Minutes of Llansantffraid Glyn Ceiriog Community Council held at Memorial Institute, Glyn Ceiriog on Wednesday 12th December 2019

PRESENT: Sarah Davies (Chair); Phillip Lloyd; Einion Davies; Anina Price; Trevor Bates; Tegid Davies; Mair Evans; Eric Jones; Dilys Bates; Jean Davies (Clerk):

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| Agenda  No | Details | Minutes | Action |
| 1/2 | Welcome and apologies | Cllr. Sarah Davies welcomed those present to the Council.  Apologies; Cllrs. Barbara Roberts; Rhys Hughes |  |
| 3 | Discussion with NW (if present) | Not present - crime figures for month (for the whole of the valley not just this community) as follows: -  1 x ASB; 2 x yellow cards issued; I x theft (civil matter); 2x assaults; 1 x threats to carry out criminal damage; 1 x drugs located at an address.  Ongoing Police operation dealing with off road issues  PACT finances secured for local groups for rugby kit.  Speed gun deployment in Pontfadog and Glyn Ceiriog |  |
| 4. | Discussion with CA | Mrs Bates reported that the various groups are going from strength to strength I,e, Walking netball; Tai Chi; Reading Group and Craft Group.  She had decided not to apply to be a member of the Steering Group due to her other commitments.  The filming that the Welsh Government had organised to promote the project has been completed.  Cluster meeting at the medical centre has taken place. A social worker is now based at the Medical Centre in Llangollen and it is hoped that this will raise the profile of CA’s and their work with Social Car staff. |  |
| 5. | Expressions of Interest | Councillors Bates; Pryce and Lloyd re donations (Canolfan Ceiriog) and Councillor Bates - Planning applications |  |
| 6. | Confirmation or otherwise of previous meeting | Accepted as correct and signed accordingly - November |  |
| 7. | Matters arising | Playing field Development - meeting with the WRU regarding funding due to take place shortly. Once all the information is received Councillor Tegid will complete the planning application  Response from National Resources Wales – still not response despite two emailed – Councillor Bates has a contact at the NRW and will therefore pursue the matter with this person.  Rates for Public Conveniences - Councillor Davies to look into possibility of appealing this very high charge  Registration of CCTV – this had still not been resolved, as the system needs to be in place for a while to ensure it’s working properly. Councillor Davies to pursue  Transport for over 16’s Ysgol Morgan Llwyd - Councillors felt that the response from Darren Williams had been woefully unsatisfactory. Council of the opinion that those A level students were being discriminated against if they wanted to study through the medium of Welsh. It was therefore decided to lodge a complaint with Aled Roberts the Welsh Language Commissioner.  Any other matter not listed: -  Library consultation – Clerk had responded to this – and had been informed that the Council’s objections would be considered when the final result of the consultation is known  White Road Marking (lack of) – concerns expressed regarding the lack of white lines and the risk of collision had been raised with Darren Green, WCBC for considering as part of the Council’s current re-marking arrangements  Biodiversity Policy. Whilst ideally the Council should draft a report on how it proposes to meet its duty to enhance biodiversity and build a resilient ecosystem – this is not a mandatory requirement now for this to be completed. However, Council will start to prepare this report next year and for the matter to be put on the agenda for the February meeting | Councillor Tegid Davies  Councillor  Bates  Councillor Sarah Davies  Councillor Sarah Davies  Clerk  Clerk |
| 8 | Reports | Setting of Precept for 2020/21- Clerk had prepared a statement of budget projection for this year together with information that would help Councillors decide on the precept figure for 2020/21. A decision was made to increase the budget for the toilet expenditure to £4500 (to cover the rates payable) – everything else to remain the same. Therefore, Precept figure for 2020/21 to increase to £30700 | Clerk |
| 9. | Letters of Thanks | No letters this month |  |
| 10. | Correspondence | Bank Statement –Clerk produced bank statements showing £9161 in the deposit account and £30276.97 in the current account. The precept figure of £10,000 had been received and as well as CA salary and payment for toilet caretaking there had been extra payments this month e.g. WCBC toilet rates (x 2 months) and toilet charges up to when the CC took over the lease of the toilet  WCBC - no correspondence this month  Welsh Government – no correspondence this month  Any other matter not listed – no other matter |  |
| 11 | Planning applications/approvals | Construction of Car Parking Space (in retrospect) Pistyll y Garth, Glyn Ceiriog – Council objected to this application as the design is not in keeping with neighbouring properties and is more suited to a stone design that what is currently in place. In addition, the proper procedure had not been followed in terms of obtaining planning permission  Notification of approval of Public Footpath (diversion no’s 31 and 33 - Gelli, Nantyr) already approved by this council |  |
| 12 | Payments | Outstanding accounts - (section 136 Legislative Powers): -  Dilys Bates  John Keene (toilets)  John Keene (Biniau  Adam Solomnson (defib)  HMRC  Jean Davies  British Legion  WCBC (Toilets)  WCBC (toilets rates)  ROSPA  Request for Donations - (section 137 Legislative Powers):  Eisteddfod yr Urdd (Denbigh) £50.00  Eisteddfod Powys Rhos £50.00  Institute £400.00  Canolfan Ceiriog £400.00  Canolfan Ceiriog (Christmas Lunch) £100.00 |  |
|  | Any other matters not listed | NT had still not re-erected the post and gate in Pandy. Clerk to pursue.  Councillor Bates reported that the Ceiriog Valley had the highest percentage of residents responding to WCBC’s consultation on budget cuts.  Clerk to speak to the farmers who have grazing rights in the part of the cemetery and playing field regarding hedge cutting  The steps leading to the footpath at bottom of Church Hill are uneven – clerk to report to Sion Roberts WCBC who has responsibility for public footpath | Clerk  Clerk  Clerk |