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

**Held over Zoom 7th July 2022 at 7pm**

In attendance

Cllr. Mike Bugler (Chair)

Cllr N Pritchard

Cllr. Grahame Day

Cllr. Will Lloyd

Cllr. Chris Jones

Cllr. Peter Varcoe

Cllr. Andy Jones

Cllr Mrgaret David

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

# 1. Opening Comments

Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None

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

None

**4. Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th June 2022**

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

# 5. Matters Arising

# Cllr. David reported the banks and verges in Felindre Village had not been cut. Cllr Lloyd to follow up. Action Cllr Lloyd

Pursuing the concept of acquiring the canteen at Gwernyfed High school as a community centre, Cllr Jones had mentioned it to the outgoing head, who said he was open to community use of the canteen.

Cllr Pritchard had spoken with Cllr Radcliff who sits on the Community and Premises board who are writing community use into the business plan.

Confirmation of a raise for the Clerk was agreed to the amount in the budget.

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# 6. Correspondence and Information

Request for funding – Penyrheol Baptist Chapel

The request was discussed and agreed to support the request with a grant of £250.

Request for funding – Hay and District Dial-a –Ride.

The request was discussed and agreed to support the request with a grant of £500

**7. Notice Boards**

Cllr Pritchard proposed an additional notice board in Three Cocks to be placed in a key central hub at the bus shelter and also speak with the Barn to hopefully donate a further notice board.

It was agreed by all to fund the additional notice board. Cllr Pritchard to obtain quotes prior to the September Meeting.

It was also noted that permissions may be required to house the board. Cllrs Pritchard and Lloyd to follow up the permission aspect.

**Action Cllrs Pritchard and Lloyd**

**8.. Councillor Training Plans**

Cllr Varcoe had forwarded to all Councillors a draft training plan for discussion.

He explained that all Councillors should have training in the courses of The Councillor and Code of Conduct. Other areas of training being focused on identified Councillors to ensure the Council has sufficient skills to manage its business..

The training plan needed to be in place by the 5th November. Clerk to forward the July training schedule from OVW to all Councillors.

# Action Clerk

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# 9. Planning Matters

# 22/0535/FUL – Caeronen Farm Felindre- 3 Chalets, an Amenity Unit and a Wind Turbine.

Following a discussion, it was agreed the Councillors were broadly supportive of the application, however there were two observations to be reported to Powys County Council.

1. There are concerns that many trees will have to be felled and reassurances are requested that a tree felling licence will be in place.
2. Currently permission is in place for access for children to walk to school. Assurances are sought that this practice will continue.

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# 10. County Councillors Report

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

He had been mainly involved with case work over the past month, concentrating on ward business with three neighbour disputes.

Clarifications was requested regarding the comment referring to the regeneration of the Glasbury Primary School site concerning phosphate problems. Cllr Lloyd said he would bring further information to the September meeting.

# Cllr Lloyd had been asked to look into the locations and lack of dog bins in the area which he is pursuing with Powys County Council. Cllr Pritchard was in support of a review of the dog bins and requested the review to take in the entire ward, which Cllr Lloyd agreed to raise at the review meeting .

**11**. **Safety Issues**

Cllr Day reported that the style at Twin Oaks had not been replaced as indicated by PCC Rights of Way Officer. Cllr Lloyd to follow up.

The culvert at the Gro had not been cleared, Clerk to forward email trail to Cllr Lloyd.

**Action Clerk and Cllr LLoyd**

# 12. Education and Training

# Gwernyfed High School

# Cllr Jones reported a letter had been sent to all parents informing them that an Acting Executive Head has been appointed for three days a week, on a two-year secondment to commence in September 2022, with a second Intermediate Head appointed for two days a week with ESTYN experience.

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

Cllr Day has developed an application for funding, awaiting the application to be assessed by the funders. Should it be successful the funders will provide 80% of the costs with the Community Council meeting 20% of the costs.

In relation to the website and social media update.

The person originally approached had turned down the request to update the website and social media. However, the Councils website host has agreed to update the website and social media along with hosting the website at a charge of £323.50.

This was unanimously agreed.

**14. Financial Matters**

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

**b.** On-line Banking Arrangements update. Progress had been made, awaiting card readers.

# 16. Invoices for approval

Penyrheol Baptist Chapel - £250

Hay and District Dial-a –Ride - £500

Millenium - £323.50

Next meeting – 1st September 2022 at 7.30pm

This will be a Hybrid meeting held at Felindre Village Hall

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