender (Clerk)

1. Opening Comments

The Chair welcomed Mrs Samantha Gibbs to the meeting as an observer, Mrs Gibbs had expressed an interest to standing as a Co-opted Community Councillor.

2. Co-option of Councillor

Community Council unanimously confirmed Chris Jones as a co-opted Councillor.

3. Declarations of Interest

None received.

4. Apologies

None Received

5. Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st February 2022

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

6. Matters Arising

David Barlow – Love Glasbury. Has acknowledged the previous correspondence assuring the Community Council it would be updated should Love Glasbury require financial assistance during the following financial year.

Request for representation to the Leader of Powys County Council at Gwernyfed Community has not been acknowledged.

7. Correspondence and Information

a. Pollution Incident of the River Llynfi

A draft letter agreed by Gwernyfed Community Councillors expressing concerns at the response from the Minister of Climate Change relating to the pollution incident of the River Llynfi, has been endorsed

in principle with the deletion of asking for the resignation of the Minister by Talgarth Town Council. Clerk to forward letter to the Welsh Government Minister for Climate Change and copy in Talgarth Town Council.

Action Clerk

b. New Duties on Community/Community Councils- One Voice Wales.

1. An Annual Report needs to be published by the Community Council as soon as is practicable after the 1st April 2022.

2. A training plan for Councillors and Clerk to be developed by the 5th November 2022.

Cllr. Varcoe to develop a training plan for consideration of the full council.

Action Cllr. Varcoe

Training to be added to future agendas

Action Clerk

8. Planning Matters

20/0190/FUL - Micro Brewery - Mills Service Station, Auto Electrical Workshop, Three Cocks, Brecon, LD3 0SL. Addition of Use

Class A1, retail, to existing B2 consent enabling applicant to sell to retail customers direct from his micro-brewery:

No comments or objections raised

Ref: PAR804/505/D/31

Consultation on application to divert public footpath no. 31, Community of Gwernyfed, County of Powys

No comments or objections raised.

9. County Councillors Report

A County Councillor was not in attendance to present a report.

10. Safety Issues

The response from Powys County Councils Right of Way Officer, Martin Davies, concerning the unsafe nature of a stile located at Twin Oaks, which leads onto the nature reserve and a public footpath along the tram line, stated he would investigate the issue when he was next in the area. The clerk has asked for a firm date, awaiting response.

11. Education

Cllr Jones reported Gwernyfed High School was moving out of Covid measures. Face masks are no longer required in the classrooms however this was still relevant in open spaces. The bubble system has been removed with the one-way system being retained.

David Edlin Fund- Awaiting a report from the Head, Cllr. Jones to inquire how the fund will be publicised in the future.

Action Cllr. Jones

12. Election Process

The Clerk attended a presentation delivered by Powys County Council explaining the election process of the 5th May 2022. The Clerk shared the process outlining the relevant dates and nomination process. Nomination paper have been ordered and will be delivered by the Clerk as soon as they are received. It was agreed to hold the AGM on the Wednesday the 11th May 2022

13. Defibrillator at Gwernyfed

A meeting has taken place between Powys County Council Officers and Cllrs. Bugler and Lloyd to agree where the Defibrillator at Gwernyfed Avenue is to be sited. It is expected to be attached to a newly installed metal post within 6 weeks at a cost of £200, Clerk has written for confirmation.

14. Flooding at the Groe-

Due to recent storms a flood has taken place at the Groe. As per an agreement with Rickets the water was pumped out for 9 hours preventing flooding of nearby properties. The process was managed by Mr A Legge on behalf of the Community Council.

The Clerk has been instructed to ask Powys CC for a contribution towards the cost due to the Highways Department failure to clear the culvert of debris.

Action Clerk

15. Financial Matters

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

18. Invoices for approval

It was agreed to approve the following for payment.

- a) Zoom Meeting - £14.98
- b) One Voice Wales Membership -£165
- c) PAVO – Payroll Services - £30
- d) Rickets – Flood Defences - £720 plus VAT

All invoices were approved.

It was agreed that going forward meetings would be conducted as a hybrid meeting using TEAMS at Felindre Village Hall

Next meeting 5th April 2022 at 7:30pm.

This will be a Hybrid meeting held at Felindre Village Hall

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