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

**Held over TEAMS on the 11th January 2024 at 7.30pm**

In attendance Cllr. Mike Bugler - Chair

Cllr. Nick Pritchard

Cllr. Will Lloyd

Cllr. Chris Jones

Cllr. Peter Varcoe

Cllr Graham Day

Cllr. Rachel Harding

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

1. **Declarations of Interest**

None

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

All Councillors present

**3. Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th November 2023**

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

# 4. Matters Arising

Cllr Bugler has circulated a letter to all Councillors for their comments or rewording concerning unsupervised children playing on the A438. The amendments are now agreed, Clerk to forward to all addressees.

**Action Clerk**

Clerk to invite Justin Horrell , the recently appointedDigital Project Manager for OVW.

**Action Clerk**

Clerk has paid £150 on a bank transfer and will forward correspondence to Cllr Varcoe from Margaret David concerning Felindre Focus, he will obtain a copy of the publication to add to the website.

**Action Clerk**

Cllr Day reported he had spoken with Open Reach in connection with moving the router at the Village Hall, Open Reach believed they had forwarded an invoice to trigger the visit, however on further investigation it was found that no invoice had been sent. Open Reach to forward invoice for £176.02 to Cllr Day who will pass to the Clerk for payment. Payment was agreed by all Councillors.

# 5. Correspondence and Information

Powys County Council- Christmas recycling and waste collection. - Noted. It was also raised the two week collection for the amount of food waste generated over Christmas was felt to be unreasonable.

**6.** **Planning Matters**

Application 23/22470/FUL New vehicular access, single storey rear and side extension ,4 Wood Villas Felindre- This application was circulated with no objections- **Noted**

**7. Logo Competition**

14 entries were received, Cllr Pritchard has posted all entries onto teams and asked all Councillors to forward their 3 top choices, which he is happy to collate. All councillors agreed for Cllr Pritchard to complete the process.

**Action all Councillors**

**8. Update on 30mph request through Three Cocks**

Tony Caine of Powys County Council has confirmed that no action can be taken on the Community Councils request for a 30 mph limit through Three Cocks until guidance is published by the Welsh Government in late summer, early autumn 2024. Following a discussion it was proposed, seconded and agreed to write to Lee Waters, MS Deputy Minister for Climate Change for the Welsh Government; both MS James Evans and Jane Dodds, Fay Jones MP Brecon and Radnorshire, Emma Palmer Chief Executive Powys County Council

**Action Cllr Pritchard**

**9. Flooding at the Gro**

The Chair explained the issue that arose concerning recent flooding and the overspill of raw sewage at the Gro. There was concern by some residents that the Community Council did not call out Rickets to start pumping as soon as some residents would have liked. There is an agreed process in place that the Community Council adhered with. Pumping took place resulting in no homes being flooded.

Clerk to contact Rickets to forward the previous and present invoices for payment. It was also envisaged that a site meeting with all parties should be convened. Clerk to agenda for discussion at next meeting.

**Action Clerk**

**10. Glasbury Notice Board**

Previously it was agreed by the Council that two notice boards would be purchased,. With one purchased and erected at Three Cocks, Cllr Pritchard proposed the second board to be purchased and erected at the bus shelter opposite the garage. This was agreed by all. Clerk to place order.

**Action Clerk**

**11. County Councillors Report**

Cllr Lloyd has been appointed to the recruitment committee and is in the process of appointing directors to the following posts: Director of Social Services and Well Being, Director of Education, Director of Economics, Director of Development and Growth, Director of Corporate Services along with the Chief officer of Corporate Services.

Concerning the Wood Processing plant Cllr Varcoe expressed residents’ concerns around the business expanding with adverts for staff on social media, along with the increased damage to the roads.

The County Councillor reported that the investigation into to the Wood Processing plant is still ongoing and that all the information had been given over to Powys County Council, Cllr Lloyd said he would pursue the issue with all urgency and plans to chase up emails and contact the Director responsible.

Cllr Lloyd will provide contact details to Community Councillors for them to pass to residents to also pursue their concerns.

**Action Cllr LLoyd**

**12. OVW report from meeting on the 9th January 2024**

The Chair reported he had attended the virtual meeting which was very poorly attended with only twelve Councillors in attendance. The Chair asked for examples of good practice, however no examples were forthcoming. Reference was made of the training offered by Justin Horrell, Gwernyfed Community Council has previously committed to pursue an invitation for him to address a future meeting.

It was reported that Emma Palmer CEO of Powys County Council would address the next meeting.

**13. Financial Matters**

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

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

Reserve Account - £9703.03 Current Account - £8666.97 to include final Precept payment £4723.00

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

K Bender- Salary, HMRC – Tax

Vodaphone – Broadband Direct Debit – 2x £24 December and January

OVW – Training -£38

Cllr N.Pritchard – Microsoft monthly payments- 2 x £17.64

All payments were approved

**Next meeting – 8th February 2024 at 7.30pm.**

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