**Minutes of Gwernyfed Community Council**  **Meeting**

**Held over Zoom on the 12th January 2023 at 7.30pm**

In attendance

Cllr. Mike Bugler (Chair)

Cllr. Nick Pritchard

Cllr. Grahame Day

Cllr. Will Lloyd

Cllr. Chris Jones

Cllr. Peter Varcoe Cllr. Margaret David

Also, in attendance County Councillor Will Lloyd and Mrs Keren Bender (Clerk)

1. **Opening Comments**

Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

1. **Declarations of Interest**

None

**3.** A**pologies**

None

**4. Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th December 2022**

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

# 5. Matters Arising

Notice Boards – Cllr. Pritchard had taken delivery of the notice boards and would arrange to have it erected nearer the New Year.

**Action Cllr. Pritchard**

Waiting on Testimonies re-funding application from Three Cocks WI and Gwernyfed High School

**Action Cllr. Pritchard**

A letter to be drafted to Police Chief Inspector.

**Action Chair & Cllr. Lloyd**

Storage cabinet has been delivered, unfortunately it was delivered minus its fittings, once received Cllrs Varcoe and Bugler will assemble.

**Action Cllrs Varcoe & Bugler**

**Information concerning the David Edlin Fund to be forwarded to Cllr. Pritchard**

**Action Clerk**

Follow up letter sent to Trans Cymru by Cllr Pritchard, awaiting response.

**Action Cllr Pritchard**

Email sent to Practice Manager of Doctors Surgery by Chair, no response received.

**Action Chair**

# 6. Agree Minutes of the 10th November where press and public were excluded.

# Minutes were agreed.

# 7. Correspondence and Information

# Crime report received from PSCO Emma Jackson. The Community Council were grateful to have received the report and instructed the Clerk to extend an invitation to PSCO Emma Jackson to attend a future meeting to discuss the data in more detail.

**Action Clerk**

**8** **Planning Matters**

22/21629/FUL- Additional first floor extension – 10, Wood Vilas, Felindre.

There were no observations or objections to the Planning Application.

**9. Flooding at the Gro.**

There was a flooding incident on the evening of 11th January 2023, when Rickets were called out by a resident to carry out pumping.

Cllr Pritchard informed the meeting that a resident in the first instance needs to report the incident to Powys County Council and NRW, there is no need for a response however the incident should be reported and recorded.

Rickets to be reminded of the agreed process to call them to authorise the work. The resident has been informed. **Action Clerk**

The Clerk was asked to write to PCC Highways Department and Cllr Richard Church the Portfolio Holder for a contribution to costs, when the charge is established.

**Action Clerk**

Cllr Lloyd also reported a joint email had been sent that day by himself and Jane Dodds MS, to NRW outlining the situation at the Gro and requesting a review.

# 10. County Councillors Report

# Councillor Lloyd had forwarded a written report to all Councillors prior to the meeting. He spoke to his report highlighting salient points and took questions.

Cllr David thanked Cllr Lloyd for his continued support around antisocial behaviour.

Cllr Lloyd asked if a request from Talgarth Regeneration Group could be considered. Cllr Lloyd was advised to ask the Group to forward the request to the Clerk direct.

**12**. **Safety Issues**

There were no safety issues to consider.

# 13. Education

Community Premises to be discussed at the next Governors meeting of Gwernyfed High School. The School is also in the process of advertising for a Head.

**14. Speed Reduction Proposal for Three Cocks**

County Councillor Lloyd has organised a site meeting with the Cabinet Member for A Greener Powys to discuss and will report back at a future meeting.  **Action Cllr Lloyd**

A speed gun has been purchased to aid with date collection to support the speed reduction proposal.

**15. WIFI proposal for Felindre Village Hall**

Cllr. Day reported an address had now been established for the Village Hall and that it may take up to eighteen weeks for the address to be registered and accepted by Open Reach. The application is now in the process. Cllr Day to update when more information is available.

**16. Financial Matters**

**a. Precept**

The finance committee had met to prepare the budget and inform the Precept for 2023. The Chair presented the proposed budget line by line for full council to discuss.

An increase of £970 to the precept was explained by an increase in the budget line of flood relief of £1700 and equipment of £1400, there were also increases in budget lines for clerks salary, payroll services, councillor training, and contingencies. There was a decrease of £2500 for election costs and £500 for donations. Following an in-depth discussion Councillors unanimously agreed to a Precept request of £14170.

Clerk to forward Precept request form to Powys County Council by the 31St January 2023.

**b**. **Bank Balances**

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

**c**. **Invoices for approval**

Powys County Council – Election Costs- £518.18

Safeoptions- Storage Cabinet- £264

Cllr.N.Pritchard- Speed Gun-£161.95

Felindre Village Hall- Grant-£750

Pavo – Payroll Services 2 X £30

All payments were approved

**Next meeting – 9th February 2023 at 7.30pm**

**This will be a Hybrid meeting held at Felindre Village Hall**

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