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

**Held over TEAMS on the 8th February 2024 at 7.30pm**

In attendance Cllr. Mike Bugler - Chair

Cllr. Nick Pritchard

Cllr. Chris Jones

Cllr. Peter Varcoe

Cllr Graham Day

Also, in attendance Mrs Keren Bender (Clerk)

1. **Declarations of Interest**

None

**2.**  **Apologies**

Cllrs. Rachel Harding

**3. Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th January 2024**

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

**3.1 Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 17th January 2024**

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

# 4. Matters Arising from the meeting held on the 11th January 2024

Letters referencing unsupervised children playing on the A438 had been sent to Andy Thomas, Head of Housing Powys County Council, Sharon Powell, Head of Childrens Services Powys County Council, and Dr Richard Lewis, Chief Constable, Dyfed Powys Police. Awaiting detailed responses, acknowledgements have been received. It was reported by Cllr Pritchard that Three Cocks Matters have also written a similar letter.

It was also reported by the Chair and Cllr Pritchard that there had been a number of incidents involving children displaying anti-social behaviour where local PCSO’s had responded.

Councillors went on to discuss the need for a Community Hall, Chair to write to the Head of Gwernyfed High School to open up a conversation. **Action Chair**

It was agreed to place a discussion around Community Hall and facilities for after school activities for local children on the March agenda. **Action Clerk**

Clerk has invited Justin Horrell, the recently appointedDigital Project Manager for OVW to the March Meeting. Clerk to confirm his attendance.

**Action Clerk**

Following some confusion, Cllr Day reported that Open Reach confirmed it had received the payment of £172.06 and will now arrange a date to move the router at the Village Hall.

**Action Cllr. Day**

Update on 30mph request through ThreeCocks, Cllr Pritchard to circulate a letter to all Councillors for their views. Cllr Pritchard will forward the agreed letter to the Clerk who will send an official letter from the Community Council 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 and Emma Palmer Chief Executive Powys County Council.

**Action Cllr. Pritchard and Clerk**

The Notice Board for Glasbury has been delivered to Cllr Pritchard who will make arrangements for it to be erected in the bus shelter opposite the garage, preparatory work is needed, following this work the board should be erected in the Spring.

**Action Cllr Pritchard**

Flooding at the Gro update.The Chair reportedhe had met with Alistair Legge and a representative of Welsh Water to look at the manhole involved with the overspill of raw sewage following the most recent flooding incident. Welsh Water had sent out a contractor, which in his opinion, sealing the manhole would not resolve the problem. Mr Legge has since contacted Welsh Water who have agreed to organise a further site meeting with a Welsh Water Engineer. Awaiting a date.

Felindre Village Hall grant and Hall Hire, previously it was agreed to pay hall hire per meeting, Clerk to forward the outstanding monies owing to them incurred in this financial year.

**Action Clerk**

# 4.1 Matters Arising from the meeting held on the 17th January 2024

There were no matters arising from the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 17th January 2024

# 5. Correspondence and Information

**a.** Letter received from One Voice Wales - Invitation to Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

The invitation from the King requesting one Councillor plus guest to attend his Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, nominations to be sent to OVW by the 16th February, where all nominations would be entered into a draw. It was unanimously agreed to nominate Cllr Day. **Action Clerk**

**b.** Letter received from Three Cocks Matters – Invitation to participate as a Stall Holder at the Three Cocks Matters Summer Show on 13th July 2024.

The invitation was discussed, the consensus was to accept the invitation and also to use the opportunity to promote the Community Councils work and recruit further Community Councillors. Materials to use on the stall was delegated to Cllr Day who agreed to bring forward ideas to a future Meeting.

**Action Cllr Day**

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

None received.

**7. Logo Competition**

The successful entry has been identified through the process of all Councillors voting their preferences. The successful entry, which was a hand drawing, has been developed into three designs, the style of the Logo was agreed by all Councillors, Cllr Pritchard to pursue the process.

**Action Cllr Pritchard**

**8. County Councillors Report**

Cllr Lloyd was not in attendance to deliver his report.

**9. Financial Matters**

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

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

Reserve Account - £9715.75 Current Account - £7176.35

**b.Budget Update – Income over Expenditure plus Cash Book as at 8th February 2024**

The Clerk presented the cash book to date and the budget with income over expenditure to date.

Under the budget the Audit costs were higher than budgeted due to it being a three-year deep dive audit charge. Salary was higher than budget due to an increase in Clerks salary.

The Topographical cost recorded under contingencies was not in the original budget, two thirds of this cost to be reclaimed from PCC and Three Cocks matters.

A number of donations have not been requested to date; Clerk will email the organisations to determine if they will be requesting the grants before year end.

The Cash book reflected the budget.

**c.** **Invoices and payments for approval**

K Bender- Salary, HMRC – Tax

Vodaphone – Broadband Direct Debit –£24 February Payment

Open Reach – Moving Modem- £126.72

Audit Wales – 21-22 Audit Fees - £445

Cllr N.Pritchard – Microsoft monthly payment £17.64

Seated Furniture – Notice Board-£488.92

PM Consultants – Topographical Report- £2100

MG Rickets – Pumping at the Gro - £456 and £1596

All payments were approved

**Next meeting – 14th March 2024 at 7.30pm.**

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