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

**Held in Felindre Village Hall and over TEAMS**

**on the 21st September 2023 at 7.30pm**

In attendance

Cllr. Nick Pritchard (in the Chair)

Cllr. Will LLoyd - Over Teams

Cllr. Graham Day

Cllr. Peter Varcoe- Over Teams

Also, in attendance Mrs Keren Bender (Clerk) along with a member of the public over Teams

The Chair explained that the meeting had been rearranged from the 14th September as that meeting was not quorate

1. **Declarations of Interest**

None

**2.** A**pologies**

Cllr. Mike Bugler

**3 . Councillor Co-option**

An application was received from Rachel Harding to be co-opted onto the Community Council. All criteria were met, and Rachel Harding was duly appointed to the Community Council.

Rachel Harding will be invited to the October meeting when she will sign her declaration of appointment and take up her office as Community Councillor.

**4. Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th July 2023**

The Minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

# 5. Matters Arising

It was reported that the cost of £126 to move the router, would not be met by the Village Hall Committee. Cllr Day stated he had a request to provide photos of where the router needed to be relocated as the cost may change depending on the distance of the relocation. It was also agreed the Community Council would make the decision on the funding at a future meeting when the true costs are established.

**Action Cllr. Day**

Awaiting a letter be compiled concerning unsupervised children playing on the A438

**Action Cllr Bugler & Clerk**

# 6. Correspondence and Information

Janet Matthews- Parking Issues alongside Penyrheol Chapel. It was agreed the Community Council has no jurisdiction on parking issues and to inform Janet Matthews to contact Highways Department at PCC.

**Action Clerk**

Jade Land- Town Council Governor Nomination from Ysgol Y Mynydd Du . Cllr Pritchard has been appointed as a LEA Governor.

Sian Barns – Canoe Launching from Upper Glas-y-Bont, request for comments. It was decided that no further comments from the Community Council would be made.

Brecon and District Dial-A-Ride – Funding Request- The Clerk established that Hay Dial -a Ride was a part of Brecon and District Dial-A-Ride. It was agreed to support the request with a £500 donation. Clerk to action.

**Action Clerk**

Cllr Varcoe raised two concerns on behalf of residents at Felindre Village.

The first being the service received at point of entry at the Haygarth Surgery.

Since this issue was raised Cllr Varcoe and Cllr Bugler have arrange a meeting with the Practice Manager to discuss.

The second concern was the very large log lorries driving through the village associated with a wood processing plant. Clerk to investigate if there is a breach of planning and if so for the Community Council to lodge an enforcement complaint.

**Action Clerk**

**7** **Planning Matters**

23/1311/LDC- Listed Building Consent- Gwernyfed High School- Noted

23/0049FUL- Decision Notice- erection of extension to 2&2 Pentwyn, Three Cocks.- Approved.

23/22120/DISCON – Discharge of condition 7- Pantygollen, Felindre- Noted

**8. Review of Financial Regulations 2019**

The Clerk had circulated the Financial Regulations 2019 accompanied by a paper explaining the Regulations.

The Clerk explained the legality of the Financial Regulations and the responsibilities of the Council and the RFO (Clerk).

Councillors were taken through the Financial Regulations and following questions of clarification, it was unanimously agreed to endorse the review of the Financial Regulations 2019

Clerk to post the Financial Regulations and the date of the review on the Website.

**Action Clerk**

**9. Complaints Policy to be Agreed.**

The Complaints Policy was presented to the Councillors and unanimously agreed.

Clerk to post on Website. **Action Clerk**

**10. Engagement with Residents / Households across Gwernyfed Ward- Update.**

# The letter to go out to all residents to be re-written as circumstances had since changed with relation to co-option of Councillors. Cllr. Pritchard to update and refresh the text and share with all Councillors for additions or amendments. Review at October meeting.

# Concerning the previously agreed LOGO it had been established the logo was not viable as it was already in existence. It was proposed and agreed that a competition would be launched with Gwernyfed High School and residents to design a new logo. Should it become necessary the new logo could be professionally designed around the winning entry.

**Action Cllr Pritchard**

**11. Aims and Objectives Update**

# Short term actions to be pursued are :-

# a. To develop a communications and engagement strategy - awaiting a template from One Voice Wales

# b. To develop a financial plan going forward-, short, medium and long term.

# c. Budget into the precept a full upgrade of our website.

**12. County Councillors Report**

# County Councillor Will Lloyd reported the following.

# The Three Cocks skip day on the 1st August, where a skip had been placed locally for residents to dispose of their household waste, had been very successful with requests received to have further skip days.

20 mph roll out came into force on the 17th September and was proving to be a hot topic.

The Community Council will now pursue its original request for a 30mph, which was put on hold by Powys CC awaiting the Welsh Governments rollout.

**Action Clerk**

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# 13. Request to turn off Street Lamp GS10 at Twin Oaks.

A request had been received to turn off a streetlamp at Twin Oaks.

It was agreed to support the request with both the Community Council and the County Councillor contacting the Powys CC Street Lighting Department.

**Action Clerk and County Councillor Lloyd**.

**14. Financial Matters**

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

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

Reserve Account - £9656.90. Current Account - £6613.25 to include £4723.00 Precept received on 31/8/2023.

**b.** **Invoices and payments for approval**

K Bender- Salary, HMRC – Tax

Vodaphone – Broadband Direct Debit 2 x £24. August and September

All payments were approved

**c. Audit Opinion for Audit Returns 2021-2022- Qualified**

The clerk reported she had received a qualified audit opinion for the Audit year ending 31st March 2022. The grounds for the audit opinion being the Council had not provided evidence that a budget and been set in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and that the precept had been set in line with the budget.

The Clerk has written to the Audit office requesting an explanation on how this opinion had been arrived at and what section of the local government finance act 1992 had not been adhered with. If no response has been received by the 28th September, the Clerk will contact the Audit Office again.

**Next meeting – 12th October 2023 at 7.30pm**

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