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

 **Held over Zoom on the 9th February 2023 at 7.30pm**

 In attendance

 Cllr. Mike Bugler (Chair)

 Cllr. Nick Pritchard

 Cllr. Grahame Day

Cllr. Chris Jones Cllr. Margaret David

 Also, in attendance Mrs Keren Bender (Clerk)

1. **Opening Comments**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Councillor David reported the very sad and sudden passing of Mr Mike Rafferty, the Felindre Village Hall Caretaker.

1. **Prior to taking the business of meeting the Chair extended a warm welcome to PCSO Emma Jackson**

PCSO Emma Jackson had previously forwarded her report to Councillors and highlighted the increase in cybercrime and asked all councillors to be on the alert if they believed a resident was a victim of cybercrime. She spoke of travelling criminals targeting outlying premises and asked if anyone sees anything suspicious to please report, even if it’s only a partial numberplate.

PSCO Jackson stated the area of Gwernyfed is comparably low on crime.

She reported that there was a new Chief Constable, Dr Richard Lewis, who is reorganising and prioritising crime types and will be prioritising domestic violence and cybercrimes.

The Chair thanked her for her attendance which was much appreciated.

1. **Declarations of Interest**

 None

 **4.** A**pologies**

 Cllr. Peter Varcoe and County Councillor Will Lloyd

**5. Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th January 2022**

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

# 6. Matters Arising

Notice Boards –The notice board had been erected.

Testimonies had been received.

The storage cabinet had been assembled and was now in use.

Trans Cymru have responded to say they will contact Cllr Pritchard for a conversation.

Chair still awaiting a response from the practice manager at the surgery.

The Clerk reported she had sent a letter to Mark Ricketts with the agreed process to be followed should there be another flooding incident at Glasbury Bridge. Going forward the only people who can request and authorise this work is Mr Legge or a Community Councillor of Gwernyfed Community Council

Clerk has forwarded the precept request to Powys County Council

#  7. Correspondence and Information

Request for Annual Grant from St Peters Hall- Request received along with their annual accounts, following a discussion it was agreed to support St Peters Hall with a grant of £750. **Action Clerk**

Buckingham Palace Garden Party request. Itwas agreed to ask the longest serving Councillor if he was willing to be put forward for the draw. Cllr. Graham Day accepted.

Draft Minutes – OVW Brecon Area Committee**- Noted**

Cllr Pritchard to be added to the OVW circulation list. **Action Clerk**

Request from Talgarth &District Regeneration Group re Talgarth Community Library.

It was agreed to support the library with a donation of £250. **Action Clerk**

Update on canoe launching from Upper Glas-y-Bont Common from Sian Barns.

Sian Barns has written to inform the Community Council that the Habitat Regulations Assessment was still in draft form with further details to be included following further discussions with NRW. Further information will be sent to the Community Council when it becomes available .**Noted**

**8** **Planning Matters**

22/19535/FUL-Decision notice for Pantygollen, Felindre- Permission Granted- **Noted**.

**9. Engagement with Residents.**

To be able to represent all residents within the Community Council area, residents should be aware of who the Community Councillors are and what the Community Council does, and a key to achieving this is good communications.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to investigate the costs involved in setting up a newsletter/letter to be delivered to all households. It was also agreed that a complete communication strategy need to be developed to include social media, electronic communications and face to face engagement.

The Communication strategy will be discussed at a future meeting.

Clerk to forward the number of households to Cllr Pritchard, who will investigate costs

**Action Clerk & Cllr Pritchard**

# 10. Setting aims/objectives for the year for GCC.

# There is a need to have clear objectives to help inform the Precept. Cllr Pritchard asked that all Councillors forward any ideas to him to be considered for the following years objectives. He would then collate the ideas and report back at a future meeting for further discussion.

**Action all Councillors**

# 11. County Councillors Report

# No Report presented.

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 **12**. **Access to Felindre Hall**

Councillor Day inquired what the process was to gain access to Felindre Hall with the prospect of needing access to install broadband, also how community members are able to gain access to borrow the IT equipment.

As soon as Cllrs David and Varcoe have met with the Hall Committee they will inform the Councillors of the procedure for access going forward.

**Action Cllr David & Varcoe**

#  13. Education

A new Head of Gwernyfed High School has been appointed to start at the beginning of next term. New dates for Governors Committees are awaited.

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

Speed Watch training with the speed gun to take place with PCSO’s and volunteers on the 2nd March 2023,

 Clerk to contact Jo Lancey to establish the steps to be taken by the Community Council to quickly progress the Traffic Speed Reduction request from the Community Council following the Welsh Governments decision on its proposals for 20mph areas

 **Action Clerk**

**15. Financial Matters**

**a.** **Bank Balances**

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

**b.**. **Invoices for approval**

 Keren Bender- Stationery, Printer Cartridge- £16.99

 The payments was approved

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

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

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